

Town of St. Germain

Public Notice

Minutes of the August 9, 2016 meeting of the Golf Course Committee

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order 6:01pm by Committee Chairman Tom Christensen.
2. Roll Call, Establish a Quorum – Roll Call, Margo Rogers-Anderson, Aaron Becker, Jim Swenson and Tom Christensen, there were no citizens in attendance.
3. Open Meeting Verification - Tom Christensen stated that he posted the meeting before 5:00pm on August 8, 2016.
4. Approval of the Agenda with the order left up to the discretion of the Chairman – A motion was made by Aaron Becker that was seconded by Jim Swenson, to approve the agenda with the order left up to the discretion of the chair, voice vote and the motion passed.
5. Approve Minutes of Past Meetings – There were no minutes ready for approval.
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 meeting was held after the Town Board meeting so the committee did not review any of the bills.
 - b. Report and recommendations from Margo Rogers, Golf Pro.
 1. Review with the committee the budget status.
 2. Reviewed with the committee the GolfNow performance report.
 3. Reviewed with the committee the sales numbers July 2015 vs. July 2016.
 4. Compared and reviewed the year to date reports from 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 compared to 2016.
 5. July this year had more storms that affected play compared to July last year.
 6. So far the month of August has started out better than last year.
 7. Championship week is coming up next week.
 8. The girls/junior golf has two sessions left. The parent/junior event was a success with 48 players in attendance.
 9. We had a good turnout for the Bridgestone ball fitting day and the Taylormade demo day is scheduled for Saturday August 20, 2016.
 10. Upcoming events are the Women's Fall Scramble, Chamber Outing and Senior Ryder Cup.
 - c. Report and recommendations from Aaron Becker, Golf Superintendent.

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Weather Summary for July

Average high temperature for July was 79.2 degrees. Coldest high was Friday 7/6 @ 68 degrees. Warmest high was Friday 7/22 @ 91 degrees. We experienced very consistent rain the entire month of July. We saw two windy storms that brought down a fair amount of smaller branches and debris. We had three rainouts where the crew was sent home after being at work for only 2 hours.

July rainfall: 4.94"

Current Conditions

Greens:

-Greens are in excellent shape currently. General maintenance continues weekly.

Fairways/Approaches:

-Fairways are in good shape. I have experimented with new fertilizer blends to maximize uniform color in our 6 varieties of grass. We have also identified isolated dry soil areas that will require selective aerification this fall. We will then spread sand to fill in the holes, establishing sand and root channels allowing water to percolate through better. This is very similar to what we did last year on our drought ridden tees and approaches. The results have been great this year in those areas. We have found a good stronghold of rocks beneath these dry spots as well.

Tees:

-Tees are in good shape. We have begun re-contouring the shape of each tee box. Over many years, greens mower operators have made the tees larger than they originally intended to be. This results in wobbly edges, sloped edges, and odd shaped surfaces. We are reducing the size of most tee boxes that have tee height grass that is now on a down slope. We have started to paint the new edges and perimeters weekly. We are training our mowers to dial in their edge and respect the new border.

Bunkers:

-Bunkers are in excellent shape. We saw 5 waves of heavy washouts in July due to rain downpours. This translated to weekly repairs. This typically requires 5-6 hours of labor each event to repair the damage.

Rough:

-The rough is in good shape. The hot stretch of weather from July 20th through July 26th did dry out certain sections that do not receive irrigation or mounds that take abuse from cart traffic and high sun.

Irrigation

-I am planning to re-map our irrigation system layout late fall and next spring. We have an original as-built map from when the course(s) were constructed. We have found that many of the piping and heads do not match up with what is in the ground. Re-mapping involves locating every single one of the 386 heads on the property and labeling where it lays on a Google earth image/aerial photo map. Our current reference as mentioned is inaccurate and when an upgrade is in order there will be less confusion and question marks.

-**See attached sheet on status of pumps

Projects

--Stump grind work is complete at the back of the driving range and #1 cart path near the green

--We then rough graded the driving range expansion area and stock piled any junk organic matter. This material will be hauled away at a later time. Eventually we will fine grade it and establish seed.

--We created a washed rock/fieldstone bordered walking area from the cart path by #1 green where the oak stumps had been ground out

--The construction of the new ladies tee on 18 is complete. The new tee area was sprayed with round up 3 weeks ago, and then was shaped with topsoil, 80/20 mix and then seeded. The banks on the perimeter were then backfilled and formed. We were able to utilize our new laser level to help us establish a uniform hitting surface. This tee will most likely open in the spring of 2017.

--We have 105 feet of subsurface drainage installed along the cart path and red/yellow tee on #2. We have a 12" diameter basin set in our low point and then a 4" line that runs out of the basin along the tee box and feeds down into the hollow in front of the red/yellow tee. We have also installed a matching step from the cart path up to the tee box. This was phase II of the #2 tee box project. Last year, within a week of the current date, we added a step up to the white tee box and split rail fence/potato rock to clean up the area and prevent carts from driving up on the tee box. We also added a bench/ball washer rock feature in this region to provide a sitting area for the women/senior golfers. This project was aided in laying drain tile with our new laser level and also locating irrigation pipe to go under with our new wire locator.

--We have added drainage to a wet spot along the cart path on #17. This was an area where a stump or tree debris has been rotting for years. We removed the organic material 6 feet down and installed a basin and washed rock to collect and disperse surface water.

--We have brush cut the right and left side of the driving range. This has allowed for Margo's staff to find range balls easier.

--Construction of the new Mulligan's area short game facility is still being planned for early August

Miscellaneous

-None at this time

Future ideas

-None at this time

Did you know/Worth mentioning?!


-On Championship Sunday at the 2016 British open the greens were rolling at 9' 8." Not one complaint was heard. (Perhaps because the scoring record was broken at what is supposed to be one of the golfing world's most challenging tournaments)

d. Review Budget Performance - No further review was done at this time.

8. Committee Member Concerns – There were no additional committee concerns at this time.

9. Next Regular Committee Meeting Date – September 8, 2016 at 6:00pm

10. Adjourn – A motion was made by Aaron Becker that was seconded by Jim Swenson at 7:45pm to adjourn, voice vote and the motion passed.



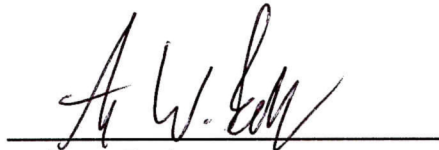
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