

Town of Ridgefield – Golf Committee Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting – via Zoom – July 19, 2023

Approved

Members Present:

Chairperson: Mr. Tyrrell

Committee Members: Mr. Mischenko, Mr. Ippoliti, Mr. Reilly, Mr. Sherman

Members Absent:

Mr. Colamaria, Mr. Mancini

Staff Present:

Golf Director and General Manager: Mr. Sergiovanni

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm.

Item #1: Public Comment – none

Item #2: Review minutes from previous meetings

- A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously adopted to approve the minutes of the June 2023 meeting as written.

Item #3:

Mr. Sergiovanni:

Course:

- The torrential rain last week caused amazing flooding on the golf course. There was water in places never seen before. We have gone from drought conditions to flooding in a mere month. The pro shop was flooded during the storm also.
- At this time of the year, the maintenance crew focuses on staying ahead of the mowing.

Operations:

- Our budget for the year ending June 30, 2023 was \$1,450,000. Our actual was \$1,666,500. We continue to offer a product that people will pay us to use.
- The cell tower project is moving ahead, but these projects always move slowly. The revenue from this project goes to the Town. The cell tower is now planned for the corner of the course nearest the ball machine and practice bunker.

- The house behind the practice range has changed hands.

Item #4: Old business – none

- Mike Ippoliti gave an update on the reclamation project to return our ponds to their original depth. He awaits a proposal from a soil scientist, and an engineer to assist with the permitting process.
- Mike is researching the existing wells on the course to see if they can be upgraded to help with our water issue. A well driller will assist him.

Item #5: New business – none

- Mr. Mischenko asked about the water fountains. Two are out. They are at end of life and will be replaced.
- Mark asked about the stability of the bridge. It was explained that we had the Town Engineer bring in an outside consultant to inspect it and give an opinion. The consultant said the bridge is safe and stable. Nonetheless, we are at the point where we will need to start replacing some decking as part of anticipated maintenance.

A motion was made, accepted, and unanimously adopted to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm.