



Minutes: Golf Course Advisory Committee

October 14, 2019

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Golf Course Advisory Committee was held on October 14, 2019 at 8:30 AM with Craig Wetherbee presiding and with Holly Freese as recording secretary.

Committee Members: Craig Wetherbee, John Smith, Mike Yesunas, Mike Sweeney

Township Staff: Township Supervisors Mark Oney and Mike Dwyer, Pro Shop Manager Kevin Dixon, Golf Committee Liaison Holly Freese, Banquet Hall Manager Chris Rain.

Meeting called to order at 8:30 am by Craig Wetherbee

Minutes and Agenda

- A motion to accept the minutes was made by Mike Yesunas, Seconded by John Smith. Motion passed 4-0.

Grounds- Kevin Dixon for Bill Parr

- Cut down hole 17. Mike Yesunas stated that the grounds crew did a great job.
- Flags have been put out on pins.
- Greens have significantly improved and are rolling great.
- Mark Oney stated that he was out on the course last week and it is looking much better.
- Mountain Manor is letting some equipment go, Bill Parr is looking into it.
- Turf is still having trouble getting water and definitely needs to be aerated.
- Grounds crew is blowing lines today and is starting to prepare for the end of the season.
- Inventory of maintenance shop has been completed.

Whispering Pines—Chris Rain

- 57 Rentals for 2019—on par with 2017 but is not going to beat 2018.
- No weekend rentals available for the rest of 2019.

Pro Shop—Kevin Dixon

- Rounds increasing due to improving course conditions.
- Only down 4.5% for the month.
- Revenue didn't increase much due to group golfer coupons and continued \$25 rack rate.
- Merchandise sales up 2%
- Food and Beverage still down, mostly because Marshalls Creek Fire Co. tournament hasn't been factored in to September's numbers due to the timing of it.

Financials—Mike Dwyer

- No significant update.

Marketing

- No update.

Old Business:

- Membership Reimbursement-
 - Member refunds were mailed out on September 27, 2019.
- Bill Parr gave the supervisors a list of capital improvements to be budgets for in 2020.
- Still in the process of purchasing the golf carts since the lease is up.
- Marshalls Creek Fire Co. tournament was held on September 28, 2020 and was well attended with 96 golfers.

New business:

- The course will be closed on Wednesdays for the remainder of the season to allow the grounds crew to do work that they can't do with people on the course. Craig Wetherbee asked if this is something that should be done all season long. Mike Dwyer stated it might be a good idea during the months when the course needs the most work (March/April and October/November.)

Public Comment:

- None

Meeting Adjourned

- Craig Wetherbee made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 am, seconded by Mike Sweeney. Motion passed 4-0.

The next meeting will be held on November 11th at 8:30 am at the Whispering Pines Banquet Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly Freese
Recording Secretary