



**Golf Board Meeting
Work Session Minutes
Thursday, August 25, 2022**

The Piqua Golf Board met at 12 pm at Echo Hills Golf Course located at 2100 Echo Lake Drive, Piqua. Present were ERS Director Amy Welker, Golf Manager Patrick Kirkland, Administrative Assistant Melissa Kinney and the following board members: Gene Hill and Scott Rasor.

- Patrick provided an update on what is going on at the Golf Course currently. He would like to get the electrical wiring fixed for the exterior lights around the building. Melissa will contact electricians that have been used by the City in the past to obtain quotes. Patrick also wants to replace the exterior lights at the same time to update the look. He will take care of getting the new fixtures. He also shared that he is working on the 2023 Schedule for outings and special events. He wants it completed by October for plenty of time to promote and advertise for the next year and to avoid overlap with other local events.
- Amy talked with the group about possibly using the clubhouse this coming winter for rentals as an income stream. The group discussed purchasing a Golf Simulator, and Patrick suggested that he could give lessons and offer club fittings.
- Amy then handed out the revised Chapter 94 Code for review. She reiterated that a new Fee Chart will be inserted that will be easier to read and understand than the current dated language. There will also be more discretion and flexibility on the part of the Golf Manager for Specials in regards to fees. Patrick made suggestions on changing fees for the Range Ball bags, 18 hole rounds, and cart fees. Everyone agreed that the golf cart fee needs increased due to the high demand and low supply of carts currently. Patrick also is considering the Weekday Membership as an option for next season. He is currently looking at the data.
- Patrick recommended that we get School Agreements in place for the area local schools that use our golf course during the fall sports season. Amy said that this would not apply to Piqua Schools. He suggested that we ask these schools for donations to the course or to have their fundraiser events here.
- Scott reported a balance of \$1,232.47 in the bank account. He recently ordered 8 dog decoys for the course.
- Amy made the group aware of a muskrat problem in 1 of the ponds. Kirt said the muskrats are clogging the aerator with their nests. He is obtaining quotes from animal trappers. Patrick also said that the geese are a nuisance on the course, as they are dirty and mean. Action may be taken next Spring to try to reduce them as well.
- Finally, Amy asked if there were any other concerns or issues. Gene praised Patrick for his enthusiasm and initiative.