

SUGAR CREEK ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MINUTES

APRIL 27, 2021

**Mr. McDermott** called the meeting at 6:05 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: Greg Gola, Brian McDermott, Christine Murphy, Gary Schiefer  
and Charlie Van Slyke, who wasn't able to join into the meeting until the manager's report

ALSO PRESENT: Kevin Goss, Superintendent and Jean Paprocki, the Recording Secretary

ABSENT: Joe Colmone, Tim Sheehan, and Dave Anderson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 25, 2021

A motion to approve the minutes 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:

**Brian McDermott** presented the manager's report. Warm temperatures resulted in an early spike in revenues for rounds and cart fees. With 12 ½ more playable days through April 22, green fees and cart revenues exceeded the 5-year average by \$34,728 with the number of rounds being the second highest in 5 years. The revenue is \$41,055 from rounds and cart rentals through April 22 and year-to-date revenue is \$58,193. Also, now that restrictions have been lifted with the new Phase 4 guidelines, a few banquet rentals have been taken with a 50-person maximum. Plans for Jr. Golf Camp are being finalized with vacant spots being filled to maximize full capacity. An additional 18 various instructional classes have opened with \$25,000 in revenue collected for these classes.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Both March and April have been warm and dry with April above average in temperatures by an average of 3 degrees. The dry conditions allowed the completion of the well project and work is now being done to repair the irrigation system. Other projects for the month included dealing with fuel supply, equipment repairs, and mowing turf which includes greens being mowed daily while fairways, tees, and roughs mowed twice weekly.

The installation of the well pump was completed on April 5<sup>th</sup> with most of the costs for the project being debited from the 2020 budget under Plumbing Repairs, and the additional cost for the final install of \$2,676.45 appearing under Plumbing Repairs in the 2021 budget.

The underground storage tank project is still ongoing with an additional 4 feet of soil removed from around and below the tank area, which is 164 tons of soil, and disposed of properly. All necessary reports have been filed with the OSFM and we are officially eligible for the LUST Fund which will cover clean-up costs which are projected to be approximately \$25,000 with a \$5,000 deductible. The reimbursement is not expected until 2022. The next step is to hire a company to complete the survey and design the tank for the permit application. The use of the pickup trucks in the interim to supply our gas needs has been both inefficient and costly.

Kevin then used the zoom meeting and use of pictures to illustrate two of the challenges facing the course in the future. Because water is essential for a golf course, he presented the problems with the creek running through the course. He began with the historical background of the creek from 1939 and how urban development has changed it causing sedimentation and widening of the creek. Our pond was 5 feet deep in 1970 and now can't support a fountain with 18 inches of water, and the shoreline in 2018 is 8-10 wider than 2002 in most places. Our two major issues are sedimentation and our shoreline structure deterioration. The increasing level of sediment will eventually make it impossible to get water from the creek to our course and our shoreline structure, which was an excellent prevention to our eroding shorelines was built in the 1980's, is deteriorated beyond repair. Living Water Consultants were hired in 2016 to produce a concept plan, and in 2018 they completed the engineering study and presented it to the Sugar Creek Board. We are waiting to hear about possible grants to begin this project. **Brian McDermott** added that we have received 2 small grants but both are dependent on us completing the project which is only possible with the large IEPA grant which is still pending. The last issue was equipment replacement. Our 2005 fairway mower is in poor condition and may soon stop running or require a new engine. Because of the costs involved with other projects and the prices of new mowers increasing significantly, Kevin has investigated several good used ones.

#### APPROVAL OF BUDGET COMPARISON REPORT

The Board considered the Budget Comparison Report through March. With most of the information already presented in the manager's report, the motion to accept the March Income Statement was made by **Charlie Van Slyke** and seconded by **Gary Schiefer**. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, May 25 at 6:00 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by **Gary Schiefer** and seconded by **Greg Gola** and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,