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MEETING MINUTES

Board: Golf and Tennis Commission
Date: March 9,2021
Location: Zoom
Members Present: Chair William Lowd, Vice-Chair Martin Lawler, Kevin Ascolillo, Arthur Athanas, Andrew Cooper
Members Absent: Chad Crandall
Others Present: GFMI Staff – Steve Murphy, Chris Carter, Mike LaPierre, City of Beverly, Sean Ciancarelli, Dave Gellineau
Recorder: Donna Musumeci

Opening Remarks:

Bill Lowd called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Bill acknowledged the ZOOM platform. Bill read the open meeting law.

Martin Lawler: Motion to approve the minutes of January 21, 2021. Arthur Athanas seconded. The motion carries (5-0). Bill read the roll call of names for approval.

Financial Update:

Martin Lawler gave a review. He advised there are no significant changes to the budget report. Total for BSC work completed and approved for payment. Resurfacing of the courts were addressed with Mike LaPierre. Netco was the lowest bidder.

Bill Lowd: Motion to approve the tennis courts resurfacing. Andy Cooper seconded. The motion carries (5-0). Bill read the roll call of names for approval. Martin Lawler said there is little left in the budget; this was the last big expenditure.

BG&T Site Projects/Status/ Discussion & Updates:

Electric Carts:

Electric Golf Cart conversions: Bill Lowd advised we have to get power into the cart barns. Chris Carter advised we need 72 circuit breakers, and 2-3 boards to do this. There is some confusion if there is enough power from National Grid coming in. This goes back to asking the city to look into this, as we do believe we need more power, and need this information from an engineer. There was prior discussion of seeing if the City Engineer could look into this. Sean Ciancarelli said he is talking with Mike Collins. He is knowledgeable but not an engineer. We probably need to hire an engineer. Steve Murphy had said he could get an engineer for \$2K who could tell us what needs to be done. He could determine where to put the transformers, where to size up the power, bringing the carts into the garage etc. Dave Gellineau will reach out

to the company that worked the high school project for a reference. Chris Carter said he would like to get a plan by the end of the year, and to get this done in 2022.

Update on the Club House:

MOU is extended by the CPC until 10/31/21. The OPM (Tom E.) is working up a schedule for the CPC. Bill Lowd advised that this will not be an active presentation but an update report that Bill Lowd will send on what they have done so far.

Veranda – Bill Lowd sent a picture to Sean Ciancarelli. The sub floor is deteriorated. Sean Ciancarelli will work with Mike Collins to look at. They may need to do something to shore it up. Chris Carter advised once tables are there, it could be a problem. Arthur Athanas asked if we could block off the area. Chris Carter advised we could do that for the short term, but would not want to lose the whole corner with hopefully some functions returning. We are hoping this can be done with a reasonable budget. A carpenter can be secured to do it. Chris Carter will have the carpenter who did the work in the maintenance shed take a look.

The Railbird software update is scheduled thru June. Then restart in July, quote is in hand.

Golf Rates:

Bill Lowd and Chris Carter went to the City Council on the proposed 2021 rates. The council had a few questions and advised that GFMI was doing a good job. 2021 Rates have been approved.

BSC Contract/Conservation Commission: Bill noted at this time that Susan McArthur, Chris Carter and Dan Anastas put together the vegetation plan, working with the Conservation Commission and presented the plan. A series of conditions have been put on it, but we have the permit to do the work. Bill also advised the plan for a skate park that was open for 40 years was closed. He had to fill out some forms and send a check for \$105 to the Salem Registry of Deeds. Chris Carter advised it was a long process creating the plan, but it is a good plan. They are getting ready to access the wetlands and remove anything over 6 feet, and then they will look at a machine to jet down pressure water into the structure and to shoe pond to drain.

Area at 16th Hole:

There was a resident complaint about work being done near the 16th hole. They were concerned that we were cutting back too close to the property. Think BG&T is not supposed to work within 75 feet of the wetlands. Steve Murphy advised that Dan Anastas cleared about a foot thick of leaves and brush. Ideally, it would be best to clean it out and put in grass. This way you would see your ball when it goes there. Steve Murphy said we were working up from where the wetlands are. GFMI will look into this further. Maybe it is not clear as to what the 75 foot buffer is. Believe there is a wire fence at that house and BG&T land has plenty of room. GFMI would be welcome to meet the resident and take a look. Bill Lowd will reach out to Jenna. Steve Murphy, or Chris Carter or Dan Anastas can go take a look with Bill Lowd.

Golf Updates:

GFMI:

Chris Carter advised that we have beautiful weather coming. Some spots will get wetter, and there will be days it will get cold again, so we are trying to get ready for the next warm up to think about when to open. We may get some walkers on the March 18th or 19th, if not they will be out there for the 25th.

We have taken in 60 memberships, and will be opening the pro shop. We are going with more on line capability in the future to book reservations; with COVID, we are trying to be more high tech.

We are working on getting the clubhouse open, maybe for April 1. We are doing a cleaning, organizing with staff on rules and restrictions, and hopefully with the changes, will be looking at 100 to gather inside, 150 outside (functions and gatherings).

Adjournment:

Arthur Athanas: Motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bill Lowd. The motion carries (5-0).