

## **BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL**

### **GOLF SUBCOMMITTEE**

There was a regular meeting of the above referenced subcommittee held on Monday, April 27, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room #5, Bloomfield Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT.

Committee members present were: Councilors Rivers, Merritt, Seldon and Neuwirth, Jon Colman, Mark Jacobs, Mark Mansur and Ciaran Carr

Also present were: Matt Mace, Director of Leisure Services, Spencer Healy, Assistant Superintendent of Wintonbury Hills Golf Course and India Rodgers, Clerk of Council

Guest: Robert Berman

Absent were: Ryan Phelps and Brad Klein

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Councilor Merritt, seconded by Councilor Seldon and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of March 23, 2015.

### **STATUS OF PROPERTY**

#### **March 2015 Monthly Review**

Mr. Ciaran Carr, General Manager of Wintonbury Hills Golf Course gave a brief financial review for March 2015. The course is on budget with no outstanding issues. There was no income reported for the month of March, due to the delayed opening of the course on April 10, 2015. Currently, revenues are behind approximately \$34,000 for prior year. However, labor expenses are under budget \$15,000. Overall, the course is \$27,000 behind prior year and \$25,000 behind budget.

At the end of March 2015, the operating cash reserve was approximately \$38,907.

Management noted changes with recent twilight pass sales and an increase in seven day pass holder and couples sales during the month of March for the upcoming season.

#### **Course Maintenance**

Mr. Mark Mansur, Superintendent for Wintonbury Hills Golf Course reported that the grounds are doing exceptionally well based on the harsh winter climate.

Mr. Mansur noted that many other courses are sharing their experiences regarding winter damage from a turf perspective.

Wintonbury Hills Golf Course has a bank grass turf which is intact and firm. Mr. Mansur also stated that arrogation is on target, sand was added to the bunkers and additional staff will be hired as the season progresses.

The native areas will be cut for an extended period of time to pre-treat and curatively treat various areas. He further stated that the course is in preparation for the Audubon Recertification process in creating habitat for endangered wildlife and bird species.

Mr. Mansur gave a brief update regarding new maintenance equipment received on April 23, 2015. In addition, the new golf carts arrived late from initial delivery date. The course was impacted financially with the late arrival of the carts. The golf cart vendor, Club Car provided gas carts as an alternative to golfers for the late delivery.

### **Marketing**

Mr. Carr reported that Wintonbury Hills Golf Course will continue to sponsor and support local events such as the Dan Novaar Memorial Event, Men's Club Association Membership and the newly added 2015 Casper Cup in honor of the late Billy Casper.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **Carmen Arace Middle School Golf Team**

Councilor Rivers and Mr. Carr reported that the Middle School Golf Team has been approved and will be funded for the upcoming school year. Mr. Carr will tentatively meet with Dr. James Thompson, Superintendent of Bloomfield Public Schools to discuss funding options.

Mr. Jim Lehmann of Duncaster Resident Association has also interested in supporting and contributing funding to the middle school team in form of possible scholarship for apparel and equipment.

Advertisement for this team will begin in the near future for interested youth and families to participate.

#### **Bloomfield High School Golf Team**

Mr. Mark Jacobs gave a brief update regarding the status of the high school golf team. All youth were given golf clubs and have participated in two tournaments thus far. Approximately eight youth have applied for jobs at golf course, who are also dedicated and committed in learning more about the game of golf.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

“Celebrate Bloomfield” will begin on May 30, 2015 – June 6, 2015. The Wintonbury Hills Golf Course will host “Dinner under the Stars” on Saturday, June 6, 2015. This dinner will also serve as a marketing opportunity for the course to showcase the restaurant and facilities to town residents. The tickets are \$25 per person.

The World's Largest Golf Outing – Wounded Warriors Project will be held on August 10, 2015. Mr. Carr gave a brief description of the purpose of this event. However it was noted that there has been some concerns of current pass holders regarding available tee times and receipt of donations to actual soldier needs.

**It was moved by Councilor Merritt, seconded by Councilor Seldon and voted unanimously to set the price point at \$90.00 for the Wounded Warriors Project event to be held in August 2015.**

The committee briefly discussed an issue regarding property insurance coverage for a fence and tree removal that fell on neighbor's property.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Councilor Merritt, seconded by Councilor Seldon and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.