

Town of St. Germain

Minutes of the April 6, 2016 Meeting of the Golf Course Committee

1. Call to Order – the meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm by the Committee Chairman, Tom Christensen.
2. Roll Call; Establish A Quorum – Roll Call, Margo Rogers-Anderson, Aaron Becker, Jim Swenson and Tom Christensen.
3. Open Meeting Verification – Tom Christensen stated that he posted the meeting before 5:30pm on April 5, 2016.
4. Approval of the Agenda with the order left up to the discretion of the Chairman – A motion was made by Jim Swenson that was seconded by Margo Rogers-Anderson, to approve the agenda as presented with the order left up to the discretion of the Chair, voice vote and the motion passed.
5. Approve Minutes of Past Meetings – A motion was made by Aaron Becker that was seconded by Jim Swenson, to approve the minutes of March 9, 2016 Golf Course Committee Meeting, voice vote and the motion passed.
6. Citizen's Comments – Citizens are encouraged to share their concerns and ideas with the Committee. Please limit your comments to five minutes or less. – There were no citizen's comments.
7. Discussion/Action Items
 - a. Review the current bills for recommendations to the Town Board for payment. The Committee reviewed the bills presented by Margo Rogers-Anderson and Aaron Becker. A motion was made by Jim Swenson that was seconded by Margo Rogers-Anderson to recommend to the Town Board that these reviewed bills be approved for payment, voice vote and the motion passed.
 - b. Report and recommendations from Margo Rogers, Golf Pro.

Golf Pro Report – 4/6/16

- 1) Golf cart batteries were supposed to be installed tomorrow but they have postponed the date to April 22nd because of the snow.
- 2) I am meeting with GolfNow tomorrow at 9:30 on a conference call to set up on-line specials and promotions for the season.
- 3) Glitch in the 2016 version of GolfNow that has to do with the credit cards on the ETS side. Fix should be available within a week or two.
- 4) Discussion about new way of accepting credit cards when the internet and/or electricity stops working and the possible purchase of a small generator.
- 5) Product is starting to come in and we are continuing to get it labeled and on the floor. Shop should be fully stocked by early to mid May.
- 6) Junior golf letter will be going out tomorrow. The program is already full. Also, will be sending instructions for parents to log onto LPGA girls golf and register their girls for the nationwide program. For \$16 they will receive \$40 worth of golf gift items such as a hat, hat clip, divot tool, tote bag, rules made easy, plus other items but also, the membership gets them into any LPGA tour event in the world for free. We are one of five official sites in the state of Wisconsin.
You can check out the initiative at LPGA.com and then click on Girls Golf.
- 7) I have been working on plans and schedules for all summer leagues.
- 8) I have been in touch with Channel 12, Channel 9, Coyote, NRG and all of the various print advertising reps that I deal with to finalize plans for the season's ad campaign.
- 9) This is Masters Weekend so I'll be sending out Tweets, Posts and Blogging to try to get people excited about getting out to golf soon.
- 10) We are still planning on opening the driving range on the 15th of April if the snow melts and Aaron can get his staff out there for cleanup and the prep required to open. If we can open earlier, we will.
- 11) My staff is anxious to get started. We just need it to stop snowing.
 - c. Report and recommendations from Aaron Becker, Golf Superintendent.

St. Germain Golf Club Maintenance Report 4/6/16

Weather Summary for March

Early March brought mild temperatures with a gradual thaw. By the 3/14, 90% of the snow was gone. Later that week, we then settled into a period of wet snow (4") and cold. The last 10 days of the month brought rain, mild temperatures, and then back to cold/snow.

Current Conditions

We are currently awaiting a milder stretch of weather. Soil temperatures continue to decrease with colder weather and frequent snow showers.

Greens:

-Greens are in good shape coming out of winter. A granular fungicide was applied 3/28-3/29 in preparation for cool and snowy weather. Our fungicide in early November for snow mold prevention had been down for almost 150 days and potentially could be no longer effective. We will potentially verti-cut the greens and apply a light topdressing once soil temperatures are consistent.

Fairways/Approaches

-Fairways wintered well, with only spotty sections of snow mold. Fairways will be monitored with current weather pattern and potentially sprayed for a spring clean-up application if ground conditions allow.

Tees:

-Tees fared the same as the fairways and will see a similar mode of action.

Bunkers:

-Bunkers are awaiting a clean out and wash out repair.

Rough:

-Nothing new to report

Projects to wrap up in the spring

-Backfilling the drainage project with topsoil and sodding the surface layer

-Remove dead Red Pines, #1 and #17

-Stump grind work

-Core aerify the driving range tee and topdress heavy

Winter/Off-Season Work

-Bob has headed up the sanding and repainting of all of our ball washers. All other course accessories have been hand washed and stored in Rubbermaid bins. They have been organized and labeled for easy access throughout the year. We have made tremendous gains in the storage areas of the buildings. Our accessories are now together in one section of shelving and protected from dust and other debris.

-The granular fertilizer room will be consolidated this week. Our goal is to make more room to store a few different tractor implements. We are making space for the arrival of the new rough mower.

-The tool/repair section of the main shop will be deep cleaned and rearranged ahead of the crew returning. This is a process I would like to do 3 times a year following the busy season, repair season and mid-way through the summer. It involves organizing any loose products or tools, pulling machines/storage boxes away from the wall, sweeping, mopping, power washing and placing items back once dry. This will prevent any large build-up of debris and give our repair tools a longer life.

Miscellaneous:

-Our Toro 4500D rough mower is ready for delivery from Appleton within the next 2 weeks.

-Still searching for a rotary cutter for the smaller Kubota tractor

Future ideas:

-None at this time, focusing on 2016 season starting

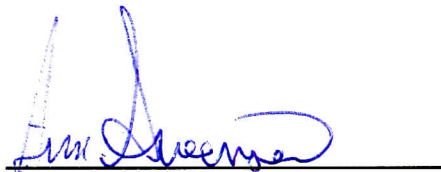
- d. Recommendation to the Town Board to Setup Irrigation System Replacement Fund. – A motion was made by Jim Swenson that was seconded by Aaron Becker to recommend to the Town Board to set aside the funds in the “Golf Course Money Market” account to be used for the replacement of the golf course irrigation system, voice vote and the motion passed.
8. Committee Member Concerns – There were no additional Committee Member Concerns at this time.
9. Next Regular Committee Meeting Date – May 4, 2016, 5:30 pm, Room 5 Community Center
10. Adjourn – A motion was made by Margo Rogers-Anderson that was seconded by Tom Christensen to adjourn, voice vote and the motion passed.



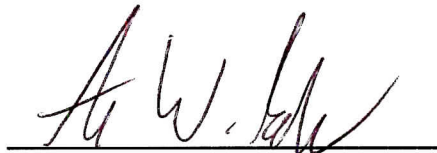
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Committee Chairman



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Aaron Becker
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