



**Golf Board Meeting
Work Session Minutes
Thursday, September 14, 2023**

The Piqua Golf Board met at 4 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: JD Denson, Brian Deal, Mike Mohr and Ron Pearson Jr.

- A call to order was made by JD Denson and seconded by Ron Pearson Jr.
- Patrick Kirkland asked for feedback from the board members on the new Birdie app that he implemented last month. There have been a few technical issues that need to be addressed, and Patrick realizes that more advertising is needed for next season.
- Patrick then announced that revenue is up \$313,000 YTD, which is 41% more than last season at this time. He said that the new Calloway golf club rental program has been a success this season. He also said that inventory purchases for 2024 will include Calloway & Srixon wedges and putters, bags, and Titleist balls based on golfers' requests. Patrick thanked the Golf Board for paying for the purchase of a new Starter podium that is used on weekends to keep the starter in shade on the 1st hole while giving a more professional appearance.
- Amy discussed highlights of the 2024 Golf Budget that is due soon. She said that 10 new golf carts will be purchased to give a total of 60, which is the maximum capacity in the garage storage area. She announced that the cart path will be repaved in-house in the next 3-5 years, as sections will be done annually with a budget of \$40K-\$50K. Amy said that \$13K is being invested in a pond aeration system at Hole #13. Possibly the pond will get dug out next year as well. The sink hole is now fixed. She also mentioned that trenching will be redone this fall at Holes #5 & #6. She wants to get the parking lot resurfaced and restriped next season. Patrick would like upgrades to the patio area, such as couches and a firepit, along with the addition of an outdoor sound system. He is also looking at leasing a new fairway mower, which could be a savings versus purchasing one.
- Amy went over future possible projects at the golf course. The irrigation system will require a major overhaul soon. Patrick would like to acquire a Top Tracer for the range that has 10 enclosed bays with tv's and technology.
- JD asked about the winter season hours of operation. Patrick said that winter hours will begin November 25th and go through December 24th. Depending on the weather, he will close on Mondays and Tuesdays. He plans to split tee times as well during the slow period. The course will reopen in 2024 dependent on the weather.

- Mike Mohr inquired about a golf simulator for inside the clubhouse as a winter activity. Patrick would like to consider this in the future, but right now he feels that it is more important to fix the path and irrigation system.
- A motion to adjourn was made by JD and seconded by Ron at 4:30 pm.