



## South Hadley Municipal Golf Commission

### Meeting Minutes

**Date:** April 10, 2018

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Venue:** South Hadley Recreation Department - Town Hall

Attendees: Mark Du Bois, Joan Hopkins, Mike Fontaine, Mike Wozniak, Andy Rogers, Chris Collins, James Hampton

1. Call to order - Mr. Du Bois called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm
2. Approval of minutes; March 20, 2018 - approved unanimously
3. Old business:
  - a. RFP: The meeting was held on March 27, 2018. Approximately 35 entities requested papers - all applications/proposals are due by April 30, 2018.
  - b. Staff 2018 season - The hiring practice has been different this year. This process has been streamlined and is working exceptionally well. Staffing currently is in a good place and interviews continue to build a strong staff for the golf season.
  - c. PGA Junior League - James is working with the Orchards this season and the Ledges team is linked with their team.
  - d. Opening 2018 - The opening has been positive. To date, the course has generated over \$12,000 just on the golf side since opening on March 29. Total revenue has exceeded \$20,000 to date. Organizationally, the opening has been a success as well. Annual passes - to date, 59 annual passes have been purchased. There has been an influx in young professionals and junior memberships.



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- e. Valley View – The kitchen opened a limited menu on Monday, April 9. Due to the large number of members in the Wednesday night league (104) the kitchen will begin this week with a few weekly specials to try and keep the majority of the league members after golf.
  - f. River Roll & Stroll: Sunday, May 6 – Len is managing this item.
4. New business
- a. Dog Park -
  - b. Plastic Bag Ban – Beginning July 1, the course will be in compliance with the new plastic bag regulations.
  - c. Leagues – There are two new leagues and two leagues from last year have decided not to return. It is difficult to measure right now if the number of rounds will be a bit higher or lower but the net difference should be small.
  - d. Events/Outings – There will be a Woman’s Clinic Thursday nights in May. There will be some new events this year and a few events will not be returning. There have also been some inquires regarding baby showers and some other non-golf events.
5. Golf course superintendents report – Mike started talking about the greens. The winter was tough on the greens. This coupled with some heavy play late last fall have started the season with the greens in some tough shape. The course is still dormant so no recovery on divots, etc. has begun. Mike is feeling a bit behind currently so he is hoping for some warmer temperatures in the near future. Currently, a large portion of the irrigation system is not working. This will be the number one priority to get this system operational throughout the course. A number of drain tiles have come up over the winter from frost heaves. Repairing these will also be a priority. Some of the cart paths are in tough shape due to the thawing and freezing. Mike will continue to grade as needed. Mike will also be looking for additional summer workers. All of the college workers from last year are not returning. Mike and his staff are motivated to get the course back in amazing condition.
6. Open Forum – N/A
7. Next meeting date: Tuesday, May 15, 2018



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8. Adjourn - The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm