

**Minutes of the Waukegan Park District
Special Meeting
Golf Advisory Committee Meeting
June 25, 2009**

The Board of Commissioners of the Waukegan Park District and staff met for a Special Meeting to hold a Golf Advisory Committee Meeting on June 25, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bonnie Brook Clubhouse, 2800 North Lewis Avenue, Waukegan, Illinois.

I. Call to Order

President Duffy called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and directed the roll.

II. Roll Call

President Duffy, Commissioners Durkin and Sarocka were present. Absent were Commissioners Foley and Motley. Also present was Superintendent of Finance and Administration Steve Warneke, Superintendent of Parks Mike Trigg, Staff Greg Benson, Char Piquette and Tim Govern. Committee members present were W. Lundquist, E. Perez, S. Schwab, R. Seremak, S. LuEllen and E. Kiernan.

Mike Trigg informed the attendees that Greg Petry would not be attending due to health reasons.

The following information was presented by staff at the meeting:

Tim Govern - Tim discussed the following topics:

- Home course - for the Robert Morris Girls' golf team.
- High school golf - parents wanted increased time and more discounts for the players. Allow them to play after 11:00 a.m. on weekends.
- Youth - more camps and lessons available. Excited about the junior program but will take time. Free clinics are going over well.
- New events at Bonnie Brook have been well received.
- Staffing is on track and improving. Desk staff is customer service oriented.
- Marketing - e-mail addresses are cost effective and now have over 2,000 e-mail addresses.
- Greenshire - frequent player program, have 300 e-mail addresses. Junior and ladies league have about the same number as last year.
- Cart staff excellent with Thursday women's league, assisting with bags to the parking lot.
- Weather has been a factor with golf, but we are still ahead of last year on number of rounds.
- Advertise at Scoop the Loop for golf and banquets as well as upcoming events.
- Two new leagues on Monday and Tuesday nights.
- Bonnie Brook does advertise in coupon books.

- Greenshire held a Father's Day event. A Mother son event was held as well, but weather was cold. Still turned out to be a great event.
- Tim has improved women's apparel in the pro shop.

Char Piquette - Char reported the following:

- Demolition began in February, renovation completed in May.
- Week long grand reopening celebration began with food and beverage for the permanent tee time holders on the weekend.
- This summer, will be marketing the facility, promoting lunches and the new Friday Fish Baskets (in the grill room only).
- The beverage cart will be out on league nights.
- Looking at new programs, would like input on Friday night golf and grill suggestion.
- For Wednesday night dinners, will have a couple of servers in the grill room.
- Beautiful facility, well received, great view of the golf course.
- Will have a portable dance floor for use at banquets.
- Have heard nothing but compliments about the renovations.
- There are very few facilities in Waukegan that can handle 200-250.
- Do we have the ability to provide a screen for Power Point presentations?
- Can use the room as one large banquet room or divide into two rooms.

Greg Benson - Greg spoke about the following:

- Due to the heavy rains last weekend, water on the course was 4 feet deep in some areas.
- Have great staff who work very hard.
- Pruned 132 trees over the winter.
- Opened/thinned trees on #3 and #12 to improve sunlight and air circulation.
- Pruned the willow at Greenshire, also did dead tree removals.
- Weather has been a big factor, had 5" of rain in April, 3.4" in May and over 6.5" in June.
- Comments were: keep up the great work, add more forward tees, especially on Par 5's for juniors and seniors and eliminate the red tee color, change to new color.
- Possible course improvements were suggested:
 - Like to see back tee on #7 and on par 3's
 - Make front 9 more difficult to match back 9 difficulty
 - New back tee on #15 and new side tee #14 to hit around the oak trees
 - New trap on #4
 - Move #2 green back
 - Tees cheaper to build than new greens
 - At Greenshire, front entrance improvements, new fence along Lewis Avenue, box elder tree removals and larger putting green

Steve Warneke - Steve reported the preaudit golf financials. Revenues are up \$100,000 over last year. Expenses are running even. Audit the week of July 20th. Golf Report after that. Through the month of June, revenue is up 17%.

III. Questions and/or Comments

- This year nothing but positive comments.
- Great golf team staff at Bonnie Brook.
- Thanks to Tim for turning attitudes around and thanks to Greg for great course conditions.

IV. Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is to be determined.

V. Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Durkin, seconded by Commissioner Sarocka, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Warneke & Mike Trigg
Acting Secretaries