

Bernards Township Golf Advisory Committee
Minutes –November 19, 2018 – 7:00 PM
Municipal Building, 1 Collyer Lane
APPROVED, January 28, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

M. Conley called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act of 1975. The Committee saluted the flag and the roll was called.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sharon Cepeda
Michael Conley
John Gunning

John Meany
Timothy O'Rourke
Peter Tobia (A7:03)

Members Absent:

Michael Conley, Jr.
Carolyn Gaziano

Non-Members Present:

Jen Gander, Director
Jack McGrath, Course Supervisor
Sean O'Grady, Assistant Director

Kelly Kellaway, Recording Secretary
Matt Sullivan, Shearon Environmental

Stephen Raff, 183 Riverside Dr, Basking Ridge
Rob Lieb, 111 Childs Rd, Basking Ridge

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes

- i. Motion was made by P. Tobia to accept the September 17, 2018 Minutes as presented and seconded by T. O'Rourke. All were in favor, motion passed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Thank you note from the Bernards Township Library

- i. No action was taken.

B. "Eagles Club" Suggestion from Ralph Anderson (member)

- i. No action was taken.

REPORTS

A. Shearon Golf Report

- i. M. Sullivan reported that the irrigation system has been blown out for the season and one head on #6 is damaged and will need to be addressed in the Spring. One more application on greens for snow mold will be completed after Thanksgiving.

B. Directors Report – J. Gander

- i. 2018 Membership and Visits
 - a. J. Gander updated the Committee on membership and visits to date for 2018 in comparison to 2017.
- ii. 2018 Revenue and Expenses
 - a. J. Gander updated the Golf Advisory Committee on the revenue and expenses. Should finish out season with approximately \$20,000 less in membership revenue and approximately \$9,000 less in gate revenue when compared to 2017.
- iii. 2019-21 Maintenance Contract Bid
 - a. J. Gander updated the Golf Advisory Committee on the 2019-21 maintenance contract bid. Four agencies downloaded the bid specs, however Shearon was the only company to submit a bid and will be awarded the contract. Pricing is slightly increased from the current contract.

C. Operations Supervisor's Report—Jack McGrath

J. McGrath reported that the Club Championship Tournament was placed back on the calendar and was a one-day event. Had 24 players and everyone enjoyed the competition. The Coakley Cup was rained out and could not get enough registrants for a makeup date, so the tournament was cancelled.

- i. 2019 Staffing
 - a. J. Gander reported that Jack McGrath will not be returning for the 2019 golf season. Carmen Misale will be the Golf Operations Supervisor for the 2019 season. Committee members thanked Jack for his tenure at the course and welcomed Carmen in new role.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2019 Membership and Gate Fees

- i. P. Tobia made a motion to increase the Full Membership Fees by \$25.00 for 2019 and the fees are as follows:

Early Rate – Through February 28--\$460.00

Regular Rate—Through April 30--\$510.00

Motion was second by T. O'Rourke. All were in favor, motion passed.

- ii. P. Tobia made a motion to increase the Senior Membership Fees by \$25.00 for 2019 and the fees are as follows:

Early Rate – Through February 28--\$415.00

Regular Rate—Through April 30--\$465.00

Motion was second by J. Gunning. All were in favor, motion passed.

- iii. P. Tobia made a motion to increase the Student Membership Fees by \$10.00 for 2019 and the fees are as follows:

Early Rate – Through February 28--\$385.00

Regular Rate—Through April 30--\$425.00

Motion was second by J. Gunning. All were in favor, motion passed.

- iv. P. Tobia made a motion to keep the College Student Summer Membership Fee of \$250.00 the same for 2019. Motion was second by T. Gunning. All were in favor, motion passed.

- v. P. Tobia made a motion to increase the Non-Resident Membership Fees by \$25.00 for 2019 and the fees are as follows:

Early Rate – Through February 28--\$600.00

Regular Rate—Through April 30--\$650.00

Motion was second by T. O'Rourke. All were in favor, motion passed.

- vi. P. Tobia made a motion to keep the Initiation of \$300.00, the Additional Family Members Initiation Fee of \$150.00 and Lapse of Membership Re-Registration fee of \$100.00 the same for 2019. Motion was second by M. Conley. All were in favor, motion passed.

B. 2019 Operating Budget

- i. The Golf Advisory Committee members discussed the 2019 Operating Budget and it will be the same as the 2018 budget or less.

C. 2019 Membership Handbook Policies.

- i. No changes other than those previously adopted by the committee in 2018 (minimum age to play and adaptive golf car procedures).

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. League Play

- i. J. Gander brought up an idea to add league play during slow evening or early morning hours like other area clubs have done. The committee agreed to work on for 2019.

B. First Tee Program

- i. M. Conley, Jr. discussed the potential to bring this program to CR as an additional revenue stream and a way to get younger individuals interested in golf. Will continue to investigate.

7. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS

- A. P. Tobia would like to clean up the crab grass by the entrance near the fence where the Eagle Scout built the benches. He would also like the brush cut back around the practice area and add a better path for golfers to walk through, it is a typically we area.
- B. M. Sullivan addressed course condition complaints and it was agreed they were largely attributed to the constant wet weather. If the weather is better the course will be in better condition in 2019.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. S. Raff mentioned that the USGA offers a program on course management for a fee. They will look at course conditions and maintenance practices to see if they can make recommendations for improvement. He mentioned that Rutgers has a on turf management program with Graduate students working on case studies that may be able to offer suggestions on course improvements. He said 2021 will be the course's 75th anniversary and suggested a rededication ceremony be planned along with a coordinated substantial redesign or improvement project. He asked if we had ever surveyed non-renewing members to determine if the reasons for not joining were conditions related or otherwise. He also mentioned that the USGA has a once day course to evaluate the golf course.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by T. O'Rourke and seconded by P. Tobia. All in favor; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Kelly Kellaway

Recording Secretary