

TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD
RIDGEFIELD GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE MEETING
FINAL APPROVED
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, October 20, 2010

THESE MINUTES ARE INTENDED TO BE A SUMMARY OF THE MEETING AND NOT A VERBATIM RECORDING.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairperson: Mr. Tyrrell
Vice Chairperson: Ms. Gerhard
Secretary: Mr. Fazi
Committee Members: Ms. Breekland and Mr. Kolb

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Director: Mr. Sergiovanni
Superintendent: Mr. Steger

STAFF ABSENT:

None

AGENDA:

1. REVIEW MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
2. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS ON COURSE OPERATIONS FROM:
FRANK SERGIOVANNI, DIRECTOR
TONY STEGER, SUPERINTENDENT
3. MEMORIAL POLICY ISSUE FROM FIRST SELECTMAN
4. CLUB HOUSE PRESENTATION - DR. HENRY SEEMANN
5. OLD BUSINESS
6. NEW BUSINESS
7. PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

ITEM# 1: REVIEW MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

ITEM # 2: REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ON COURSE OPERATIONS.
Mr. Sergiovanni

1. Handed out, reviewed and discussed financials.

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2. The Junior Golf Day went well with 23 individuals participating.

Mr. Steger:

1. Fairway aeration has been completed.
2. Retention Pond Maintenance has been completed.
3. Leaf clean up has begun and is an ongoing project.
4. Drinking fountains have been removed.
5. The irrigation system has been drained.
6. Samples of the new cart path materials will be dropped off.
7. A new Championship Tee for the 3rd Hole has been roughed in at approximately 217 yards. Mr. Kolb expressed his concerns about the use of this tee area. Mr. Steger explained it would not be a tee that would be used all the time.

ITEM # 3 MEMORIAL POLICY ISSUE FROM FIRST SELECTMAN

1. The First Selection sent a letter to the Committee concerning the new Memorial Policy asking for consideration of two items. The first being the removal of the last paragraph of the new policy as it establishes a second set of rules. The second item requested the Committee reconsider the request made by the Molyneaux family, as their request preceded the establishment of any memorial policy. Discussion took place.

A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED, AND UNANANIMOUSLY ADOPTED TO AMEND THE MEMORIAL POLICY BY REMOVING THE LAST PARAGRAPH.

Mr. Tyrrell noted that reconsideration of the Molyneaux family request had already taken place. The family has been notified the area for placement of the Memorial Bench has been prepped and is ready for installation.

ITEM # 4 CLUBHOUSE PRESENTATION BY DR. HENRY SEEMANN

Dr Henry Seemann indicated the work done by Mr. Steger over the years, improving the Golf Course by taking on small projects each year has tremendously improved the Golf

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Course. He expressed his concerns that the individuals using the Golf Course are impressed with the Golf Course itself but their last impressions of the Golf Course are that of the Clubhouse building which are not good. The building is in need of upgrading. He indicated that he felt, along with others he has spoken to, there are improvements that could take place at minimal expense, which could improved the Clubhouse over time. Small improvements can change the public's last impression of the Golf Course into one more positive. His suggestions are as follows:

1. Relocation of the Service Counter for the Restaurant to eliminate clutter and congestion in the entrance way.
2. Cover the Deck with either a Tent or permanent roof structure so that the deck could be utilized in all weather conditions.
3. An allocation of funds to begin a professional study of the Clubhouse to see where additional improvements, additions and or modifications can be made in order to create a "Master Plan" for the Building much the same as a "Master Plan" had been created for the Golf Course itself.

Mr. Sergiovanni indicated before any modifications could be accomplished there were several infrastructure items that needed to be addressed first. Those being the Ladies Restroom, the Building Electrical System, the interior flooding, and the constant interior leaks that seem to constantly occur. Once that is accomplished, He indicated then the need to prioritize additional work so that the first consideration is given to Revenue Producers.

Mr. Fazi suggested we also need to look at stabilization of the deck.

Mr. Tyrrell requested the Committee visit the Clubhouse and review the items Dr. Seemann had presented and at the same time come up with additional ideas. Additionally, he requested Mr. Fazi contact Mr. Fisher, the Town Engineer to get cost information on the infrastructure work needed to be completed.

Dr. Seemann was thanked for his presentation.

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ITEM # 5 OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Fazi requested an update on the Flagpole plaque.

ITEM # 6 NEW BUSINESS

None

ITEM # 7 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Peggy Vosswinkel expressed her concerns about the problem with the Ladies Restroom.

Ms. Ann Doty agreed with Ms. Vosswinkel

Mr. Sergiovanni and Mr. Tyrrell indicated the problem is continually being addressed but to date a cause of the problem could not be found. Additional steps are being taken to try and resolve the problem. If all else fails then opening up the walls will have to take place.

**There being no further business, A MOTION WAS MADE,
SECONDED AND UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR
MEETING AT 9:05 pm**