



WESTPORT CONNECTICUT
PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
LONGSHORE CLUB PARK
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Golf Advisory Committee
Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Golf Advisory Committee will hold a public meeting on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 7:00pm. Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order No.7B, there is no physical location for this meeting. It will be held electronically. Meeting materials will be available on the Meeting List & Calendar page of the Town website at westportct.gov, along with the meeting notice.

Instructions to attend:

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Meeting ID: 873 7415 7325

Passcode: 543780

Agenda

- Approval of draft minutes from the December 7, 2020 meeting
- Public Comments
- Presidents' Reports
- Administrative Report
- Superintendent's Report
- Golf Professional's Report
- To take such action as the meeting may determine relative to fee increases.
- GAC Committee Member Comments/Issues
 - a. Leagues tee time blocks confirmed
 - b. Geese issues on course
 - c. Winter renovation plans (tee boxes)
 - d. Winter Re-Rating of the women's tees
 - e. Update on renovation of Practice putting green near 17th tee
 - f. Update on course tree planting program

Jane Dally, Chairperson, Golf Advisory Committee

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**Golf Advisory Committee
Draft Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2020**

The Golf Advisory Committee of the Town of Westport conducted a Zoom meeting on Monday, December 7, 2020. Jen Fava made some opening statements and the meeting was called to order by GAC member, Marie Gross at 7:00pm.

Members Present: Marie Gross, Judy Domkowski, Jim Harman, Rich Raphael and Mike Durkin.
Members absent: Jane Dally, John Ehli.

1. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the November 2, 2020 meeting were approved as presented and passed by a unanimous vote.

2. Comments from the Public

No public comments.

3. President's Reports

LMGA: Jon Janik presented for Jon Lieber who was unable to attend the meeting. The mens group wrapped up the season with two sold out events at the end of the year. Overall, they had good tournament season.

LWGA: Winnie Hamilton, president, reported that their board held two 2021 season planning meetings and will have another in January. The board is preparing the 2021 handbook and will be sending membership applications to existing members in January. Planning delayed celebration of organization's 60th anniversary for July and met with the Inn at Longshore.

LLNHGA: Anne Haymon, tournament chair, reported their season ended with 82 members, down from 127 members the previous year.

4. Administrative Report

Jen Fava reported November rounds were up 117% over 2019 – 3,148 rounds. Total number of rounds for the year is now ahead of 2019 in spite of the late season start and the closing due to August hurricane.

Trying to keep course open as long as possible weather permitting. Looking at play patterns and weather forecast to make final determination of when to close. Decision will be announced.

Working with Brightview on an annual review and preplanning session for 2021.

Thirty-two trees and plants were planted over the past few weeks. Additional tree work will be performed after the course is closed to trim and remove limbs.

Signage was installed near halfway house/10th hole regarding pedestrian traffic.

Working with Turco for plan to repair practice area near 17th hole and the damaged bunker on 14th hole.

Marie Gross questioned the amount of goose droppings on the 9th and 14th fairways – haven't seen that before. Jen will report this to Geese Relief and request three visits per day.

Jim Harman questioned the status of the Site Plan RFP review. Jen explained that P&R has not finished reviewing the submissions and will get to this as soon as workload eases up.

5. Superintendent's Report

Todd Salamone reported they added sand to some bunkers and seeded the surrounds.

Majority of time spent keeping course clean and cutting back fescue and ornamental grasses.

Winterized sprinkler system last week and will be spraying course against snow mold.

Will be cleaning exterior areas around the course over the winter.

Developing plans for equipment, how to better manage traffic on the golf course, etc. over winter. A focus will evaluate cart traffic and what areas need to be protected next year from excessive wear and tear.

Mike Durkin asked if there is a plan to close the first fairway to cart traffic, redirecting traffic to the rough areas. It would go a long way in protecting the fairways from single cart use. Todd said he would address this with Briteview over the winter. Other fairways would benefit from these restrictions.

6. Golf Professional's Report

Jon Janik reported the first tee times have been moved to 8:30 am. Likely moving to 9 a.m. next week because of possible frost delays. Very light play during weekdays right now with moderate levels of weekend play.

Most merchandise has been sold out. Most pro shop credits have been redeemed and must be before course closing when they will expire.

Course rating for the women's tees is subject to availability of the MGA. We have priority position on courses to be serviced.

7. GAC Committee Member Comments/Issue

Getting quotes for tee box leveling and drainage of the greens. Need to fit into five-year capital plan before implementing these projects.

The Zoom meeting ended at 7:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Durkin, GAC member



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MEMO TO: Golf Advisory Committee

MEMO FROM: Jennifer A. Fava, Director of Parks and Recreation

DATE: January 26, 2021

RE: **Proposed Fee Schedule**

Upon review of the Longshore Golf Course fees, including comparison with our local competitors, we are requesting fee increases to better position our fees within the marketplace.

As indicated in the attached comparison (Golf Rate Comparison 2021), Longshore charges the lowest fees in several categories and when not the lowest, is often on the lower end of the spectrum.

Additionally, over the past two fiscal years, the golf course has not covered expenses (includes debt service) with a deficit of \$26,520 in FY2019 and a deficit of \$263,570 in FY2020. Based on the number of rounds played during the calendar year of 2020, some would think we did very well; however, the course actually fell short from 2019 by \$119,932 (see attached).

Based on these factors, we propose the attached fee schedule for 2021. The last fee increase was in 2019.

attachments

PROPOSED GOLF COURSE FEE SCHEDULE – 1-26-21

GREENS FEES:

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY	2020	2021
18 Hole Rate	Current	Proposed
Adult Resident Golf Handpass holder (age 18-61)	\$ 29	\$31
Senior Citizen Resident Golf Handpass holder	\$ 22	\$24
Junior Resident Golf Handpass holder	\$ 22	\$24
Guest Fee – Non Golf Handpass holder - Adult/Senior Citizen	\$ 52	\$52
Guest Fee – Non Golf Handpass holder – Junior	\$ 33	\$33

9 Hole Rate

Adult Resident Golf Handpass holder (age 18-61)	\$ 26	\$26
Senior Citizen Resident Golf Handpass holder	\$ 18	\$18
Junior Resident Golf Handpass holder	\$ 18	\$18
Guest Fee – Non Golf Handpass holder - Adult/Senior Citizen	\$ 39	\$39
Guest Fee – Non Golf Handpass holder - Junior	\$ 28	\$28

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY & HOLIDAYS

18 Hole Rate

Adult Resident Golf Handpass holder (age 18-61)	\$ 31	\$33
Senior Citizen Resident Golf Handpass holder	\$ 31	\$33
Junior Resident Golf Handpass holder	\$ 24	\$26
Guest Fee – Non Golf Handpass holder - Adult/Senior Citizen	\$ 58	\$59
Guest Fee – Non Golf Handpass holder - Junior	\$ 38	\$39

TWILIGHT – Daily from 4 PM

Resident Golf Handpass holder	\$ 24	\$25
Guest Non Golf Handpass holder	\$ 30	\$32

Longshore Inn guest (overnight) - Issued the Guest Inn pass, guest will pay the applicable guest rate.

CART RENTALS:

Electric Carts

9 holes Per Person	\$ 12	\$13
18 holes Per Person	\$ 17	\$18
Single Rider*	N/A	\$24

**Fee would not be implemented when required/waived by Longshore Golf Course*

Pull Carts	\$ 6	\$ 6
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<u>RANGE BALLS:</u> – per token	\$ 6	\$ 6
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	2019				2020				Difference
	Rounds	Carts	Range	TTL	Rounds	Carts	Range	TTL	
April	\$79,401	\$15,889	\$7,530	\$102,820	\$200	\$0	\$0	\$200	-\$102,620
May	\$156,189	\$32,613	\$12,060	\$200,862	\$92,976	\$0	\$5,286	\$98,262	-\$102,600
June	\$187,359	\$43,470	\$14,328	\$245,157	\$212,248	\$29,562	\$5,862	\$247,672	\$2,515
July	\$191,839	\$47,722	\$11,478	\$251,039	\$201,432	\$41,623	\$14,106	\$257,161	\$6,122
August	\$201,170	\$51,930	\$12,924	\$266,024	\$143,090	\$32,101	\$8,958	\$184,149	-\$81,875
Sept	\$145,628	\$35,756	\$8,610	\$189,994	\$178,503	\$36,042	\$9,246	\$223,791	\$33,797
Oct	\$94,226	\$20,652	\$3,840	\$118,718	\$124,146	\$23,694	\$6,372	\$154,212	\$35,494
Nov	\$38,453	\$7,332	\$1,746	\$47,531	\$92,869	\$15,843	\$5,670	\$114,382	\$66,851
Dec	\$4,767	\$289	\$180	\$5,236	\$23,484	\$2,852	\$1,284	\$27,620	\$22,384
	\$1,099,032	\$255,653	\$72,696		\$1,068,948	\$181,717	\$56,784		

Revenue 2019 vs 2020	2019 \$1,427,381	2020 \$1,307,449
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