



South Hadley Municipal Golf Commission

Date: March 20, 2018

Time: 7:00pm

Venue: South Hadley Recreation Department - Town Hall

Commission Attendance: Mark Du Bois, Mike Wozniak, Kyle Steinbock, Len Finkowski

Staff/Other: Andy Rogers, Amanda Fontaine, James Hampton

Excused: Jeff Millard, Joan Hopkins, Chris Collins

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to order - Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm
2. Approval of minutes; February 13, 2018 - Approved (MW/LF; 4-0).
3. Old business:
 - a. RFP: Update on process: As of today, over two dozen groups have taken out the RFP. The site visit will be on Tuesday, March 27 and 10am. Allen didn't make attendance required at the pre-bid meeting as he was trying to maximize the number of companies that could bid on the project. MD didn't feel this was the right move as the companies that were most invested would send people to this meeting. The bids will be due on April 30 and the review process will begin at that time. It was mentioned that the RFP was vague compared to previous ones as far as maintenance.
 - b. Staff 2018 season: AR gave an update of where we stood for the season. James Hampton will be our PGA Golf Professional, Shaynne Walter will be running the Valley View front of the house and Drew Kortright will be running the kitchen. We are in good shape to start the season and will look to supplement the staff over the first few weeks. Andy and James discussed a few new strategies to save money on the golf side similar to how the season ended in the fall with minimal outside staff unless required.
 - c. Valley View - The restaurant will be open and ready once the leagues are up and running. It was suggested we keep running league specials for the leagues, especially the Spackler League with their 100+ players. The steak/potato meal was really well received last year. MD added we should throw away the excess TV remotes as there was always confusion trying to change the channels. JH added he already had taken care of that!
 - d. JH and AR gave an update on the PGA Junior League. We are teaming up with the Orchards Golf Club to offer a better experience and to make it easier on the instructors.



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- e. AR brought up some of the various marketing things we are trying this year. MD said Champions Gate in Florida does a great deal for golf/dinner that maybe we can try. JH added we might try some 9 & Dine on Thursdays if we don't fill the league spots.
4. New business
 - a. AR said they would be opening when the weather allowed and will be going with minimal staff to start the season. We are looking at offering a special rate of \$30 to start to get people here and playing! It was mentioned that with the Master's coming, perhaps we have a Master's viewing party. While we don't think it will be possible for this tournament, perhaps something for the US Open or other majors.
 - b. River Roll & Stroll: LF gave an update about the River Roll & Stroll held on Sunday, May 6. He will get the putting green from John Broderick and will coordinate various items with the golf staff for prizes and any handouts. LF has some ideas to improve the experience and to prevent balls from going all over the bridge!
 - c. Dog Park: AR gave an update about the potential dog park on Mulligan Way and shared the proposal that has been done. As far as the golf course is concerned, there may need to be some netting due to balls potentially getting into that area from the driving range.
5. Golf course superintendent's report - AF gave an update on the course conditions. During a discussion about the golf cart repair, she noted that the tires are often under/over inflated. AR said they had purchased a gauge last year as well as an air compressor.
6. Open Forum - MD asked if the bridge had been fixed yet by the high school shop program. AR said he would have to follow up with Bill O'Neil about that, AF said it wasn't completed yet.
7. Next meeting date: April 10, 2018
8. Adjourn - the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm (MW/KS 4-0).