

## **GOLF COMMISSION MEETING**

Monday, September 18, 2023

4:30pm in Mayor's Conference Room, Gardner City Hall

**Present:** Jeff Gallant, David Noyes, Ann Twohig, Aleksander Dernalowicz

**In Attendance:** Dan Berry, William Frank, Anne LeBlanc

**Minute Taker:** Christine Meagher

Jeff Gallant called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM and noted that the meeting was being videotaped and will be posted to the City of Gardner's You Tube account.

Approval of August 28, 2023, Meeting Minutes, Aleksander Dernalowicz makes a motion to accept the minutes and seconded by David Noyes. *3-0 vote granted.*

**Old Business:** No old business comments.

**New Business:** No new business comments.

**Update from Dan Berry:** Berry states the membership specials got 22 new members going into next year. He already has one of his techs doing a few of the membership cards.

Berry continues to say two people called the golf shops last night saying that their cars have been broken into at the driving range parking lot and they've lost some valuables. Berry states he will be sending an email out to the entire membership saying to secure their belongings and vehicles. Everyone needs to be vigilant and let us know if anyone sees anything. This happened in broad day light in the early afternoon. William Frank states he will have some of his guys drive through the area more frequently and make their presents known.

Ann Twohig asks Berry about Tee Time scheduling issue. Berry responds that he sent the vendor a list of people having issues and he has not gotten back to him.

**Update from Bill Frank:** Frank states believe it or not three weeks and we're already in greens. The Tees are going to be done again this year. We are going to try to tackle some of the fairways, but we can't get through them right now so hopefully this week the sunshine does what it says it's going to do and dries everything out.

David Noyes asks if aeration is going to be right after Columbus Day and if Frank would like blower support. Frank agrees.

**Correspondence:** Gallant states everyone received the correspondence regarding the abutters notice. The one that is close to our property is the industrial tower and wireless LLC. Dernalowicz and Gallant looked up the property address and it is the old horse farm on 140. There is discussion in put 194 telecommunication facility up there. It should not impact the golf course. The reason why we are being notified is because the driving range land goes all the way back to 140. Gallant states he may go to the meeting.

**Commission Members Comments and Reports:** David Noyes states that he has been hearing from other golfers that the condition of the course is excellent shape.

Gallant asks Frank if there is something to be done about hole #7? If something could be added so, the balls would stop rolling into the woods. Frank answers this year aeration plugs are going to be placed there and some grass seed and see what happens, hopefully it grows.

Ann Twohig states she has a question regarding the 12<sup>th</sup> hole, there is a pile of stone, what is that for? Frank answers her, stating Dr. Faust donated the stone to be put on the 14<sup>th</sup> tee. Frank explains he is starting to work it into a ring, it just takes a lot of time.

**Financials:** Gallant states the revenue is already \$333,000, which is about one third of our revenue for the year, so that's good. From an expense standpoint we are at \$181,000, which all looks like normal operations. Noyes asks where the funding is going to come from to fix the pipe in the lake. Gallant response is we are going to transfer it from our reserves, about \$30,000. At this point \$44,000 is encumbered for the project. We can anticipate it sometime in October because the state comes in to certify the cash reserves for everybody. At this point the project is in the wetland phase. Time is not going to be an issue on this project, if it does not get done in November, then April or June will be fine.

Motion to accept the financials from Aleksander Dernalowicz and seconded by Ann Twohig. *3-0 vote granted.*

The next meeting is scheduled for October 16th, 2023, at 4:30 pm in the Mayor's Conference Room (if it is available for reservation).

Motion to adjourn by David Noyes, seconded by Ann Twohig. *3-0 vote granted.*

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted.  
Christine Meagher  
Administrative Coordinator