

The Ridgefield Golf Course Committee met at the Town Hall on Tues. March 19 at 8.00 p.m.

Members present; David Canfield, Mrs. Lodi Kysor, Ray Phelan, Gino Torcellini,
Vincent Paccadolmi & Reed Shields.

also; Jim Kaczinski

David Canfield opened the meeting by stating that the two major items tonight would be 1. The Clubhouse and 2. Causeway between 16th & 17th.

Dave asked Jim Kaczinski for a report on the work currently being done on the course and Jim said they were getting squared away with the equipment. Also, the clearing between the 11th and 12th was almost completed. Dave asked about drain-off damage and Jim thought there was very little. Vincent Paccadolmi stated that in his opinion many of the maintenance roads on the course were unnecessary and that some should be seeded. Jim said that the road nearest church would eventually be the main maintenance road, there will be one entrance to the barn and all others will be eliminated. Fred Orrico had use of town trucks and they will be used to dump fill needed on the 1st fairway. A loader would be required next and all this work should be completed in 2 days.

At this time, Dave Canfield introduced Mr. James Loughlin who is a member of The Owls. Mr. Loughlin is seeking a break on rates for Senior Citizens and stated that other area courses have given them discounts. He spoke of a \$1.00 rate in Nassau County and in Danbury the discount rate had been \$2.00. Mr. Loughlin thought that perhaps 100 senior citizens would probably be seeking a discount. He also stated that they realize that whatever the committee decided that it would be on the days least being used on the course. Mr. Phelan spoke on the importance of not allowing any interference with the maintenance work going on at the course. Mr. Canfield thanked Mr. Loughlin for his interest and a general discussion followed after Mr. Loughlin left.

Dave presented a list of the leagues that would be utilizing the course; Monday... Danbury Industrial, Tuesday... Perkin Elmer, Wednesday... Two leagues using course at different times, 1. Medallie Arts and 2. Benrus, Thursday ... Amphenol. All these leagues would be in the late afternoon. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Kysor that we allow the Senior Citizens age 65 and over to play at Dly Ridge Golf Course on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday between the hours of 9.30 a.m. and noon for a fee of \$2.00. Ray Phelan seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

An amount of \$3,900 has been spent on improvements to the 14th to date. Discussion followed on whether we should purchase a new mower or a used one. Jim thought in the long run that a new one would be the best idea but Gino was in favor of buying a used unit. Dave stated that the above figure of \$3,900 on the improvements to the 14th did not include topsoil and that would bring figure up to \$5,900. Discussion followed on the Causeway. Mr. Phelan spoke on how he thought the problem could be remedied. He had spoken with Mr. Ralph Nau who had quoted a figure of not more than \$1,200 to open up streambed for easement of water not more than 8ft wide and 3ft deep and that we were merely taking off brush and growth that was stopping the flow of water. On the causeway itself, Louis Fossi said he would like to have Mr. Jack Green give his point of view. Mr. Green had met with Ray Phelan and Fred Orrico at the course.

A total price for completion of entire project was \$4,800 but a savings of \$1,600 could be met if we bridge the open channel. Ray had originally proposed bridging the whole area. Also Ray was in favor of spending \$3,200 and doing the essential part for this amount and felt that the maintenance would be less with the bridge as opposed to tile. Mr. Green had thought that the maintenance of the bridge would be costly. He had suggested corduroy road of some sort covered with fill (we have shale on site) put in squash type culverts to accomodate water flow.

Mr. Phelan stated that he would like to be there with the contractor when the actual work would begin. The overall discussion continued and it was decided to go along with 75% of the recommendations by the town engineer simply because we cannot spend the money at this time to complete the project. Ray said that regardless of all the alternatives, the final decision was ours as to which way to go and it was strictly a matter of economics. Reed Shields said we should go along with the cheapest viable job but by doing it cheaper would this be the best solution in the long run? Dave Canfield said we have to spend \$3,200 anyway. Jim suggested building the road up but leave a 25ft gap just use one solid bridge of telephone poles sitting on solid soil. Dave asked Jim how long it would take to put the bridge back up and Jim said it would take very little time provided we could get the poles.

Dave Canfield emphasized that we must not deviate from any of Mr. Greens proposals since he was the expert. We would merely have to go with all that the money would allow. A MOTION was made by Gino Torcellini that we repair the presently filled causeway and that we bridge the remaining distance ... not to exceed \$3,200. Mr. Paccadolmi seconded the motion and it was approved.

Mr. Canfield said that the actual bridging decisions should be left up to Ray Phelan, Fred Orrico and himself with no additional expenditures involved. Next discussion was the Clubhouse and Dave Canfield presented Mr. Vincent Pelleccione's bid on work on the clubhouse totalling \$20,107.12. Dave read a list of 37 items that Mr. Pelleccione had listed on what he proposed to do. A MOTION was made by Mrs. Kysor that we accept Mr. Vincent Pelleccione's bid except we will eliminate the one shower from Ladies Room. Ray Phelan seconded the motion and it was approved.

Before the meeting adjourned, Mr. Canfield wanted it to go on record that the only reason he had recommended Mr. Pelleccione to do the work was from his past record of dealings with him and his fine reputation. The meeting adjourned at 11.10 p.m.

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