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Town of Westport Golf Advisory Committee Final Minutes August 6, 2018

The Golf Advisory Committee of the Town of Westport met in Town Hall, Room 309, on Monday, August 6, 2018. The meeting was called to order by Parks & Rec Commission Chairman Charlie Haberstroh at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Marie Gross, Jane Dally, Judy Domkowski, and Gary Solomon
Members Absent: Jim Harman, Ralph Raphael, John Ehli

1. Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes from July 9 meeting were approved.

2. Comments from the Public

- Jen Fava, Director of Parks and Recreation stated that the Geese Abatement Program is in full swing at Longshore. The dogs come out twice a day Monday-Saturday and once on Sunday. There has been a noticeable decrease in geese on the course.
- David Levin spoke about local rules and the need to redo the staking on the course, particularly on holes #6 and #7. Also, local golfers are not always aware of our local rules and we need to find a way to educate all golfers. Rangers need to remind golfers as well.
- David Levin also commented on the issues with the Chelsea system. He said it was a vendor management problem. The system's software doesn't recognize phone tones for booking tee times. Jon Janik is following up.

3. Presidents' Report

- Topsy Siderowf of the LWGA reported that events are going on as planned and membership is happy with the conditions of the golf course.
- Julie Gray reported great participation from the 9-hole league's weekly events and efforts are ongoing to speed up play.
- Peter Kreiger commended on LMGA events and also mentioned that the town attorney may have to weigh in on switching the 9th and 14th holes.

4. Rounds Report

- July rounds were up by 144 from July 2017. July also had 580 more rounds than June.
- The geese program is working and golfers are pleased.
- Todd Salamone is watering the course as much as he can and he met with the Aquarion Water Company and all is well. No fines were issued.
- The discussion of divot mix on the carts came up and Jon Janik and Todd Salamone will discuss.
- The water fountain on the #15 hole is now working and the water is cold. The other fountains were giving off warm water. Todd Salamone assured us this would be fixed.

5. Superintendent's Report – Todd Salamone

- Todd commented on the extreme wet conditions in the month of July. Due to those conditions, ball marks on the greens were an issue.
- The turf is healthy and the water issue is paramount to sustain good playing conditions.
- New rakes could be a solution in helping some of the bunkers and he will be adding sand to some bunkers.
- Overall the greens are healthy and August is generally a stressful time for a golf course.
- The reeds in front of the green on hole #17 will be trimmed.

6. Golf Professional's Report – John Janik

- Longshore had 6,144 rounds in July.
- The roof of the golf shop was recently powerwashed.
- Instructional programs are going well and Jr. programs are sold out.
- A hitting net was put up at the practice range so golfers could hit drivers.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Dally - GAC member