

The Golf Course Committee met on Monday May 13, 1974 at the Town Hall

Members present: Ray Phelan, Fred Orrico, Mrs. Lodi Kysor, David Canfield, Peter Yanity

also

Members absent: Jim Kaczenski, Greens Supt. Bob Sonnati, Jack Sabey, Jack Frey, Gino Torcellini, Reed Shields, Vincent Paccadolmi

Jim Kaczenski reported on equipment repair. Irrigation system problem ... pond filled up with silt. The greens and tees coming along fine and bridges will be ready by Saturday. Ray Phelan spoke with Jack Green on the water between the 16th green and the 17th tee. Mr. Phelan will speak to the Selectman about lowering culverts in new Finch Development. Ray suggested additional culverts. It was agreed by all to lower the drains. Opening date was discussed as time was getting short. Fred Orrico said that more money was needed for gravel and that approximately 20 loads of gravel would complete the parking lot. He recommended Mr. Montesi as he still had the least expensive price. Mrs. Kysor moved that the committee contract for gravel from Mr. Montesi to grade entrance also gravel and grade the parking lot.

David Canfield spoke on obtaining temporary tickets as permanent tickets would not be ready for 2 or 3 weeks. Mr. Canfield said that the trailer would arrive tomorrow. Ray Phelan opened for comments on the opening date and Dave said he was in favor of this weekend even though it would be a tight schedule. Discussion followed on whether the parking facilities are adequate. Fred Orrico, Peter Yanity and David Canfield suggested ad's in all the local newspapers on the opening date also actually showing fees and write up on Andy Pataki as our new golf pro. Jim Kaczenski suggested that we mention that the conditions at this time are not perfect. Suggestions were made that we "stagger the ads" to create interest. The subject of signs was brought up and it was agreed that signs were important showing the exact location of Dlh Ridge. Also, signs were suggested for the course itself.

Jim Kaczenski spoke of working on ball-washers and suggested stickers on ball-washers with hole numbers. Fred Orrico offered to supply some 5 or 10 gallon cans for trash. Mr. Orrico telephoned Mr. Montesi at this time and Mr. Montesi thought it might be difficult to have the gravel hauled on time but that he would do his best. Brief discussion on subject of water-coolers and it was mentioned that maybe drinking water could be obtained from the adjoining neighbors. Fred Orrico may have found a man to operate the F-10. Dave Canfield spoke on the clubhouse and the well. Mr. Canfield has contacted three people on the well and the best price was obtained from Craig Water Systems of Newtown, Conn. Before a final decision is made, Mr. Orrico will speak with Bobby Tuccio (a local well-driller).

Bob Sonnati, President of the Golf Club spoke of interest in his club playing at Dlh Ridge. The club consists of 61 members. Mr. Sonnati mentioned a pre-determined tee-time on Saturday's and said how the Golf Club could be advantagous in generating a wide interest in the course. Also, the prizes awarded at the Golf Club would be in the form of a gift certificate to the pro-shop. Ray Phelan said he was grateful for the interest shown. Mr. Sonnati extended an invitation to all members to attend their Thursday night meeting and perhaps one member of the Dlh Ridge Golf Committee could speak of the progress being made.

Inquiry was made as to how the annual fees are to be paid. Dues may be paid this week in the Selectmans Office. Ray Phelan discussed the water supply and since the pond is only 4 ft. deep he was concerned as to whether or not it would be adequate. Plans were made to check with Louis Fozzi on the use of a Mucker if this is out of the question then we will use drag line. Also, discussion on feasibility and cost of back pumping from pond on 12th hole.

Fred Orrico asked Jim to double check the sprinkler system. Jim brought up the idea of posting a diagram of the course. David Canfield moved that we adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10.30 p.m.

NOTE: The next meeting will be next Monday, May 20, 1974 at 8.00 p.m. Town Hall.