



Minutes: Golf Course Advisory Committee

August 12, 2024

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Golf Course Advisory Committee was held on August 12, 2024 at 8:30 AM with Craig Wetherbee presiding and with Chris Rain as recording secretary.

Committee Members: Craig Wetherbee, Paul Suhrie, Mike Yesunas, Mike McDermott. Township Staff: Pro Shop Manager Todd Brown, Maintenance Superintendent Bill Parr, Supervisor Annette Atkinson, Supervisor Mark Oney, Committee Liaison Chris Rain.

Meeting called to order at 8:33 am by Craig Wetherbee.

Agenda

- A motion to accept the agenda for the meeting was made by Mike Yesunas, seconded by Paul Suhrie. Motion passed 4-0.

Minutes

- A motion to accept the minutes from the July 2024 meeting was made by Paul Suhrie, seconded by Mike Yesunas. Motion passed 4-0.

Whispering Pines—Holly Dennis

- No report

Grounds—Bill Parr

- Bill Parr reported that the course is in good shape. The rain has been helpful.

Pro Shop—Todd Brown

- Todd Brown reported that July was down. The past weekend was busy and today (Monday 8/12) is busy as well. He is running down the inventory in the pro shop in advance of the sale closing. He is not ordering more snacks or alcohol, but will order other drinks. Any leftover alcohol must be sold back to the state. Mark Oney stated that if they need something such as extra beer that they should buy it.

Financials – Bonnie Christman

- Bonnie Christman was not present. A report was provided to the committee for their review.

Marketing – Chris Rain

- Chris Rain reported that all paid marketing will stop at the end of August.

Old Business:

- The committee asked whether the golf course would remain open the day after the sale closing. Annette Atkinson stated that the buyer said so, but the Township doesn't have control of that.
- The committee asked whether the Township would be willing to continue running the course for the buyer for the rest of the season. Ms. Atkinson stated that the attorneys for both sides did not approve of that.
- The committee expressed concern about several details moving forward and asked whether the supervisors could provide the committee with more details after the closing is done. Ms. Atkinson stated that there were loose ends to work out, but that more information could be provided after the closing.

New business:

- Supervisors Atkinson and Oney thanked the committee members for the time and effort they put into serving on the Golf Advisory Committee over the years. The committee members were provided with a letter and a certificate of appreciation from the Board of Supervisors.
- The committee thanked the Township for their stewardship of the course and expressed interest in meeting with the new owners to provide advice and feedback from the community.
- No future meetings of the Golf Advisory Committee are scheduled.

Public Comment:

- None.

Meeting Adjourned

- Mike Yesunas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 AM, seconded by Paul Suhrie. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Rain
Recording Secretary