

Bernards Township Golf Advisory Committee
Minutes –June 26, 2019 – 7:00 PM
Municipal Building, 1 Collyer Lane
APPROVED as Amended on August 5, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

M. Conley called the meeting to order at 7:00 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
Joan Harris (A7:03)
John Meany
Timothy O'Rourke
Peter Tobia

Members Absent:

Michael Conley, Jr.
John Gunning
Ana McCarthy

Non-Members Present:

Alison Flynn, Shearon Environmental
Jen Gander, Director
Kelly Kellaway, Recording Secretary
Carmen Misale, Course Operations Supervisor
Sean O'Grady, Assistant Director
Matt Sullivan, Shearon Environmental

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes

- i. Motion was made by J. Meany to accept the March 18, 2019 Minutes as presented and seconded by T. O'Rourke. All were in favor, motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. None

4. REPORTS

A. Course Maintenance

i. Shearon Golf Report

- Shearon reported that they sprayed all the greens and will bring the aerator back and over seed the greens until they get back to where they should be.
 - J. Gander reported that the rough is too long and not 1-1/2 inches as stated in the contract. Taller weeds are being missed by the mowers and they are not being cut.
 - Golf Committee discussed the course conditions with Shearon and stated all concerns with the poor playability and conditions of the course.

ii. Course Conditions—Member Feedback

- The Golf Advisory Committee discussed member feedback on course conditions via the survey.

iii. USGA Course Consulting Complimentary Report

- The Golf Advisory Committee reviewed the report.

B. Directors Report – J. Gander

i. 2019 Membership and Revenue Update

- J. Gander updated the Committee on membership and revenue numbers to date for 2019. In comparison to 2018 membership is down by approximately 100.

ii. 2019 Gate Revenue Update

- The Golf Advisory Committee reviewed the 2019 revenue to date., which are e down approximately \$30,000 in membership.

iii. Driving Range Status

- J. Gander updated the Golf Advisory Committee on the status of the driving range and mentioned that the NJ Golf Foundation is trying to discuss with the Veterans Administration to take over the range.

C. Operations Supervisor's Report – J. Gander

i. Try the Course Review

- C. Misale reported on how many participated in Try the Course and J. Gander noted how many joined from the promotion. Misale noted that he feels most are looking only to play for day and not to join.

ii. Tournaments

- Mayor's Cup tournament was a success, 9 foursomes participated. Veterans Tournament will be held next in July.

iii. Rounds Played

- J. Gander reported on rounds played to date, rounds are likely down due to wet spring weather and decrease in memberships sold.
- T. O'Rourke reported that on Friday, numerous people were on the course playing when the course was closed. He suggested putting up a sign on the door and a chain across the fencing with a "No Trespassing" sign.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. USGA Staff Membership

- i. P. Tobia made a motion to allow USGA Employee's the opportunity to join the course at the resident membership rate with a \$150 initiation fee. J. Harris seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

B. 2019 Prorated Memberships

- ii. P. Tobia made a motion to approve the prorated membership for 2019 effective August 30-Close of course and J. Meany seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Non-Renewed Golf Members Survey—The Golf Advisory Committee reviewed the survey of those members who had not renewed for 2019.
- B. Hole Sponsorships—Five holes remain available.
- C. Budget Shortfall—The Golf Advisory Committee discussed the potential budget shortfall for 2019.

7. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS

- A. T. O'Rourke would like to add a meeting in August to follow up on course conditions. Meeting was scheduled for August 5th.
- B. J. Meany gave a brief history update on the course and would like to add course history to the meeting agenda.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by T. O'Rourke and seconded by P. Tobia. All in favor; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Kelly Kellaway
Recording Secretary