

**Glendale Lakes Golf Club Committee Meeting Minutes
November 30th, 2023 at Glendale Lakes Golf Club**

Meeting called to order at 6:58pm by Chairman Pat Maritato. Chairman Maritato acknowledged and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Attendance: Mayor Chodri Khokhar, Trustee Chester Pojack, Trustee Bill Schmidt, Mr. Ed Lambke, Mr. Bob Hoffman, Ms. Cheryl Frauen, Mr. Paul Gasiiecki, Mr. Tom Lux, Mr. Keith Knautz (Director, Leisure Services), and Jennifer Ferrell.

Others present: Brian Trifilio and Rosemary Russell (Notes/Minutes).

Welcome/Introductions: Chairman Maritato acknowledged and welcomed everyone to the meeting including 3 new Committee Members. They are Ms. Cheryl Frauen, Mr. Paul Gasiiecki and Mr. Tom Lux. He then asked everyone at the meeting to introduce themselves to the new members. The new members also introduced themselves to the Committee and shared where they live in the community, as well as, how long they have lived in the community.

Public Discussion: None

Approval of Minutes 2.9.23 & 3.20.23: Mr. Ed Lambke motioned to approve the Minutes and Trustee Schmidt seconded. Chairman Maritato approved.

Monthly Management Reports: Jennifer Ferrell gave a re-cap of the Monthly Reports from February through October 2023. She discussed the arrival of new golf carts in the spring, the beginning of Belgio's 5-year contract for banquets at the golf course, repairs and renovations made throughout the year, Spring Fling/Turkey Shoot, the Annual Charity Classic Golf Outing and fundraiser, and high school golf 2023 at Glendale Lakes. Mr. Bob Hoffman then asked why didn't the golf course receive money back from EZ GO due to the cart color being incorrect? Keith Knautz stated he contacted and made that request and was told "no", however, he stated they offered 2 additional carts to add to the fleet of 77. Since that offer was rejected by the golf course EZ GO will be replacing all of the body panels on the golf carts from white to platinum in the month of December. Mayor Khokhar also questioned why didn't we negotiate for 2 new carts.

2024 Golf Outing Bookings: The list of 2024 Golf Outing Bookings was reviewed by the Committee. Jennifer Ferrell (Steve Solesky out ill) spoke regarding the outings for 2024. She stated there are currently 17 outings booked and that ninety-nine percent of our bookings come back the following year. Chairman Maritato asked the Committee if they had any questions.

New Business:

- A. Banquets:** Chairman Maritato stated that the Golf Course Committee is quite pleased with the outsourcing of banquets to Belgio's Catering. He also stated that this item will no longer be a standing item on the agenda. He wants to focus strictly on golf operations and the facility. Keith Knautz then explained briefly how the golf course is paid from Belgio's Catering. Trustee Bill Schmidt then asked who is in charge of the beverage cart and the front bar? He believes it is important for each of these areas to be available to our customers as often as possible. Jennifer Ferrell stated the golf course is in charge of the beverage cart and front bar. Staffing for each of these positions is where the issue lies, however, the golf course works diligently to give our patrons the best service possible.
- B. New Golf Cart Purchase Update:** Jennifer Ferrell stated the new panels for the carts are in the basement and will begin to be installed the week of December 4th.
- C. Bunker Renovation Plan/Tree Removal:** Chairman Maritato began by complimenting Brian Trifilio on how nice the course looks and how green the grass is. He is very pleased with the work the Grounds Department has put into the course this year. Jennifer Ferrell handed out pictures of holes 1 & 9. Brian Trifilio stated that these holes have been graded and will need seed blankets in the spring. Also, the #5 tree line has been taken back. Chairman Maritato wants to see the "Bunker Under Repair" signs on the course in the spring. Trifilio stated these signs are in the Pro Shop, however, more can be placed on the course. Mr. Lambke asked if the signs could

be cleaned up as he believes they look tacky. Chairman Maritato asked if we could get more sand to dress up the bunkers in the spring. Jennifer Ferrell then addressed the tree removal on the course. She stated that there are 9 or 10 trees (those with a red ribbon attached) that need to be removed. Keith Knautz added that most of the trees are in "out of play" areas.

- D. **High School Golf Summary:** Jennifer Ferrell began by stating that 5 high school teams play here Mondays thru Thursdays for 7 weeks (along with other competing teams). In 2023 this has given the golf course an estimated \$39,000 in additional revenue, along with the additional exposure to other schools. Chairman Maritato asked the Committee if they had any questions. Trustee Schmidt asked if Carol Stream residents come and play and receive a discount, to which, Keith Knautz stated "yes".
- E. **Satellite Sprinklers:** Brian Trifilio began by stating the system currently in place is over forty years old. The staff at the course has been replacing the sprinklers for over twenty years. He states there are 5 different controller bases but that only 2 work. We are getting the newest system of satellite sprinklers and in the final phase we will get new pipes, sprinklers and wiring. Chairman Maritato asked will the whole course be done at one time? Keith Knautz stated that we need to get the cost from the company. However, he is hoping to replace 9 and then another 9 in order to keep the course open for the revenue.
- F. **2024 Golf Rates:** Jennifer Ferrell proposes a \$2 increase for 2024. She read what rates comparable courses in our area will be charging for 2024 and they were all higher. She added that the minimum wage will increase by \$1 on January 1, 2024. She also stated that we are trying to be conscious of our senior groups hoping to get them to come more often. Bob Hoffman stated we need to have the bar open (with available food) at all times. Ed Lambke stated we need to advertise that we have 12 minute tees times in our promotions.
- G. **2024/2025 Budget Items:** Jennifer Ferrell began by asking the Committee if they had any suggestions regarding improvements/upgrades to the course. Chairman Maritato stated he would like to have the concrete patios sealed (perhaps with an epoxy sealer). Also, the fence along the back doors of the property need to be replaced for which we already have the material.
- H. **2024 Charity Classic Date:** Jennifer Ferrell stated the date will be August 8th 2024. She also stated that we need to revamp and form a Committee over the winter. Chairman Maritato stated we need to separate this Committee from the golf course and that we need to engage more businesses from Glendale Heights to bring new people to the event. He also reported that the Board of the Village has approved status to become a 501(C)(3) for this event. This needs to be finalized by the VOGH lawyers.
- I. **2024 GLGC Meeting Dates:** Jennifer Ferrell stated she would like to send out a reminder a month before an upcoming meeting to insure all Committee members can attend. Chairman Maritato stated he would like to have the agenda ready prior to the meeting so it can be picked up in advance by Committee members.

Adjournment: Without further discussion Chairman Maritato asked for an adjournment of the meeting. Ms. Cheryl Frauen motioned to adjourn and Mr. Ed Lambke seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.