

Bernards Township Golf Advisory Committee
Minutes –March 18, 2019 – 7:00 PM
Municipal Building, 1 Collyer Lane
APPROVED 6/26/2019 as Amended

1. CALL TO ORDER

M. Conley called the meeting to order at 7:06 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
Michael Conley, Jr.
John Gunning
Joan Harris
John Meany
Timothy O'Rourke
Peter Tobia (A7:03)

Members Absent:

None

Non-Members Present:

Jen Gander, Director
Kelly Kellaway, Recording Secretary
Carmen Misale, Course Operations Supervisor
Sean O'Grady, Assistant Director
Matt Sullivan, Shearon Environmental
Todd Edelstein, 172 Riverside Dr, Basking Ridge

3. Motion to Amend Agenda

A. Motion was made by T. O'Rourke to amend the agenda with three additional items and seconded by P. Tobia. All were in favor, motion passed.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 28, 2019 Meeting Minutes

i. Motion was made by J. Harris to accept the January 28, 2019 Minutes as presented and seconded by T. O'Rourke. All were in favor, motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. From Danny Dolan with Junior Golf Hub, Received 3-18-19
 - i. The Golf Advisory Committee discussed the correspondence from Danny Dolan and would like to review. Members were asked to email J. Gander any questions for further review.

5. REPORTS

- A. Shearon Golf Report
 - i. Opening Preparation
 - M. Sullivan is hoping to be able to open as scheduled. Full crew will be working at the course starting Monday. Goose droppings will be raked and removed.
 - C. Misale and M. Sullivan will walk the course this week to note any issues that need to be addressed.
 - ii. 2019 Season Maintenance Focus
 - J. Gander updated the Committee regarding the 2019 season maintenance focus. The course is tentatively scheduled to be aerated on April 15. The cut height of the rough will start out lower per the new contract and we will be closely monitoring water usage.
- B. Directors Report – J. Gander
 - i. 2019 Membership and Revenue
 - J. Gander updated the Committee on membership and revenue numbers to date for 2019 and in comparison, to 2018.
 - ii. 2019 Budget
 - Minimum Wage and Paid Sick Leave Law Impacts—J. Gander updated the Golf Advisory Committee on the 2019 budget. All staff will receive pay increases in July 1 per the new minimum wage laws and new laws also dictate that the golf employees are entitled to earn sick leave. We have adjusted schedules where we can to decrease hours and control costs.
 - iii. 2019 Staff and Course Opening Prep (March 30)
 - J. Gander and C. Misale are currently advertising for substitute golf rangers. Otherwise the course is fully staff and they will attend orientation next week.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Corporate Membership
 - i. P. Tobia made a motion to approve the Corporate Membership policy as presented and J. Gunning seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Membership Marketing and Try the Course Promos—Try the course promotion is Tuesday and Thursdays, now through May 31 from 8:00am until two hours prior to close and must pay guest fee.

- B. Hole Sponsorships—J. Gander sending information out to companies to see if they want to continue sponsorship for next three years.
- C. 2019 Tournament Schedule—The Committee discussed the 2019 tournament schedule.
- D. Driving Range Operation—MTI is no longer operating the driving range, Fox Hole Café or the Green House. J. Gander requested an official statement from the Veterans Administration and signage regarding the closure at the range. Gander would like a sub committee to investigate options for operating the Fox Hole Cafe and driving range. J. Gunning, P. Tobia, M. Conley, Jr., J. Gander and M. Hunt will be on the Sub Committee.

8. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS

- A. A. McCarthy wanted to know if guests were allowed before 9:00am.

A. McCarthy made a motion to suspend guest hours for the morning timeframe.
J. Gunning seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

A. McCarthy made a motion to amend her motion to suspend guest hours during weekdays only and not on weekends. M. Conley seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

- B. J. Meany said when the course was built it was paid for by NJ woman's and men's Pro golfers for the vets who played for free.
- C. J. Gander will be planting trees near entrance and mentioned an Eagle Scout may be building two more picnic benches for the course.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. T. Edelstein said he does not play golf but asked the committee if they had discussed requesting assistance from the USGA in regards to improving course conditions.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by P. Tobia and seconded by T. O'Rourke. All in favor; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Kelly Kellaway
Recording Secretary