

GOLF COMMISSION MINUTES
OF
May 9, 2019 MEETING

ATTENDED: Dean Godek, Dan Michael, Mike Dobise, Mario Tedeschi & Rich Hardina
GUESTS: Tom DiRico, Dan Shay & Mayor William Sapelli

Tom: In the month of April the golf course had 20 out of 30 days of some sort of rain.

Tom: The leagues are staying and eating at the course, which is bringing up revenues.

Tom: The new register can give more detailed reports; it goes back to August when the register came in.

Tom: Did a golf clinic on Monday night for the new ladies league that is going to start on Tuesday nights. As of now there are 37 women that signed up to play.

Mario: How many functions do we have a month?

Tom: An example is the month of June where we have 8 functions booked so far. We don't do much advertising for the banquet facility, it is mostly by word of mouth.

Dan M.: Have we ever covered the budget over the last five years. It looks like this year we are going to make more than expected. That is great.

Mario: What year did we give some money back to the town?

Dean: It has been a few years when we returned \$25,000 back to the town.

Dan M.: Once we hit budget this year we can go back to the community and show them we aren't using tax payers' money. I hang out at the senior center and I get asked how much tax payers money is going into the golf course.

Bill: As of now we can say revenues are up from last year.

Rich: Couldn't imagine if we had over 100 condos here and what a strain it would put on the traffic around here. It is good to preserve some open space.

Tom: I would like to open for Friday night dinners. When we can increase our budget that would be a possibility.

Bill: That would be great to come up here and eat on Friday nights, it will add to our revenues.

Tom: I did a Friday night special at Quaboag that went over very well. I would need to hire more staff to run it.

Dan: I would look forward to bringing my wife up here instead of going to some of the local restaurants.

Bill: Tom came up with a great idea to build a patio outside next to the putting green. People could go outside and enjoy the view.

Dean: How many years do you think we can get out of the carts?

Tom: They are taking a beating due to the wetness, mud and cart paths. Some of the batteries are dying and the GPS systems need to be removed. Most of them don't work.

Dan M.: Can we replace 5 at a time?

Tom: I leased the carts at Chicopee every so many years. If you buy a few at a time, the players are always looking for the new carts. We are better off trading the carts in when they are in decent shape which would lower the cost of lease. We are looking at 2-4 years down the road.

Dan Shay: We need to repair some of the paths which will help our carts last.

Bill: Dan Shay, what is the status of the sixth hole? The water is diverted into the neighbor's lawn. I was approached by the neighbor asking how we are going to fix the problem.

Dan Shay: working with DPW to have them come in and help divert the water. We have to wait until the course dries out.

Dan Shay: The second hole is unplayable with all the water. We need to get in there and do drainage and put in a new cart path. It is a big project that could take a couple of years to fix.

Dean made a motion to approve the last meeting minutes seconded by Dan Michaels all in favor.

Please see attached flyer and reports
The next meeting TBA