

Bernards Township Golf Advisory Committee
Minutes –October 21, 2019 – 7:00 PM
Municipal Building, 1 Collyer Lane
Approved, November 18, 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:

Michael Conley
John Gunning
Ana McCarthy
John Meany
Timothy O'Rourke
Peter Tobia (A7:03pm)

Members Absent:

Michael Conley, Jr.
Joan Harris

Non-Members Present:

Jen Gander, Director
Kelly Kellaway, Recording Secretary
Carmen Misale, Course Operations Supervisor
Matt Sullivan, Shearon Environmental

Steve Raff, 183 Riverside Dr, Basking Ridge
Dan Zugale, 28 Meadowview Rd, Basking Ridge

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes

- i. Motion was made by J. Gunning to accept the September 16, 2019 Minutes and seconded by A. McCarthy. All were in favor, motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. None.

4. REPORTS

A. Shearon Golf Course Maintenance Report —Matt Sullivan

- i. Greens

- M. Sullivan reported that he hand tined and over seeded the greens and will continue to do so in bare areas as weather permits.
- ii. Putting Green Drainage
 - M. Sullivan reported that he extended the drain on the putting green and with two good rains, no pooling on the putting green.
- B. Director's Report—Jen Gander
 - i. Update on Storm Drain Issue on Holes 2 & 3
 - J. Gander waiting for the VA to approve plans to make repairs across hole #3. Minimal work will be required across #2. Once VA provides approval we will notify the membership.
 - ii. Course Conditions Reports from Members
 - No reports received since last meeting.
 - iii. 2019 Membership and Gate Revenue
 - J. Gander updated the Committee regarding the membership and revenue to date.
 - iv. 2019 Budget Update
 - J. Gander updated the Committee regarding the budget to date.
- C. Operations Supervisor's Report – Carmen Misale
 - i. Rounds Played
 - J. Gander reviewed the rounds played report and C. Misale commented on the amount of play at the course.
 - ii. Member Feedback
 - C. Misale reported that we have received positive member feedback about greens and tees and the reopening of holes 2 & 3 as modified.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. None

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. 2020 Membership and Guest Fees
 - The Committee discussed options, no action was taken. The Committee will vote at the November meeting.
- B. 2020 Operating Budget
 - J. Gander asked the Golf Advisory Committee Members to review the 2020 Operating Budget as they will vote on at November meeting. As there is no room for additions, the 2020 budget will be fairly close to the 2019 budget.
- C. 2020 Membership Handbook Policies
 - J. Gander asked the Golf Advisory Committee members to review the current handbook and think of any policy changes they would recommend for 2020 as they will be voted on and approved at the November meeting.

7. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS

- A. T. O'Rourke said he played recently with guests and former members and they said what a good course it is and can't believe they didn't know about it as they enjoyed it. Would like to have a day/time for single players to come out and meet new people and team up.
- B. J. Gunning ran into a neighbor and he said how the course is in good shape and he would be back as a member.
- C. J. Meany mentioned that M. Sullivan needs support and proper equipment.
- D. A. McCarthy would like to put out another communication regarding improvements to course. Gander responded it would be sent out shortly with the update on 2 & 3.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. D. Zugale—Plays 1-2 times per week. Noted the aprons need to be filled in. Nice to hear movement to fix damaged areas and mentioned rough has improved. Tee boxes are progressively getting worse as they are receiving a lot of foot traffic in same area. He mentioned the Hole #3 tee box is very slanted. He said if hole #3 must remain as an open trench, need to look at design of hole for all golfers. He mentioned that golf has the social aspect to get people to come together and a way to connect people/members together. Possibly have golf pro give lessons on course and organize lessons, leagues and tournaments. Use community resources and see if anyone living in town could donate time.
- B. S. Raff—Lack of fringe in many areas, needs to be improved. Rough has improved. The course should be rerated if the play of hole 3 is changed with the repair of the storm drain.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by J. Gunning and seconded by T. O'Rourke. All in favor; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Kelly Kellaway
Recording Secretary