

GOLF COMMISSION- Long-Term Plan Subcommittee
Thursday, June , 2024, 9:00am
Smith Richardson Conference Room
Fairfield, CT

DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Mike Herrington, Bob Gorman, Lori Mongelluzzo, Bob Bigonette, Peter Grace, Anthony Calabrese

The meeting was called to order by Mike Herrington at 9:00am.
The minutes from the May 20, 2024 meeting were approved.

Top Priority: the scope of the Long-Term Plan Subcommittee's project and agreed that this will include everything under the purview of the Golf Commission – H. Smith Richardson, Carl Dickman Par Three and the driving range area. We agreed that the nominal time frame was 10 years following the current budget cycle. The current budget is 2025-26, so the project time frame is from 2026 to 2036. This is subject to revision as the content of the plan is developed.

Bob Bigonette's financial data of both courses was presented as well as the overall data for rounds at Connecticut courses. Smith ranked #1 in rounds played. It is estimated that both courses will operate in the black thru 2025.

Today's main focus was what was the project plan and what are we going to focus on.

There was a question of the raising of rates and it has been \$1/year for the last few years. Smith is comparable to Tashua Knolls. The non-resident rounds/revenue does help subsidize the bottom line.

Peter was questioned about equipment replacement and he said yes that would be an operating cost which Anthony contributed that revenue will be added to the operating costs. Current drainage projects also currently being done by Peter and his team under the current operating costs.

Capital Projects have to be \$100,000 so we may need to combine small projects to make it a capitol project.

- The project list is key. Mike is going to reorganize and update the list. Several projects were crossed off the list as they have been completed.
- It's expected that other projects will pop up on a 10 year plan

Bunkers:

- \$1,000,000 project: 4-5 every year to be repaired/\$100,000 per year over 10 years
- Want to outsource the project as Peter only has 2 FT employees
- Bob Bigonette will work on quotes on pricing

Cart Paths:

- 85% of the current paths need attention: replace vs. fixing
- #13 needs a path
- #14 has drainage issues
- Can the path on #6 & #10 be combined

- Discussing different ways to repair and should it be outsourced as asphalt companies work April-November so it would be during the season or near the end.
- Addressing it in pieces and possibly do 1/3 of the paths in a year
- Going to get some pricing for the next meeting
- Not going to address trees but just work thru existing trees within the capital project.

Question: how much work can be done within the plan?

Bathroom Facility:

- Between #6 & #10 tee: small astatically acceptable structure
- Bob B. suggested by the pumphouse

Swing Facility in Barn:

- Take out the lockers/estimate about \$5,000 project

Monuments that don't match the holes:

- Originally paid for by the men's club/Bob Gorman to bring it up to the club

Problem Greens:

- No pin spot on 1/3 of the green on #15

Anthony mentioned dredging of the ponds and asked if there was anything at the driving range to include as there is a need to repolled the building as well as expand parking.

Par 3 Course:

- Only project proposed is to replace the fence but the bunkers also need attention
- John Johnson will be invited to the next meeting
- Would this be part of the capital project?
- P3 will be added to the project list
- Checking with Zak

All meetings will be held in the conference room in the HSR clubhouse. The next scheduled meeting are:

Tuesday, June 18 at 8:00 AM

Monday, July 1 at 9:00 AM

Monday July 15 at 9:00 AM

Monday July 29 at 9:00 AM

Respectfully submitted.

Lori Mongelluzzo