

WESTPORT CONNECTICUT PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT LONGSHORE CLUB PARK 260 SOUTH COMPO ROAD

# **Golf Advisory Committee FINAL Meeting Minutes** June 8, 2021

The Westport Golf Advisory Committee conducted a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Jane Dally, GAC chairperson, at 7:00 p.m.

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

## 1. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the May 3, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

## 2. Comments from the Public

None.

## 3. President's Report

- LLNHGA: Not represented on the call.
- LMGA: Not represented on the call.
- LWGA: Winnie Hamilton reported:
  - o 64 players participated in the season's first major The George Buck Tournament.
  - 93 players representing Southern CT Women's Golf Association played on May 17.
  - o 60 members signed up for the second major of the season The President's Cup.
  - o Play For the Pink is scheduled for June 29 and a Solheim Cup type event is scheduled for July 27.
  - o August 31 is the date for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and tournament.

#### 4. Administrative Report – Jennifer Fava

- 5,423 rounds were played in May representing one of the strongest Mays in recent years.
- The agronomist visited and is working on both short and long term goals for the golf course.
- Turco did repairs to the 14th hole bunker near the green and also on the practice bunker near hole 17.
- The new restaurant at the Inn at Longshore might open on or around July 4. A representative from the restaurant will be on the next GAC call.
- The driving range will get new netting in mid July.
- There are still some issues surrounding the operation of the half-way house. Staffing is being addressed and also offering a full menu to the golfers.
- Water fountains on the golf course are now operational. Todd was asked to flush them out and get them ready for golfer use.
- Jen is now interviewing firms for the site plan design and construction. A decision is forthcoming.

# 5. Superintendent's Report - Todd Salamone

- Sprinkler readjustments have taken place around the course to maintain proper watering
- The green on hole #4 suffered damage due to a leak on a mower. Todd is seeding and top dressing the damaged areas.
- The President of Brightview was planning to visit and would be looking at the entire course and areas of improvement.
- The greens were scheduled for verticutting.
- The sodded areas around some of the bunkers need work and Todd is handling this.

#### 6. Golf Professional's Report – Jon Janik

- New local rules have been posted on the website and also in the men's and ladies' locker rooms.
- The MGA is planning to visit on July 1 to re-rate the women's tees.
- Jon posted a survey on the website regarding the Chelsea reservation system. So far 90 golfers have responded. Response to the system is mixed. Fore Up was recommended as a possible replacement system but no decision has yet been made.
- Jon will spent time at Smith and Tashua to see how the tee time reservation system works.
- The Junior Golf Programs have sold out marking high participation rates.
- New range balls were delivered

# **GAC Committee Member Comments/Issues**

- We need two rangers on the golf course. One to handle the front nine, and one to monitor the back nine.
- Halfway House operation continues to miss the mark.

The Zoom meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, GAC Chairperson Jane Dally