

CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO  
GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, August 26, 2010 - 4:00 pm  
Echo Hills G.C.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bob Heckman, Doug Eakin and William Shinall

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Gene Hill and Denise Uhlenbrock

**STAFF PRESENT:** Chip Fox

**GUEST PRESENT:** None

**Doug Eakin called the meeting to order.**

**ITEM NO. 1: Approval of Meeting Minutes**

It was moved by Bob Heckman and seconded by William Shinall to approve the July 22, 2010 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

**ITEM NO. 2: Review of Financials**

**A. City Financials**

Chip Fox reported that overall the golf course is down approximately \$50,000 to date. The weather and economy playing a major role in the reduction of revenues.

**B. Echo Hills golf association**

Bob Heckman reported paying the Atlantis invoice of \$313.85 and an invoice from GHIN for \$695.20. The balance to date was not known at that time.

**ITEM NO. 3: Report from Golf Professional Chip Fox**

Chip Fox talked about the upcoming fall golf season and when the fall rates should start. Bob Heckman motioned to start the fall rates not before September 6<sup>th</sup> but to leave it up to the discretion of Golf Professional Chip Fox as to when to begin them. William Shinall seconded and the motion carried.

**ITEM NO. 4: Other Business**

Bob Heckman asked about the condition of the golf course. Chip Fox explained that with the wet weather at the beginning of summer the roots of the grass did not have to go down to get water which made the grass root system stay close to the surface. This makes the root system very weak and needing constant water. Because of the night time hot and humid temperatures, diseases are more prevalent than in years past. Kirt Huemmer told me that we should have sprayed chemicals four times this year to keep from losing the grass. The fairways and tees needed to be sprayed but due to the reduction in our budget we are unable to spray. Bob then asked if Kirt has enough employees to get the work done. Chip said that the detail work like trimming and weeding bushes or raking bunkers more than once a week is not getting done. The greens needed some hand

watering during the hot and humid weather. Chip Fox stated that he has had some complaints about the condition of the course and has some concerns if this will effect the amount of play for the rest of the year and for next year.

**ITEM NO.6: Next Meeting**

The next regular scheduled meeting is Thursday September 23, 2010 at 4:00 PM Echo Hills Golf course.

It was moved by Bob Heckman to adjourn and seconded by Gene Hill. The Motion carried.

Minutes as prepared by Chip Fox.