

GOLF BOARD MEETING

Thursday – February 9th, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 4 pm.

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

Agenda Items -

1. Golf Course Financial Update –

- Rich did an overview of the Revenue and Expenses to date for current fiscal year. No items of concern.

2. Golf Course Improvements Progress -

Owen reported on progress of ongoing projects -

- Catch basin and drain done on Hole # 11.
- Drainage work on Hole # 15 completed.
- The drain pipe which crossed Hole # 14 just in front of the green was collapsed and a new pipe was installed including catch basin by the County Roads Department.
- Significant tree trimming has been completed on Holes # 16 & 18.
- The greens on Holes # 1, 9 & 10 have been over seeded with bent grass.
- Bunker edging an ongoing project.
- General repairs being completed – things that could not be addressed in prime golf season.
- The trees between the putting green and the cafe are scheduled to be removed. The root system is doing damage to the septic system.

3. Golfers Comments –

- There are been concern expressed about the condition of the greens on Holes # 1.9 and 10. The over seeding of these greens will address those concerns.

4. Golf Course Equipment Lease – (Rich and Owen reported)

- The current equipment lease expires in November of this year. At the next County Council meeting, February 14th, the new lease proposal will be presented to the council for approval. The old lease was a 48 month lease and the new lease is a 60 month lease. Pricing was done thru a state contract.

5. Pavilion Project Update - (Rich reported)

- Rich estimated that the project will another \$200,000 to complete. Issues that remain to be addressed are -
 1. Wi-Fi setup and modem including router
 2. Planking to cover the gable ends of the pavilion.
 3. Bathroom facilities – currently looking into upscale portable facility.
 4. Laser projector and sound system.
 5. Some type of epoxy to cover existing concrete floor.
 6. Storage building a necessity – minimum requirement – 16’ X 24” building.

6. Golf Rates for the 2023 Season -

- Rich will present to the County Council the proposed rates for the 2023 golf season. Rich stated that he was very price sensitive, however, due to increases in fuel, fertilizer, minimum wage increases and new equipment lease and other increases the increase in daily and yearly rates is necessary for the course to remain economically viable.

7. Driving Range Project - (Rich reported)

- The “Driving Range Project” is phase 3 of Hog Neck’s improvement plan. So that everyone has an understanding of “Top Golf” Rich has proposed a visit to the “Top Golf” facility at National Harbor. This trip will provide an opportunity to observe first hand the operations of a Top Golf, observe top tracer technology and get a true feeling for the entertainment factor. Also, will have opportunity to see and observe the potential for food and beverage.

No further business, meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 8th, 2023 at 4 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Carl R. Sauca

