

GOLF BOARD MEETING

Thursday - October 12 th, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 4 pm.

In Attendance: Denise Klotzbucher, Benny Mangor, Ron Vener- Golf Board, Lynn Mielke – Talbot County Council, Owen Sutherland Superintendent and Rich Setter GM/PGA.

Golf Board minutes from September 14th meeting were presented. Motion to approve by Benny, second by Denise.

Agenda Items -

1. Golf Course Financial Update –

- Denise presented the financial charts for FY 24 and for the month of September. Septembers revenue was slightly higher than previous year. Actual revenue for FY 24 is \$766,931 approximately \$78,792 over previous year. Expenses for September were higher than previous year. Year to date revenue \$766,931 with expenses of \$560,260 leaving a difference of \$206,671.

2. Golf Course Improvements Progress -

- Overseeding of Championship course completed.
- Aerification of fairways has begun. Plugs will be pulled on holes 12 thru 18. Will not pull plugs on holes 1 thru 9.
- Cart barn drain line repaired. Water line broke and location of drain pipe was unknown. A real mess but projected has been completed.
- Bunkers – winter project to repair some liners in bunkers and then add said to all bunkers. Bunkers should have 8 inches of sand on bottom and 4 inches of sand on the sides.
- New “Greens Nursery” established next to pump station.
- Tree work “removal” of trees behind # 9 green.
- Surround mowers, mower decks, need to be replaced.

3. Golfers Comments –

- Practice bunker in need of sand.
- Right side of holes # 12 always soft and does not drain well. (Owen stated this was on the winter “to-do list”).

- Have ice cream available in the cafe.
- New Golf Cart fleet should have covers to cover golf clubs in wet weather.

4. Golf Range Project update- (Rich reported)

- Lynn read an anonymous that was addressed to the County Council stating their opposition to the “Range Project”, basically the individual felt that the money could be better spent on other golf course projects. Rich responded that certainly there were many projects that need funding, however, he explained to the board that this project would generate revenue now and in the future and these other projects could then be completed. A detailed discussion the proposal was held. Ultimately, the proposal was unanimously approved by the board and Rich will present the proposal for the “Golf Range Project” at the next council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 24th.

5. Cafe Operations - (Rich reported)

- The plan is to expand the kitchen area and add a Grill with a hood, a flat – top grill and deep fryer. These upgrades will provide year-round opportunities for the cafe staff. It is estimated that these upgrades will cost \$60,000.

6. Pavilion Project Update

- Acoustics – Rich reported that to rid the Pavilion of “echo” acoustic panels are required. The cost of these panels is \$4.80 a square foot. Total cost of this project will be \$17,000.

Upcoming Events -

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| • Oct 14 th - Saturday | VFW Tournament |
| • Oct 15 th - Sunday | MHNGA Tournament |
| • Oct 17 th - Tuesday | MISGA |
| • Oct 20 th - Friday | Ridgely Lions Tournament |
| • Oct 22 th - Sunday | Preston Auto Group Tournament |
| • Nov 4 rd - Saturday | Easton HS Base Ball Tournament |
| • Nov 11 st - Saturday | American Farm Foundation Tournament |

New Business -

1. Rich reported that River Marsh Golf Course is scheduled to sprig their fairways in July of 2024. The course will be closed July and August of 2024 because of this project. This will increase activity at Hog Neck during these months. So far we have picked up one tournament because of the closing.
2. The annual Christmas Party is scheduled for December 9, from 5 to 8 pm
3. There will not be a Golf Board meeting in November.

The next meeting will be December 14th. No further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Carl R. Sauca

