

**Lower Salford Township
Recreation Authority Meeting
September 28, 2023**

The meeting of the Lower Salford Township Recreation Authority was called to order by Chairman Douglas Gifford at 7:00 p.m. Present were Keith Bergman, Karl Janetka, James O'Malley and Pete Henning. Also present was Joseph Czajkowski, Township Manager, Dan Washleski, General Manager at Lederach Golf Course, and Justin Stezin, CGO, Greatlife Golf.

Chairman Gifford asked those in attendance to join him in the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Bergman moved to approve the August 31, 2023, meeting minutes. Mr. O'Malley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Monthly Updates

Superintendents Report

Mr. Washleski gave the superintendent's report noting that Stu continues to place stone along the edges of various cart paths. All greens have been aerified and top dressed, tees have been aerified and seeded as has the driving range tee.

Dan said that there are currently 3 full-time, two seasonal and 6 part-time maintenance workers on staff. Stu expects the staff to stay until the end of October.

Stu would like to get new steps installed at the clubhouse. Dan said Stu has a quote for \$20,000 to do the work. The Board asked Stu to get two more quotes for the work.

Dan said that the new parking lot lights have been installed and they are great. They throw a lot of light and should save on electricity. Dan said the upgrade to LED cost \$4,600.

The equipment is holding up well. Several minor issues, but nothing major.

Dan said that the carts are falling apart, and that they are putting as little money into them as they are awaiting delivery of the new carts. Dan said that they are late and hope to show up soon. Dan said that they will rent 10 carts to help get them through the next outing.

The course is in excellent shape. The irrigation system is holding up well.

Financials

Mr. Washleski said that August was a great month with NOI at \$227,000 versus the budget of \$194,500. Dan said that every department did very well in August. Dan said that he expects to be about \$10,000 under budget due to the weather.

Dan said that they received the amortization schedule for the new cart lease. He said that the monthly payments are higher than the current lease, but the buyout at the end of the lease is substantially lower.

Old Business

Dan said that they are getting a lot of people from the neighborhood accessing the course from their properties and driving their golf carts on the course and on the roads. He said he would like to send a letter to the residents to ask them not to do either of those things. Chairman Gifford said that he would like to police chief to weigh in on the golf cart issue before a letter is sent and he also felt that it might be better coming from the Township as they are driving the carts on Township roads.

Dan said that they are looking to charge back the credit card fees to the customers as the fee's are costing the course thousands of dollars each year. He said that they are looking at itemizing the fee on the receipts.

Chairman Gifford noted that the Township solicitor and Greatlife's attorney are working on an issue with the liquor license. He said that the license may need to be transferred from the Township to the Authority.

Public Comment

Jsutin Stezin, CGO for GreatLIFE Golf introduced himself to the Board and said that he would be the contact between the Township and GreatLIFE. Justin said that he had worked for Brown Golf a number of years ago and previous to coming back to GreatLIFE had worked for Planet Fitness. The Board said that they looked forward to working with him.

Mr. Bergman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Mr. Janetka seconded the motion.

The next meeting of the Recreation Authority Board will be Thursday, October 26th, 2023, at 7:00pm and will be held at the Lower Salford Township Building.



Respectfully Submitted,
Pete Henning, Secretary