

**BEVERLY GOLF AND TENNIS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

Board: Golf and Tennis Commission  
Date: September 13, 2022  
Location: Beverly Golf & Tennis  
Members Present: Chair William Lowd, Co-Chair Martin Lawler, Kevin Ascolillo,  
Arthur Athanas, Chad Crandall, Judith Cronin  
Absent: Andrew Cooper  
Guests:  
Others Present: GFMI Staff – Chris Carter, Mike LaPierre,  
Recorder: Donna Musumcci

**Opening Remarks:**

Bill Lowd called the meeting to order.

**Minutes:**

Chad Crandall: Motion to approve the minutes of August 9, 2022. Martin seconded. The motion carries (6-0).

**Financial Update:**

Martin Lawler gave an update on the financials. He noted we've had maintenance charges, and club improvements for hole #19. Hole #18, contracts with Mungeam and BSC. Contracts have been signed and forwarded. Mungeam will be in touch with BSC to start the work. They will now be able to send invoices to the city. To be clear, the money is coming out of last year's budget. Tennis court resurfacing was \$19,600 this year.

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

**OPM/Architect/Clubhouse:**

Bill Lowd and Chad Crandall have been on the calls with the OPM and Architect on the clubhouse. Still working on final design within budget. All designs have been approved by the historical commission. The architect is still working on options for the clubhouse railings. Looking at a cable option or different kind of wood option. Other work includes thermal work (will have to drill wells) and leaning on a total upgrade of the facility. Sent out the plans to a couple of estimators and the numbers are close from all. Bill says he has asked if this project could be done in phases. Generated more discussion on the cost of the project and what the priorities for the city and mayor are. Judith Cronin suspects the mayor struggles between allocating money for the carriage house and the clubhouse. Mike Collins is a supporter of the projects. The OPM is dealing directly with Bryant Ayles. Where is the project going next? The commission needs to be in front of the city with all of this to see if we can get support for the

project. It is expensive. The building is part of the historic register which adds to the price of renovation.

Judith Cronin did speak with the city Grant writer about opportunities for the clubhouse and inquired on the electric carts. There was nothing initially that came up, but they will be on the lookout and for the initiative changing to electric carts. Chris Carter said we can do this for less money than the option Mike Collins wants to do with using the lithium. Chris said we could tie the carts in with the pro shop. He has new gas carts being delivered in March on a 5-year lease. However, if there is any change, he could get out of the contract.

OPM anticipates the work will be completed within the allotted timeframe (MOU had been extended to November 30, 2022, CPC deadline 11/30/22).

### **Golf course Review:**

Hole #16: Chris Carter gave a review. Plan to remove 20 trees on the right side to help make it safer for the neighbors. This will help eliminate some of the balls hitting trees and houses. If we can get the tree work done, we can do the rest of cleanup internally. Doing this will result in more sunlight at the 16<sup>th</sup> hole, and at the tee at hole #17. Chris suggested we get with the city arborist to decide all this before we go to the neighbors. Bill Lowd suggested we bring Joselyn the Chief of Staff in on this. This would cost \$19,000 to do the work with Mayer Tree as the contractor. Chris said if we approve the money to do the work, he will call a meeting with the arborist, Steve Murphy, and Dan Anastas and himself to move forward. We could ask Joselyn to the meeting and/or see if the city wants the neighbors involved.

Martin Lawler: Motion to spend \$19,000 for Mayer Tree to remove the trees at hole #16. Kevin Ascolillo seconded. The motion carries (6-0).

Chris Carter said they would probably do the work in October when the ground becomes firmer. He said at the next meeting he will discuss the work to be done on the two tees at hole #4 and hole #16.

### **GFMI Updates**

#### **Golf Updates:**

Chris Carter advised at some point we have to stop saying we've had a good month, but again we did. We had a couple of rainy days, but we are going to end the season coming in close to where we were last year. Chris advised we did not do a membership drive this year as we do have 40 on the waiting list. He hopes to invite 10 new members in next year.

Green fees remained strong, the same as last year. The 19<sup>th</sup> hole did well, we had some good functions; Chris will be cutting a check for approximately \$7,600 to the city.

Overall updates on the property. We will continue to do the work we committed to in the fall. Steve Murphy would like to do some of the bunkers, #9, and #12, all the ones where the ground is coming through. They need to be drained and resodded; it's all labor. We are also waiting on some new equipment, i.e., have had a mower on order since last year. We have the slats here and have a maintenance company who does this work coming in from Maine to do these.

Hoping to clear all bushes and brush and do a cleanup for the neighbors and hide all our equipment. Chris is still looking at new mats, trying to find some good vendors to quote it.

**Tennis Updates:**

Mike LaPierre advised we are starting to wrap up the season. Pulled two nets but still have two courts open. Discussion on using wind screens along the road, which we still have, but have not been using. People were ambivalent so we'll continue to review it. We need to look for an irrigation group and keep this on the radar for the future. Sports Tek is not interested in doing it.

Martin Lawler:            Motion to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Ascolillo seconded. The motion carries (6-0).