

VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH
GOLF ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES of February 10, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Mathison at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

A. Present:

Absent:

Stephen Mathison – Chairman

Rich Pizzolato – Vice Chairman

Curtis Witters – Secretary

David Talley – Member x

Jeff Irish – Member

Jeff Egizio – Member x

Landon Wells - Member

B. Staff Members Present:

Allan Bowman, Director of Golf

C. Council Members Present:

D. Public Present:

Jerry Pierman

Lorraine Rocamboli

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the January 13, 2020 were approved 5-0.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Golf Report. Allan Bowman, Director of Golf, delivered his report.

Allan Bowman discussed a plan for remediation of the failing pond banks and bunker faces on the golf course. The Latitude 36 grass has proven to be unable to hold the slope in these locations and need to be replaced. The estimated cost is \$250,000 for the pond banks and \$250,000 for the bunker faces.

Allan met with Brightview concerning the problem. Brightview proposes to re-grade, stabilize, and re-grass the pond banks and bunker faces for a cost of \$500,000.

Allan is going to propose the following terms to the Village Council:

1. \$125,000 will be paid to Brightview to begin the work.
2. Brightview will then schedule and begin the work
3. The contract of Brightview with the Village with then be extended for one additional year.
4. The balance of the cost of the project, \$375,000 will be paid to Brightview in 40 monthly payments, without interest. The monthly payment will be slightly more than \$9,000.

The Golf Advisory Board voted 4-1 to recommend the proposed plan.

Until the repairs are made the golf course will continue to have a local rule that bunker faces are played as ground under repair.

Allan reported that the Golf Advisor has rated North Palm Beach Country Club as the most improved course in Palm Beach County.

Through the assistance of Paul Pignato, the golf course obtained as-built plans from the 2006 renovation. With these plans, we were able to locate 21 couplers for use in watering the course.

V. DISCUSSION TOPICS

Membership

The Club is full with 210 members.

We are sending out letters to the people on the wait list requiring a deposit of \$250 in order to remain on the list. That deposit would be applied to the cost of membership when the individual's name is reached. If they were to decline the membership, they would receive a merchandise credit in the golf shop.

Lenore Dingle is sending out letters to the first fifty Village residents on the wait list, offering them a Village Restricted Resident Golf Membership. That membership will cost \$1,600 and will allow unlimited golf from May 1st until the end of daylight savings time (member needs to pay walking or cart fees). In Peak Season – memberships would pay Resident Fee Rates.

Lorraine Rocamboli asked a question regarding what would constitute a Village Resident. That matter will be referred to the Village Attorney for an answer.

Suspension of Member

Allan reported that he is requesting that the Village Council to approve a 45-day suspension for a member of the Club. That person has had two previous warnings concerning his conduct. He has called members of the staff names. He has confronted a cart girl and he has been put out of the Farmer's Table on several occasions for inappropriate conduct towards female staff of the restaurant.

The Golf Advisory Board approved the recommendation 5-0.

Allan also reported that for the next annual budget of the course, he will include a new position for an additional assistant golf professional.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be March 16, 2020.

Minutes by Curtis L. Witters, Secretary.