



WESTPORT CONNECTICUT
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
LONGSHORE CLUB PARK
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**Town of Westport
Golf Advisory Committee
FINAL Minutes
October 7, 2019**

The Golf Advisory Committee of the Town of Westport met in Town Hall, Room 309, on Monday, October 7, 2019. The meeting was called to order by GAC Chairman Jane Dally at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Jane Dally, Marie Gross, Judy Domkowski, Jim Harman, John Ehli
Members absent: Gary Solomon, Richard Raphael

Minutes from August 12, 2019 and September 9, 2019 meetings were approved.

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

President's Reports:

Winnie Hamilton reported for LWGA. They have held their Fall Cup and hosted a SNEWGA Super Seniors and Legends tournament. The event was well attended and the 53 players from all over the state loved the course. LWGA has sent out an end of season survey to its members. Response so far has been very good with a 50% response rate. They will use the data received in planning next year's season. They will hold their closing tournament and dinner on Oct. 22.

Jon Lieber reported for the LMGA. They have held two events since the last meeting. They will hold two more before the close of their season – Oct. 19 Snowbird and ABCD Scramble and on November 2 the 3 Club Open. They will invite non-members to participate in these events with the hope that it will bring in new members. The membership is up with about 400 members.

The LLNHGA had no representation at the meeting.

Superintendents Report

Todd Salamone reported that September was a very dry month. His team focused on weed and grub control. Aeration of the greens will begin on Oct. 8 and continue through to the end of the week. Todd will be adding sand to the bunkers in the coming weeks. Mums and cabbage being planted.

Todd talked about work that needs to be funded through the appropriation process and includes upgrading the controls for the irrigation system and renovating the tee boxes on the 1, 2, 4, 13 and 15th holes. This work will more than likely be done next year. Jon Janik's teaching tee also will be upgraded.

Committee Member Comments

Judy suggested that the GAC consider meeting earlier over the winter - perhaps starting at 6:30 or 7:00 instead of 7:30.

Jane Dally recommends that the practice green behind the pro shop be redesigned because it doesn't reflect our actual greens and we could make better use of the square footage behind the pro shop. Also should be enlarged to accommodate more golfers warming up. This could be included in the overall site plan for Longshore.

Jen Fava thought she would mention this to Doug Smith to see how much it would cost to renovate the practice putting green.

Administrative Report

Jen Fava discussed the master plan for Longshore. Parks and Rec has sent out an RFP for a vendor to oversee the design and implementation of the plan which includes the entire property within Longshore Club Park. Included in the plan will be the pro-shop, clubhouse, driving range, and cart storage. The RFP closes in mid-November. The project design could realistically take up to two years. Public hearings and meetings will need to take place.

Jen is obtaining pricing on the work to switch holes 9 and 14. Once the vendor is approved, the work will begin and will only take at most two weeks to complete.

Rounds are up 6% YOY. September rounds were 4,611, up from 3,869 from last year. This is likely due to the great weather.

Golf Professional's Report

Jon Janik reported that after labor day, the course has a 7:30 start time. He actually started at 7:18 but can't open any earlier because of danger for the crew (low light). Twilight rounds moved to start at 3:00 and as the days get shorter, he will move it even earlier. MGA cancelled the rerating for the second time. Jon is trying to reschedule. If need be, he will make a short print run for the scorecards if the switching of holes occurs before the rerating is complete. Jon held three tournaments: PAL with over 100 players; Staples Lacrosse with 96 players; and CCDC with 43 players.

For next meeting agenda:

2020 golf rates

Charity golf outings pricing

Corporate golf outing pricing

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting and it passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Dally
GAC Chairwoman