

TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD
RIDGEFIELD GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE MEETING
FINAL APPROVED
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, October 18, 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, and Mr. Egan.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Committee Member: Ms. Murphy

STAFF PRESENT:

Director: Mr. Sergiovanni

STAFF ABSENT:

None

AGENDA:

1. REVIEW MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS
2. REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS ON COURSE OPERATIONS FROM:
FRANK SERGIOVANNI, DIRECTOR
3. CONCESSION UPDATE, MARSHALL ODEEN
4. OLD BUSINESS
5. NEW BUSINESS
6. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ITEM # 1: REVIEW MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

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

ITEM # 2 REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ON COURSE OPERATIONS

Mr. Sergiovanni:

Maintenance:

1. Winterization of the irrigation system is on hold as
the trend for warm weather continues.

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2. The renovation of the bunker to the left of the first green has been completed. Renovation work has begun on the bunker to the right of the first green.

Administrative:

1. Discussed financials. Rounds are still down due to the slow start and weather.
2. October is looking stronger as the warm weather trend continues. We are still approximately 3 percent behind where we want to be.
3. The End of the Year Pre- 2018 Golf Season Membership Special is back and has been a tremendous success so far.

ITEM # 3 CONCESSION UPDATE, MARSHALL ODEEN

1. Mr. Marshall Odeen, proprietor of Odeens, provided the Committee with an overview of his season at the Golf Course. He indicated his revenues were off from last year and wondered if rounds were also off.
2. Over the winter months he will be reviewing the menu, which he states is large for the size of the kitchen, and will be making changes as necessary.
3. Mr. Odeen discussed the food shed which should be in place sometime this month and some of his ideas on how he envisions it will operate next season.
4. Mr. Odeen indicated he is exploring additional avenues in securing staff that are willing to accommodate the weekly and seasonal ups and downs the concession experiences over the course of the golf season.

The Committee members commented on their experiences with the concession this past year. Comments indicated there are areas that still need to be tweaked, primarily in the service area. The Committee members also indicated that the Food Shed needed to be able to provide food quickly to the golfers making the turn so not to back up the Golf Course.

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The Committee members appeared unanimous in indicating the food provided is excellent and indicated that the Chef, Barbara, should be commended on her culinary abilities.

A recommendation to possibly institute a daily program where patrons can comment in writing on the positive and negative aspects of their experience with the concession was made. This may help in zeroing in on where some improvements can be addressed quickly and/or to let the staff know their demanding work is appreciated.

The Committee thanked Mr. Odeen for coming before the Committee.

ITEM # 4 OLD BUSINESS

The Committee began discussion on the Tee Time Cancellation Policy. Additional discussion is needed and will continue in the coming months.

ITEM # 5 NEW BUSINESS

None

A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED TO ADD AN ITEM TO THE AGENDA ALLOWING THE COMMITTEE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS ONGOING LITIGATION.

A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED TO TEMPORARILY ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED TO RE-CONVENE THE REGULAR MEETING.

ITEM # 6 PUBLIC COMMENT

None

There being no further business,

A MOTION WAS THEN MADE, SECONDED, AND UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING AT 8:47 pm.