

**WESTPORT CONNECTICUT**  
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
LONGSHORE CLUB PARK  
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**FINAL**

**Golf Advisory Committee  
Minutes  
April 2, 2018**

The Golf Advisory Committee of the Town of Westport met in Town Hall, Room 309, on Monday, April 2, 2018. The meeting was called to order by Parks & Rec Commission Chairman Charlie Haberstroh at 7:30 pm.

Members present: Marie Gross, Jim Harman, Jane Daly, Gary Solomon, John Elhi, Rich Raphael and new member Judy Domkowski.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the meeting on March 5 were reviewed and approved, unanimously, by the committee, by a 6-0 vote.

**2. Comments from the Public**

Peter Kreiger, on behalf of the Men's Golf Association asked that the Committee and perhaps the Parks & Rec Commission consider the possibility of switch the 9<sup>th</sup> & 14 holes. Kregier explained that in a period of reassessing the course (post bunker renovation) this may be a good time to explore this for better playability and better access to the halfway house, and potentially to increase the speed of play. Chairman Haberstroh noted this will be reviewed at the May meeting.

Mike Durkin asked for consideration to post tournament score sheets on the back wall of the pro shop building during 2018 tournaments.

**3. Rounds Report**

No rounds report as the course opening has been delayed due to inclement weather.

**4. Bunker Project Update**

Jen Fava and Charlie provided an update. There was little damage to the work through the winter. There are seven holes to be completed. The plan, weather permitting, is to restart the construction in mid April. Construction foreman has been on the course planning the restart and hiring staff. Plan is to complete the construction portion by June 1, weather permitting.

**5. Presidents' Reports**

Men's association noted that their membership drive has started. In recent years the Men's Association members has continued to decline. Target is 400 members in 2018. Recent Clean Up day was completed recently. 2018 Tournament schedule has been completed and is available on the group's website.

## **6. Superintendent Report**

Todd's crew continues clean up work—the entire crew has been hired. Airification of the greens is planned for April 9. Practice bunker near 17 tee will be reworked and sodded soon, weather permitting.

The goose abatement program is awaiting budget approval and funding for 2018 by the RTM. The Men's Association has noted it may be able to support interim, short term funding to initiate the project.

## **7. Golf Professional Report**

Jon reports that his entire staff has been invited back for 2018. New merchandise is arriving at the shop. The shop is 60-70% stocked with merchandise. Junior and Adult teaching programs are being scheduled and outing dates have been submitted.

## **7A. Halfway House**

The concessionaire for the half way house will not be returning in 2018. A RFP for potential vendors has been developed and will be distributed shortly. Current vendor will cover any time between course opening and when a new vendor is determined and approved. RFP responses expected by May 1. Jen agreed to send the RFP document to GAC members asap.

## **8. Pace of Play**

Discussion was undertaken on potential ways to educate golfers on the appropriate pace of play at Longshore. Gary Solomon shared a flyer, which may be distributed to players. Also discussed possibility of placing appropriate time elapsed on each hole on scorecards. Jon will survey other pros at area courses to gauge their approach to pace of play issues. More to follow at May meeting.

## **9. Fees**

Discussion was initiated on fees during the bunker renovation. Various options were discussed along with a greens fee/cart package. Any change in the fee structure requires the approval of Jen and Charlie.

## **10. Cell Service**

Jen reported that P&R has met with Verizon regarding improving cell service on the course. They are awaiting a response and proposal from Verizon on a coverage plan.

A motion made by Chairman Haberstroh, to adjourn the meeting was passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Harman  
Golf Advisory Committee