

**Golf Course Committee Meeting November 16, 2018**  
**9 AM, Conference Room, Bldg. A.**

Members present: Ray Struck, Jan Kiernan, Richard Frey, John Delaney, Sue Daughtrey, Mike Poellot, Janis LeCompte, Ron Burke, Laura Lee Pixton, Paul Swinson, and Barbara Nilsen.

Members Absent: Mickey Wagle

Staff present: Tom Bevans, Golf Course Superintendent

Others present: Dave Needham, Ken Peters.

- ❖ **Scott Steele, Director of Golf**, submitted information via email to be shared .

Highlights were:

- GMS has hired Pat Smythe as Director of Maintenance starting November 26, 2018. Tom Bevans will remain as Superintendent with the same duties. Three full-time associates were also added to staff to bring it up to normal size of fourteen.
  - The contracted nine #2 Tees are completed with the exception of #6 which was made larger. They should be ready for play sometime in December. Orientation of these tee appears proper with the exception of hole #18 which will be corrected.
  - The test bunkers at Montgomery Practice area are sodded, reshaped, and asphalt liners are installed. Scott intends to impart more information to our members about the effectiveness of their drainage.
  - Thirty more trees are to be trimmed and serviced by Juan Heredia.
- ❖ **Tom Bevans, GMS Course Superintendent**, reviewed his most recent weekly report. In addition to the above items and the normal maintenance items the highlights included:
    - Slit seeding in the fairways and roughs is proceeding.
    - Twenty-five tons of sand for the bunkers should arrive soon.
    - He noted an ongoing problem with the drip tubing around the bunkers being too shallow causing it to be damaged with aeration equipment.
    - The lakes and ponds are not being refilled by design to assess the rate of water leakage from these features which is substantial because of holes in the liners. There are also tons of biomass present in these areas based on years of accumulation with no previous removal performed. Tim Sullivan, General Manager, in a brief cameo appearance at the very beginning of the meeting addressed these issues emphasizing the scope of the problem and potential costs to rectify it.

- He will be placing a new “Card Box” with pencils and scorecards on the tee box at hole #3.
- ❖ The form for use by the Committee as a checklist of Course Conditions was discussed and approved.
- ❖ Ron Burke reported that the **Volunteer Course Beautification** group continues to work on coordinating and refining planting designs for the Monument Markers. The ceremony for the memorial tree planting for Lin Maltbie was well received and he encouraged further advancement of a memorial tree program in sync with future Golf Course design plans.
- ❖ Several members commented that the completed **#2 tee on hole number seven** should be reevaluated as the nearby tree is interfering with the tee shot. This will be done.
- ❖ Janis LeCompte, Sue Daughtrey, and Barb Nilsen volunteered to do a review of the **Short Course** prior to our next meeting in January. They will seek the assistance/input of a player who uses it regularly in their assessment.
- ❖ Work will be done for repair of the **Ramps on holes five and ten** and two bridges commencing in the next few weeks.
- ❖ Dave Needham reported that dogs will be coming back soon to address the **Goose Problem** and that three lasers have been placed in the lake on #6 & #7.
- ❖ Pending final Board approval **Mike Poellot** has agreed to chair the Golf Course Standing Committee of the Villages Golf Committee in 2019,

Next GCC Meeting: Friday, January 18, 2019, @ 9 AM in Conference Room, Bldg. A.

Next VGC Meeting: Friday, November 30, 2018, @ 9 AM in Montgomery Center.

Submitted: Ray Struck, Chairman