

Guilford Lakes Golf Course Commission
Town of Guilford
Regular Meeting
September 20, 2016

Attendees: George Page, Ted Tighe, Golf Course Superintendent, Jim Merrithew, Rob Pascale, Eric Hedberg, Michael Pratt Christopher Hodgson Greg Putney and Joe Dunsmore, 1st Selectman Joe Mazza

Excused: Cathy Provencher

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by George Page, Chairman.

1. Disc Golf Proposal

Ben Cybul presented a proposal to the Commission for adding Disc Golf play to the GLGC. Ben explained that Disc Golf is a rapidly growing activity; more of a contemporary golf game. Ben had approached Park & Rec with the idea of adding a Disc Golf Course in Guilford. There is no such course from Wallingford to Haddam. Ben explained that he has walked the GLGC and enjoyed the property and feels it has great potential for a disc golf location. Disc Golf is a year-round sport. There exists a concentrated market for Disc Golf in Connecticut. There are greens fees associated with Disc Golf play and rules and etiquette similar to regular golf. It is a gentlemen's game in that there are no officials.

Ben distributed a proposed golf plan; he discussed the design, the proposed fees and the basket structures. Ben has offered to introduce a weekly league play; approximately 2 hours play time for 18 holes. The proposed fee structure of \$5 for 9 holes, \$8 for 18 holes. A U-tube video is available for further explanation of the sport and rules.

Ben proposed a temporary basket setup with a prototype play.

2. Public Forum

Joe Mazza, 1st Selectman presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Joe Dunsmore on behalf of the Board of Selectman for his contributions to the Town of Guilford, specifically the Guilford Lakes Golf Course.

Joe went on to explain to the Commission that the Board of Selectman has approved eliminating the GLGC as an enterprise fund to an operating department under the general fund. This was made possible by eliminating account deficiencies from inception to 2017 utilizing the 2016 surplus. In December of 2016 the GLGC will be receiving a budget package of which Revenue and Expenses will be outlined for FY 2018. This budget will go through review and Board of Selectman approval for implementation beginning July 2017.

3. Approval of August 16, 2016 minutes

Motion made by Joe Dunsmore, seconded by Rob Pasquale and was unanimous to approve the August 16, 2016 minutes as written.

4. Clubhouse Report

- September 10, VFW tournament of 65 players; \$1,960 revenue
- September revenue to date is \$13,210.00
- Ted Tighe recommended to the Commission that we offer 2017 Early Memberships at new rates, allowing for free play for the remaining 2016 season.

Motion made by Michael Pratt, seconded by Greg Putney and was unanimous to approve the off of 2017 memberships to include free play for the remaining 2016 season. 2017 Rates to as follows: Residents: Adult \$360, Age 65 & Older \$280, Age 17 & Younger \$280 and Family of four \$640. Midweek adult resident \$280, Age 65 & older \$260, Age 17 & Younger \$2860 and Family of four \$640. Non-Resident Adult \$410, Age 65 & older \$360, Age 17 & Younger \$360 and Family of four \$780. Midweek adult non-resident \$340, Age 65 & older \$310, Age 17 & Younger \$310 and Family of four \$720.

2017 Membership rates need to be posted in the clubhouse and on social media.

5. Superintendent Report

- a. New hire doing general maintenance.
- b. Cut the hill on the 1st hole.
- c. Watering continues
- d. Needle Tined greens
- e. Outsourcing agency has someone who wants to work 1 day a week to gain job experience. They are paid by the agency. We did this last year and it worked out well.

Motion made by Joe Dunsmore, seconded by Eric Hedberg and was unanimous to approve job experience hire.

6. Finances

- a. Green Fees were down 20% due to the extremely hot August.
- b. Warrants totaling \$18,761.47

Motion made by Joe Dunsmore, seconded by Greg Putney and was unanimous to approve the warrants in the amount of \$18,761.47

7. Old Business

- a. None.

8. New Business

- a. New reservation system really only needed in July and August months.
George Page expressed a need for better data to address repeat business. Further discussion to take place at the October meeting.

Motion made by Michael Pratt, seconded by Greg Putney and was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sally J. Berezowskyj
Recording Secretary