



**WESTPORT CONNECTICUT**  
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
LONGSHORE CLUB PARK  
260 SOUTH COMPO ROAD, WESTPORT, CT 06880

May 7, 2019

**Golf Advisory Committee  
FINAL MINUTES**

The Golf Advisory Committee met in the Westport Town Hall, Room 201, on May 6, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman, Jane Dally.

**Members Present:** Jane Dally, Marie Gross, Gary Solomon, Judy Domkowski, Jim Harman

**Members Absent:** Rich Raphael, John Elhi

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the April 1 meeting were approved—4-1. Judy could not vote.

**Public Comments**

There were no comments from the public.

**President's Reports**

Winnie Hamilton, President of the LWGA reported there are 90 returning members for 2019, 30 of which are new members. LWGA now has a total of 123 members for the 2019 season. 15 residents and 60 non residents. Opening Day found 66 golfers. Winnie noted the great condition of the course and the absence of goose droppings.

Mia Anderson, representing the Longshore Women's 9 Hole League, reported they now have 122 members, 20 of which are new. Their Mixer on May 2 had 50 in attendance

John Leiber, President of the Longshore Men's League, noted their Kickoff Tournament hosted 85 players. They have over 310 member sign ups and they plan to get to 400. Their next events are scheduled for May 18 and May 31.

**Administrative Report**

Chairwoman Dally presented notes submitted by Park's & Rec Director Jennifer Fava. Jennifer Fava reported that the rounds reports were made available, and April rounds were up 563 rounds versus 2018. Superintendent Todd Salamone noted this despite several days of rain.

Improvements to the driving range were noted—and a photo of the construction was distributed to the Committee. The work, it was noted, should be completed in the next week and new mats will be placed on the new surface of the range.

Additionally, new directional signage was been speced and ordered for the upcoming change of the 9<sup>th</sup> and 14 holes. It is not known when the signs will arrive and be installed.

There is no update on when the 'revised' course will be re-rated by the USGA.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Todd Salamone reported that the course is in very good shape. The aeration process has been completed and was successful. He has been spraying weeds. Flowers are coming and will be planted this week.

Todd Salamone will meet with an agronomist next week to talk about new practices. He wants to roll the greens more but that is all dependent on weather. He discussed the opportunity to Dryject the greens as opposed to aerate and pulling up all the plugs. Something to consider in the future and perhaps as an alternative treatment once or twice a year.

### **Golf Professional's Report**

Jon Janik reported that the change in the Chelsea reservation—removing the telephone access—has been completed and there were no negative comments on the change. He also reported that junior golf classes/clinics are almost entirely full for the upcoming season. Parks and Rec classes are also filling up quickly.

June 4 is Women's' Golf Day and Jon is working on activities for the day.

Jon Janik reported that there have been some comments regarding the white out of bounds stakes along the roadway on the 6<sup>th</sup> hole. Jon Janik suggested adding small signs along the roadway noting the balls that cross the roadway are out of bounds. The Committee agreed.

### **Committee Member Comments**

Judy Domkowski brought up the issue of slow play on the course and the possibility that the Committee would focus on this issue. Some ideas floated were: issuing instructions for the starter to alert the players to slow play and the average time to complete a round, Jon suggested considering enforcing round play timing for tournament participants, also suggested was sending course rangers out earlier on weekend days to monitor pace of play, also posting a notice of the importance of maintaining a brisk pace of play.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Jim Harman