

MEETING SUMMARY - GOLF COURSE CTTE.

The regular Meeting of the Golf Course Committee was held on Nov. 13, 1972 in the Town Hall. The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Brooks at 8:35 p.m.

Members present: Don Brooks, Paul McDevitt, Fred Orrico, Vincent Paccadolmi, Ray Phelan, Gino Torcellini and Judge Shields.

Absent: David Canfield, Larry Fischer

The first item of business for discussion was the Gracey Tree Company's suit against the Golf Course Committee. Town Counsel must appear next Tuesday in Court and then "file an answer" next in about fifteen days. Reed Shields will contact Town Counsel and attempt to set up an appointment with him to discuss this matter, over the weekend. Judge Shields commented on the excellent letter which Don Brooks had written in this regard.

Larry Fischer was unavoidably unable to attend the meeting and the Chairman briefly discussed the progress--which was limited due to the unusually heavy and constant rain this month. The irrigation work is completed except: 11th hole, 14th hole near tee area, and the 15th fairway, the ladies tee and the green on 15. At the very back part of 13 they ran into some rock. The only green not seeded: 13, 15, 16 & 2. The 2nd green is not done because there is material which came out of the lake on it which is still wet. They just started excavating 15 today, and just started filling over the top. It appears they are going to bury the stumps that came out of there. The entrance-road culvert is in and half of the parking lot has been stripped. We cannot do 6 & 7 drainage work until Mr. Green completes the marking; the rain makes staking work difficult too. After 6 area was filled drainage was good even with the heavy rainfall.

It was suggested that the Purchase Order for the triplex mower be sent now at the current price quoted, and that Mr. Torcellini and Mr. Paccadolmi think in terms of getting P.O.'s in for any other equipment which we will need early in the Spring.

The Chairman suggested that Mr. Torcellini and Mr. Fischer attend the Superintendents' Convention in January if possible.

It was so wet that very little has been done in two weeks but, with the exception of 15, we are in good shape as far as basic construction goes. Half of 6 and half of seven, in terms of fairways, are seeded.

The Pump arrived and was discussed, as was well as the whole picture of how much water will actually be needed for a season, how much we have, what "emergency measures" could be employed if for some unforeseen reason we were in short supply.

Mr. Orrico showed Members a drawing of a building 30 x 40, 1050 sq.ft. sold by Platt Lumber in Hawleyville for \$3020 (delivered, unassembled) which appeared to Members to be exactly what we need...right size, no maintenance problems for several years, easily delivered vs the difficult problems which might be encountered in moving the "free" buildings which were available.

Joseph McLinden told Don Brooks that there is a small building at Great Pond which we might use but he was told that it is too high to be moved without great expense, and too small for our purposes.

Ray Phelan was concerned about a wet area on the site coming across 7th to 6th and underground to the 12th. He feels that even another 18" of soil on top of the low area will not solve the problem and that in the Spring, water will back up on the 6th and 7th. Nemo doesn't want to fill it; only a few inches of topsoil has been put on there, and not 18". Larry Fisches says that it has to be raised; the stuff that is piled up on 7 could be put on there. Don Brooks intends to make this matter a top priority when Tom Fazio comes early next week, and he will take this up with Nemo.

Larry Fisher discussed a wet rather mucky area in front of the 14th tee, half-way between the "pimple" and the tee. It seems to be hard ground about two feet under there.**

Ray Phelan was unable to see Mrs. Dlhly regarding the property which she has that we would like for a practice area or driving range; he will keep trying.

Ray Phelan will find out from Mr. McLinden when the Town road crews will have some "light time"—this is an ideal time right now for us.

The secretary was asked to write a letter to Police Chief Haight requesting that spot-checks be made on the site after work crews left at night, and on Sundays, in an effort to keep people off the newly seeded areas.

Nemo wants to seed but Fazio doesn't want it done until we have water; the pump has been ordered.

Regarding equipment, Toro has a demonstrator we can use for tees. Mr. Fischer suggested that instead of buying a tractor and gangs, we purchase two National 3-gang units (\$1700 apiece) and use this until fairways are clean and won't damage new units. He will get together with Gino Torcellini in this regard and possibly at the next meeting, we could be given a complete list of what is needed so that we can get started. We should see the new equipment that is coming out because there are many changes in the new models. Larry Fischer really needs a 4-wheel pickup.

Don Brooks commented on the beautiful job the Barrell Bros. have done.

** Kolenchak told Mr. Fischer that he would take care of the "pimple" in one day if he was asked; Larry will ask him (\$880) and remind him that he had indicated that he would smooth out some ruts gratis.

There being no further discussion, the Meeting was adjourned at 10 P.M.