

SUGAR CREEK ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MINUTES

AUGUST 25 2020

Mr. McDermott called the meeting at 6:02 P.M. Before the roll was called, **Mr. McDermott** explained that the Board had the official ability to have this virtual meeting because of the gubernatorial disaster proclamation due to the Coronavirus 19.

PRESENT: Joe Colmone, Greg Gola, Brian McDermott, Christine Murphy, Gary Schiefer, Tim Sheehan, and Charlie Van Slyke

ALSO PRESENT: Dave Anderson, Manager, Kevin Goss, Superintendent and Jean Paprocki, Recording Secretary

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Christine Murphy who represents Villa Park

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR July 28, 2020

A motion to approve the minutes as amended with the removal of Bob Allen from the Board Member's was made by **Gary Schiefer** and seconded by **Greg Gola**. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The public was invited to join but would have to email that request prior to the meeting, and no requests were received.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

MONTHLY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Golf continues to surge and it is being attributed to a combination of work schedules, in which people are mainly working from home, and pent-up energy with so many restrictions in place. The country has seen an increase in nine-hole rounds of 15% while we have seen greens fees revenues up 35% and driving carts revenues up 27% compared to the same time period last year. The driving range has also seen a 41% increase over last August. We are at the peak of our golf season with 22 playable days out of the last 23 days and revenues for August 23 up \$21,000 compared to August last year. Although the driving range is limited to 12 spots, the revenues for June, July, and August are up 25% over last year. High school golf teams have started practice with York Girls and Willowbrook boys, but it is scheduled on a day to day basis. Also, typically, August and September are popular for outings, but all gatherings are limited to 50 people which impacts shotgun starts. A few reservations for small banquets have been made for September.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

The past two months have been hot and dry. Rainfall has been below average with $\frac{3}{4}$ of the rain in August falling in two days putting stress on our irrigation system as our water supply is

being depleted. Our pump is old but replacing it is expensive. Kevin looked at using the city water for irrigation purposes and watering the course would require 125,000 gallons of water a night which would be prohibitive with a cost of thousands of dollars. Projects this month included hand watering, working on the irrigation system, picking up branches and removing damaged limbs, and mowing which was limited to twice a week. The derecho which occurred on August 10 caused damage to many trees. The wind mostly affects the weaker trees which are willows and box elders, and the course has a preponderance of willows. Because of the large number of willows which were damaged, Kevin will continue working on them through the winter.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET COMPARISON REPORT

The Board considered the Budget comparison Report for Period 7. **Brian McDermott** presented a review of the effects of the pandemic with a total revenue loss of \$208,110.31. Revenues for instruction which includes private lessons, driving range and Jr. Golf was down \$97,894.05 with Jr. Golf revenues having the biggest impact with a loss of \$88,495.95. The other area showing large losses of revenue was with merchandise, leagues, beer and wine, pro shop, food and soft drinks with a loss of \$64,707.20. **Joe Colmone** asked if tents could be used as an option for gatherings with the response that most people are still fairly skittish about resuming social gatherings. The motion to accept the July Income Statement was made by **Joe Colmone** and seconded by **Charlie Van Slyke**. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, September 22 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by **Gary Schiefer** and seconded by **Tim Sheehan**. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,