

Town of Westport
Golf Advisory Committee

Minutes

The Golf Advisory Committee of the Town of Westport met in Town Hall in Room #201 on Monday, May 6, 2013. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Fred Hunter, at 7:30 PM.

Members present: Fred Hunter, Mark Holod, Jean Murdoch, Joanna Nicholson, Gary Solomon, and Scott Smith.

Others Present:

Stuart McCarthy, Dave Eason, Dan Levin, Michael Fox, Sean Doyle, Patty Kondub

Fred Hunter opened the meeting by announcing that May 2 was the 11th Anniversary of the GAC, which was launched in 2002.

1. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of April 1, 2013 were accepted as submitted.

2. Rounds Report

We had 2700 Rounds in April, still suffering from poor weather. Down 27% from last April.

3. Greens Committee Report

- #2 is doing well; #6 is dragging
- Aerating with a new procedure
- On May 9, will aerate and roll tees, using a 5 ton vibratory roller
- Brush in the dump area is being
- Fairway bunkers still to do
- No current plan to put bottle/dirt on carts
- Dan still believes replacing divots is better and less costly in money and labor, despite bottle use on most courses (according to Dan Levin)
- Sean Doyle asks how to teach people to replace divots.

4. Review P&RC action on Outsource Maintenance RFP

Park and Recreation did not have to vote on issuing the RFP for OMS. That is Stuart McCarthy's responsibility. However, P&R supports the idea.

One company has visited, 2 more appointments have been made. There is no downside to investing effort and research into the idea of OMS.

5. Review – John Harvey visit

He will provide a preliminary report for GAC to review before it goes public.

He will review pine trees that incurred damage, and trees between 14th and 7th green that provide safety.

The large pines between 18 and 1 are important to keep. He said that replanting could be costly.

John Harvey may not be the person to make the tree plan.

Future practice facility is tied into the master plan for the park, not on the table at this time.

6. Discussion – Selling beer at Cliff’s Place

Stuart has an application going to the P&R for permission to amend the zoning regulations for Levitt Pavilion and Cliff’s Place. He sees a better chance for the revision if both locations are considered. The need for the change is that both locations are located in a residential area. This process will take time and effort.

Pricing for food and drink at Joey’s place is Joey’s purview. There was mention that drinks are expensive there. There were other questions about limited service and menu.

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Nicholson
GAC Secretary