



Minutes: Golf Course Advisory Committee

April 10, 2023

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Golf Course Advisory Committee was held on April 10, 2023 at 8:30 AM with Craig Wetherbee presiding and with Chris Rain as recording secretary.

Committee Members: Craig Wetherbee, Mike Sweeney, Paul Suhrie, John Pinto, Mike Yesunas

Township Staff: Township Supervisors Annette Atkinson and Mark Oney (on Zoom), Pro Shop Manager Todd Brown, Committee Liaison Chris Rain.

Meeting called to order at 8:33 am by Craig Wetherbee.

Agenda

- A motion to accept the agenda for the meeting was made by John Pinto, seconded by Mike Sweeney. Motion passed 5-0.

Minutes

- A motion to accept the minutes from the March 2023 meeting was made Mike Yesunas, seconded by Paul Suhrie. Motion passed 5-0.

Whispering Pines—Holly Dennis

- Holly Dennis was not present but provided the committee with her regular report.
- Todd Brown stated that a new golf tournament, Violette's Stand for the Children, was recently scheduled for July 23.

Grounds—Bill Parr

- Bill Parr was not present but provided notes to Todd Brown for the meeting.
- Greens, collars, approaches, and tees have all been aerated. #1 fairway is aerated, top dressed, and seeded. They have started edging and adding sand to traps. They have started to patch the cart paths with cold patch and stone as needed. They will start slit seeding tees the week of April 10.
- Paul Suhrie stated that there are stones in some of the sand traps. Todd Brown stated that they can make a local rule that it is permitted to move the stones while playing.

Pro Shop—Todd Brown

- Todd Brown reported that the start of the season is going well and is ahead of 2022 YTD. The weather has been good so far and the long-range forecast is also good.

- Todd Brown stated that merchandise for the pro shop is in and set up. He also reported that they have a hot dog roller and are ready to sell hot dogs.
- Todd Brown reported that he is organizing the Memorial Day Red, White & Blue Scramble and will get out advertisements this week. He also stated that he had booked Savory Eats food truck to provide food for the event.
- Paul Suhrie suggested emailing the scramble info out to the email list.
- Todd Brown reported that one of the refrigerators in the kitchen had stopped working.

Financials—Bonnie Winters

- Bonnie Winters was not present. No report.

Marketing – Chris Rain

- Chris Rain reported that marketing is ongoing. There was an increase in website traffic through the month of March and a big increase after opening day on March 31. Google Ads will be reactivated starting this week.

Old Business:

- Annette Atkinson reported that the Township’s solicitor and CBRE spoke regarding the sale of the course. The Township can start accepting bids for the sale soon.

New business:

- Paul Suhrie stated that an email should go to both HOAs to reach out to all residents about picking up after their dogs when they walk on the golf course.

Public Comment:

- None

Meeting Adjourned

- John Pinto made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47am, seconded by Mike Sweeney. Motion passed 5-0.

The next meeting will be held on May 8, 2023 at 8:30 am at the Whispering Pines Banquet Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Rain
Recording Secretary