

Mount Pleasant Golf Club

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Treasurer

Board of Directors Meeting

April 18, 2018

President Chris Green called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with eight (8) board members present and Donna McMahon absent.

At 7:03 p.m. Bob Watjen of NGRID entered the meeting.

New Business - National GRID Proposal (Taken Out of Order)

The Board welcomed Bob Watjen, and he thanked the board for agreeing to meet, and explained there was no formal agenda at this point, just a general update and informational session. He began with an outline of the \$30M project – replacing a gas main (essentially going from a 6” to 12” pipe) from Tewksbury to Chelmsford. He followed this with a brief history of the portion affecting Mount Pleasant – the “Wilbur Lateral” – dating to 1951, and running behind # 5 tee box, # 4 green, and then turning and running along # 4 fairway down the hill and off our property. There is an existing easement in place that the pipe roughly follows; the plan is to leave the existing pipe in place and functional until the new pipe is installed. NGRID is seeking to expand the easement and establish ‘temporary workspace’ and access during the project; some trees and shrubbery will be lost with NGRID to replace and/or reimburse; rental/access costs, scheduling; property valuations, etc. to be determined.

Plans were filed with the Siting Board March 1st (construction usually begins approximately one year after filing); project is estimated at six to seven months during 2019 (to be determined).

At 8:04 p.m. Bob Watjen left the meeting.

Gerry stated he will attempt to overlay the NGRID diagrams with our CAD drawings to better illustrate the project for Mount Pleasant’s perspective; we will also need to explore various right-of-way and other legal issues.

SECRETARY

Secretary presented the minutes from 3/28/2018 regular meeting.

Motion by Gerry Foley, seconded by Dave Desmond to accept the minutes of the 3/28/2018 regular meeting. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Correspondence

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- From Catie's Closet, thank you for the donation - accepted;
- From LHS Hockey team and parent representatives, request to waive the hall rental fee for their annual scholarship banquet on 4/14/18 - agreed;
- From Middlesex Community College, request for donation for their Celebrity Series raffle and fundraiser, from Jason Howarth;
- From Disabled American Veterans of Boston, request for donation, placed on file;
- From UMass Lowell, request for donation for Commencement Eve fundraiser, placed on file;
- From Mass. Municipal Police Coalition, request for donation – placed on file;
- From Lowell Transitional Living Center, request for donation - placed on file;
- From New England Pediatric Care, request for donation –placed on file;
- From Lowell Catholic, requesting a donation of a foursome with carts for their 5th Annual Golf Tournament;
- From Mike Brown (# 839) resigning his Limited membership and requesting Social membership;
- From Bob Johnson (# 359) resigning his Regular membership and requesting a Social membership;
- From James Connolly (# 613) requesting a change from a Junior membership to a Social membership;
- From Frederick Healy (# 633) resigning his Limited membership and requesting a Social membership;
- From Jon Kazanjian (# 885) resigning Social membership.

Motion by Jason Frediani, seconded by Dave Desmond to donate a foursome with carts to both MCC and Lowell Catholic. Vote unanimous, with Gerry Foley abstaining - Motion passed.

Motion by Jay Heelon, seconded by Andrea Dutile to accept all five (5) member changes as requested (M Brown; B Johnson, J Connolly, F Healy, and J Kazanjian). Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Membership

The following eight (8) individuals were submitted for Social membership: James Olivier; David Lantagne; Ellen Andre; Michael Boldrighini; Robert Brown; Richard Smith; Kevin Morrisey; and Sarah Hogan.

Motion by Jason Frediani, seconded by Phil Regan to accept the eight (8) Social members above. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

The following were submitted for Limited membership: Jeanne Mitchell (Social) # 187; Cassie Fenlon (Social) # 852.

Motion by Andrea Dutile, seconded by Jason Frediani to accept the two Social members, Cassie Fenlon and Jeanne Mitchell, as Limited members. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

The following were submitted for Junior membership: Austin Chausse; Michael Dionne; Jocelyn Dionne; Liam Gleason; Mitch Craven; and Max Hagen – and for Youth membership: Ty Walsh; Ryan Conley; Ben Gastongay; Jared Leclerc; Daniel Craig; and Kyle Durkin.

Motion by Gerry Foley, seconded by Jay Heelon to accept the twelve (12) Junior/Youth members. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

Motion by Phil Regan, seconded by Andrea Dutile to accept the Secretary's report. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

TREASURER

Treasurer Jay Heelon reported the following account balances: Operating Account \$83,224.33; Payroll \$20,000.00; Money Market \$30,002.32 and \$600,101.92.

Jay also reviewed a members A/R report including Regular and Limited members in arrears; Socials two years in arrears; pre-paid Socials; Youth/Juniors overdue, etc. To continue reviewing and scrubbing invoices.

Cash remains in good shape; staff raises to be implemented effective April 1st; continuing to develop reporting process; to meet with Finance Review Committee.

Motion by Gerry Foley, seconded by Andrea Dutile to accept the Treasurer's report. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

Donna McMahon submitted a written report in her absence: Sean received two additional quotes for stackable chairs for the upstairs hall (the original proposal and quotes were for 150, but 200 are needed); Zesty's is very pleased with the space and arrangements – set to open for the season next Saturday (they have catered a few events to date for the bowling and cribbage leagues with positive results; Joel is staffing the kitchen and offering breakfast on weekend mornings (cash only); also Artie Robinson would like to install a stone bench on the patio, probably on the first tee side somewhere.

Motion by Jason Frediani, seconded by Dave Desmond, to accept the House Committee's report. Vote unanimous – Motion passed.

GREENS COMMITTEE

Gerry Foley reported the Cleanup went well, thanks to all who participated (note: the LHS golf team attended but most had to leave early for Sat. practices for other sports); John Molinari has been doing a nice job grinding stumps; some winter kill on greens # 4 and # 8 – will address with slicing and seeding.

Received quotes for new triplex mowers from Jacobsen and Toro. Both Jack and Chuck confirmed the need: currently have one triplex setup for greens which is used every day, another setup for tees and approaches which is used every day, and a third used as backup. The last mower was purchased in 2003, repair costs are increasing (\$2K last year) and all will need new reels next year. After a discussion of capital expenses and financing options the following was introduced:

Motion by Gerry Foley, seconded by Jason Frediani, to acquire two (2) triplex mowers, not to exceed \$75K, to be financed over sixty (60) months under capital expenses. Vote unanimous – Motion passed.

Doing what tree work they can given the ground conditions; documenting damage and costs for insurance purposes.

Motion by Jason Frediani, seconded by Andrea Dutile to accept the report of the Greens Committee. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Phil Regan reported the Tournament schedule is complete – some notable changes include Shedd Park is not returning this year for their May tournament; Men's Cities tryouts moved to

6/2/2018; Men's, Senior's, and Women's Division Championships will all have their own weekends this year; also some changes to the 2nd Men's Member Guest. The Smoker was a great success, and very well attended; special thanks to Rick Gillis for all his work on the presentation; Tournament booklets are available in the downstairs lounge.

Joel is offering breakfast on weekend mornings (served 17 last Sunday) – agreed to review and revisit next month under Old Business.

Motion by Gerry Foley, seconded by Jay Heelon to accept the report of the Tournament Committee. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Andrea reported working with Laurie Hadley on using Mail Chimp for email distributions for the Ladies Division; also discussed a JONAS option/module that would allow targeted email distributions – agreed to look into further.

Motion by Phil Regan, seconded by Dave Desmond to accept the report of the Communications Committee. Vote unanimous - Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MISCELLANEOUS

It was agreed the Mount Pleasant Medalist trophy at this year's City Tournament will be named after Bob Maguire.

Several members have expressed complaints about course conditions, especially remnants of the Cleanup still present a week later. It was agreed that Gerry would work with Chuck and his crew to resolve.

There being no further business,

Motion by Phil Regan, seconded by Andrea Dutile to adjourn. Vote unanimous. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, May 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob McLeod, Secretary