



Westport Golf Advisory Committee Final Meeting Minutes September 6, 2022

The Golf Advisory Committee of the Town of Westport conducted a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2022. The meeting was called to order by GAC chairperson, Jane Dally, at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jane Dally, John Ehli, Mike Durkin and Irla Landry. Missing from the meeting were Judy Domkowski and Rich Raphael.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the June 6 meeting were approved.

Comments from the Public

No public comments

President's Reports

LMGA – President Ryan Smith reported that the membership is currently at 407 members and there is a push to capture more members this fall. All the summer tournaments were a success. Four more events are planned and that includes an end of year lunch and awards ceremony.

LWGA – President Marie Gross reported that 115 women have signed up as members. The Fall Cup is the next and final major tournament of the season. The Club Championship and the Member-Guest were both highly successful events held in August. The closing dinner will be on October 23 at Rizzuto's.

LLNH – Anne Haymon reported that 121 women have signed up as members. A special event will be held on September 29 to benefit the Westport Women's Food Closet. Final luncheon will be held on October 27.

Administrator's Report

Jen Fava was not on the call as she was attending the RTM meeting to hopefully get funding approval for the greens drainage project. Once approved, she anticipates the project taking place in October and it should take approximately 4 weeks to complete.

The netting by the 12th tee will be replaced this month. New posts will be installed on September 14 and the new netting and cabling should be in by the 16th.

Jen shared via a note concerning the Longshore Capital Improvement Plan. Dates for public meetings and formats are in the process of being determined. Information will be shared during a Parks and Recreation Commission meeting and dates/times will be announced for the public forums. The Parks and Recreation Department will publicize this information.

Superintendent's Report

Brad Brown reported that weather has been a battle this summer. Grass is now slowly recovering in fairways and green surrounds. Problem greens (holes 1,3,5,6) were aerified to get ready for fall. Heat and lack of rain caused naturalized areas to go dormant. Bunker work will be implemented in next two weeks and that will include edging, fixing the liners, adding more sand. Had two visits from Brightview administrators to survey the course. New grasses and weeds are appearing due to change in climate causing need to change maintenance routines.

17 greens (including the practice putting green) will be part of the drainage repair project.

3 1/2 weeks of water restrictions were in place this summer.

Irrigation is experiencing glitches with the electrical system. This impacts ability to properly water each area. A service provider is coming next week to analyze the system. Pipes are in good working order but upgrades are needed. Dates for upgrades are 2023-24.

Will recommend staffing changes for next season to Brightview. Brad could use more staff.

Golf Professional's Report

Jon Janik was not on the call as he and his wife were celebrating the birth of their daughter.

GAC Comments

No comments

The Zoom meeting ended at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Dally
GAC Chairperson