

SUMMARY OF MEETING - July 10, 1972

GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE

The Meeting of the Golf Course Committee was called to order at 8:40 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Members present: Don Brooks, Dave Canfield, Fred Orrico and Judge Reed Shields and Larry Fischer, Supt.

Members absent: Paul McDevitt, Ray Phelan, Vincent Paccadolmi and Gino Torcellini

Chairman Don Brooks told Members that Tom Fazio was at the Site on Saturday meeting with Larry Fischer and Nemo who gave them some tips. The lake will be between 2nd green, cross 11th fairway, around 3rd green and intersect Mopus Brook. The idea is to make a channel across 11th and into the swamp. The lake can always be expanded at a later date. Nemo said he surveyed between 17th tee, and if you did that there would be no trees left at all, plus we would have to clean all of the trees, stumps and dig the lake.

Now, we need electricity and the consensus seems to be purchase of a generator. The merits of Diesel vs gas were discussed as was the high cost of CL & P estimates for their services. Mr. Orrico suggested coming in at Bensen Road with 3-phase and Larry Fischer thought that would be worth checking; the two of them will investigate. The general feeling is that we should pursue that avenue (generator) and the thought is that a new one could cost \$1500 to \$3000. The electric panels will be quite costly added Mr. Fischer. Mr. Torcellini had told Don Brooks previously that it cost Silver Spring \$2500 for 3-phase service for about a mile. Nemo mentioned that we can pick up a surplus generator through the General Services Administration (we would have to get our Congressman to do it for us) for around \$50 to \$100 and any electrician could service it.

Mr. Brooks told Members that Tom Fazio said that now that we have moved the lake, the engineers will have to redesign the irrigation system (no extra cost), relocate site for pump house, etc.

Don Brooks passed around an article he had seen in the "Times" re private beaches and golf courses being challenged by the N.Y. Civil Liberties Union in Court to open their facilities to non-residents in some cases. It was felt that this might be the time to seriously investigate the best possible ways to handle the situation to avoid problems at a future date, and Dave Canfield & Reed Shields will be a Committee of two for this purpose. It was suggested that they study especially Richter Park and Western Hills in Waterbury for ideas.

Mr. Brooks informed Larry Fischer that Gino Torcellini and Vincent Paccadolmi are a subcommittee to recommend what we are going to need in the way of equipment, and suggested that Mr. Fischer contact Gino Torcellini to discuss it with him. A recommendation should be made as to when such equipment should be purchased.

Don Brooks discussed with Members the desirability of having an acre of Finch's property. We need that little road that goes in there now; there is no room adjacent to the 17th fairway and tee. We do already have an easement for that area. Fred Orrico and Reed Shields will talk to Mr. Finch and see what might be done in that respect. (He was to have been given a map and it should be done.)

Tom Fazio will be in once a week now during the construction. Don will contact Members when Mr. Fazio will be available.

The Bernie Leighton property, 7 acres with house is on the market for \$135,000 and Members discussed offering them \$75,000 for it -- (but the house is small and would cost \$10,000 to renovate) the decision was not to bother at this time.

Mr. Torcellini had discussed with John Longden the idea that the Town Engineer design the entrance road. Mutual Land Development Corp. of Westport owns the land.

Larry Fischer made a progress report as follows: The tree man will be in tomorrow; it has been awfully wet for grubbing. There are several areas which need special attention (15th green, 9th fairway). The site is drying up very nicely and today all three machines were working--it is still too wet for pans. There was discussion re brush clearing and whether Nemo should push it out and bury it--Don wondered if the machine could get into area between 6th & 7th to clear it out and if this work wouldn't be better done now than at a future date, say in a year or two, when it would be more costly. The matter will be discussed with Nemo. The areas in question would be about 10' inside the wood line, and Larry agreed that such a cleared area gives air space and facilitates drying and drainage. There seems to be a slight disagreement between Nemo and Fazio re stump area and we will let Fazio solve that problem. Where we might run into trouble would be putting a number of stumps into the woods, between 14 and 13 for example. The "seeding timetable" was discussed and it is hoped that it can be completed by the end of September. Mr. Fischer and Nemo would like to see more topsoil on the tees and he will discuss "trading" fairway traps for topsoil.

The next Meeting will be on July 24th, two weeks from tonight.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10 p.m.

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