

VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH

GOLF ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES of February 11, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Mathison at 6:07 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

A. Present:

Absent:

Stephen Mathison – Chairman

Rich Pizzolato – Vice Chairman

Susan Filardo – Member

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Curtis Witters – Member

David Talley – Member

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Jeff Irish – First Alternate

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Jeff Egizio – Second Alternate

B. Staff Members Present:

Allan Bowman, Director of Golf

Zack Shriver

C. Council Members Present:

Darryl Aubrey, Council Member

D. Public Present:

III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. Minutes of the January 7, 2019 GAB Meeting were approved 4-0.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Golf Report. Allan Bowman, Director of Golf, spoke to the Board.

The work remains on schedule for the course to be ready for play and an opening in March. The palm trees on the course will be trimmed over the next few weeks. Crushed white shell material is being placed to dress up the areas behind the 6th and 18th greens. Allan has been consulting with three local agronomists recommended by the Nicklaus Group. We need to choose a successor who will take over for John Scott who no longer resides in Florida and whose contract has now expired. We are seeking an agronomist who is familiar with the new grass on our course, Latitude 36.

At present, our goal is a soft opening on March 18th, for members only. The opening date will be subject to the weather over the next four weeks. Initially we will attempt to have tee times spaced at ten-minute intervals to protect the course from over use. The course will be also be protected by limitations on the areas in which carts can operate.

Allan is interviewing candidates for the open assistant professional position. The driving range will open within two weeks, subject to installation of protection for the newly installed lights. To enhance the range, Allan is placing some trees which will provide a target similar to the opening of a fairway.

As a thank you to fully paid members we will be offering a free small bucket of range balls per day for a period of time after the range opens.

V. DISCUSSION TOPICS

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be March 18, 2019.

Minutes by Curtis L. Witters, Secretary.