

TO: Golf Committee  
Joe McLinden  
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FROM: Don Brooks

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Sorry for any inconvenience caused by the cancellation of Monday's meeting. The Penn Central just wasn't cooperating that night, although it wasn't really much worse than "normal" lately.

Because of the cancellation, perhaps some updating of information is best handled this way.

The next meeting will be the one regularly scheduled on Sept. 11.

Tom Fazio was at the site on Thursday. It appears some of our fears about blasting have been alleviated. The sixth green has been shortened to the knoll to keep from blasting that area, an estimated cost of \$8,000 to \$10,000 otherwise. We are working around 14 and 16 and no blasting will be done there either. However, another problem appears on 13, but D'Agostino will put two machines on this area in hopes of preventing blasting. Otherwise, Tom says it will definitely have to be done. (I haven't inspected this area at this writing).

The construction equipment for dredging the lake arrived and that will start next week. Should be finished in about two weeks and material removed will be used for the third, second, 11th, and fourth green and third tee. Some of the material will no doubt be hauled to the back nine for fill in some of those fairways, etc.

A decision has been reached, and agreed to by Joe McLinden, that we will not run electricity to the pumping station. Rather a gasoline pump will be installed with capacity equal to what the original specifications called for. This will save considerable sums, although the electric will have to be added in a few years. The system installed now could always be used for backup.

The reasons for this is that we will definitely need to be pumping water in September on newly seeded area. Time does not permit the hooking of the electric system and it was planned to install some kind of temporary pump anyway. Therefore, the decision was made to install a good, new gasoline pump, rather than a used or rebuilt one as originally thought, and keep this in operation. The cost will be approximately \$5,000. This will save all the additional electric expense and we will receive a credit from D'Agostino for contract on the irrigation system. The exact figure has not been discussed with him. This all appears to our advantage since it will save us some much needed capital for other areas, equipment, underground drainage and other miscellaneous expenditures.

On another note, Fred Orricco has been in contact with the Craig property owners and perhaps has prospects of a deal for that property. (His efforts also have the backing of Joe McLinden, if the deal is satisfactory.) That would give us additional land and buildings and could save us some money for a maintenance barn, etc. There are many other advantages, also, but we will save verbiage here until Fred makes a report at the next meeting.

Sept. 1 marked the expiration of the Kraus agreement, and Joe McLinden has informed me that he has a letter from one of the financial institutions that the money is available, thus overcoming the last hurdle of that mess.

Work on the course has progressed markedly in the past two weeks. The irrigation system is well underway and topsoil is being put back around many of the green aprons, the traps have been roughed-in around the greens, and pipe has either been laid or the trenches dug on most of the tees and some fairways. Fairway grading is completed on the four holes closest to Ridgebury Road and work has started on others such as two and eight.

Underground drainage in the low areas of the sixth and seventh holes will also be put in. Joe McLinden has agreed to let the Town operator of the backhoe do this the week of Sept. 11 since they will have completed some other town projects at that time and we will not interfere. This shouldn't be a big job since only about 300 feet is involved, but it will save us about \$4,000 in cost from D'Agostino. Originally, Joe had told us he would let the town crew dig the trench to bring in electricity, so in a sense, this is a trade.

The material for the greens has been brought to the site and the mixing and screening will begin soon. The material will be hauled to each green, but final grading will not be done until seeding time. Some fairways will be seeded prior to the water system being hooked up, but tees and greens will not.

If any of you have any questions, feel free to call me and I encourage you to visit the site.

Don Brooks

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