

**TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD**  
**RIDGEFIELD GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**FINAL APPROVED**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
Wednesday, August 16, 2017

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: Mr. Reilly, Mr. Reid, Ms. Murphy, and  
Mr. Egan.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Director: Mr. Sergiovanni

**STAFF ABSENT:**

Superintendent: Mr. Steger

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Steve Knortz

**AGENDA:**

1. REVIEW MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
2. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS ON COURSE OPERATIONS FROM:  
FRANK SERGIOVANNI, DIRECTOR  
TONY STEGER, SUPERINTENDENT
3. OLD BUSINESS
4. NEW BUSINESS
5. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

**ITEM # 1: REVIEW MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.**

The approval of the Minutes from the July 12<sup>th</sup> Special  
Meeting was tabled until the next meeting.

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### **ITEM # 2 REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ON COURSE OPERATIONS**

Mr. Sergiovanni:

Maintenance

1. The permanent staff is back to fully staffed as the individual who was out on Worker's Compensation is now back to work.
2. Seasonal Staff cannot work more than 120 consecutive days. All seasonal staff were laid off as required.

Administrative

1. July revenues were off due to weather.
2. The building donated by Ridgefield Supply has been moved from Ridgefield Supply to the Italian American Club property so that preparations can be made prior to transport to the Golf Course.

### **ITEM # 3 OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **ITEM # 4 NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **ITEM # 5 PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Steve Knortz from the Ridgefield Golf Course Improvement Fund "RGCIF" attended the Golf Committee meeting. He asked why the "RGCIF" exists and can the Golf Course charge an extra dollar or so to all green fees to implement or replace the funds the RGCIF generates and allow all golfers to contribute to the improvements to the Golf Course. He noted it appears the Tournament they sponsor each year has declined to a minimum number of participants and those participants, for the most part, have been the same people for the past couple of years.

The GC Committee explained the "RGCIF" is not part of the Golf Committee but was formed by a private group of individuals who wanted to improve the Golf Course above and beyond what the normal routine Maintenance Department tasks accomplish.

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Mr. Sergiovanni explained there are three ways a Golf Course can raise money for improvements.

In these economic times, 1. Asking for additional funds from the town or 2. Becoming an "Enterprise", (self-funding), is not feasible. 3. Raising Rates (Adding an additional dollar or so to be added to the green fees) does not accomplish the task for two reasons. 1. Like all other Town Departments, all revenue generated must be returned to the Town. Additional funds raised in that manner cannot be accumulated and spent on improvements. 2. The public is always shopping for the best deal. At this point in time we feel we are at our peak price range and are not pricing ourselves out of the market.

Any additional funds the Golf Course would need to improve the Golf Course must go through the Budgeting Process prior to the beginning of each Fiscal Year and be approved along with all other Town Departments requests for funding.

Therefore, in our opinion, the funds generated by the "RGCIF" and utilized for Golf Course improvements are very important.

The Golf Committee thanked Mr. Knortz for his attendance at our meeting and was told the Golf Committee greatly appreciates the work the "RGCIF" does in raising funds for Golf Course improvements. We indicated we would share any information we might come across that would help expand participation in the RGCIF Tournament.

There being no further business,

**A MOTION WAS THEN MADE, SECONDED, AND UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING AT 8:06 pm.**