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**PARK DISTRICT**

JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES

November 28, 2011

Commissioner Schmidt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present at this evening's meeting were: Commissioners Longmeyer, Daniels and Schmidt and Committee Members Brian Burke, Laura Fish, Donna Johnson, Carl LaPonte and Jason Mitchell.

Also present were: Ms. Schlinkmann, Executive Director; Mr. Otto, Deputy Director; Mr. King, Superintendent of Parks & Planning; Mr. Irwin, Golf General Manager; Mr. Kettel, Superintendent of Facility Services; Mr. Todd Quitno, Lohmann Golf Designs, Inc. and Ms. Schwebel, Executive Assistant.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2011**

Commissioner Longmeyer moved to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2011 meeting as presented. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**SGC MASTER PLAN**

Ms. Schlinkmann stated the Board asked us to come up with some outside-the-box ideas for the golf course design; so, in addition to updating the master plan, Lohmann Golf Designs came up with four different concepts.

Todd Quitno of Lohmann Golf Designs stated we were asked to do an enhancement of the 2004 master plan. We also looked at 27 holes at Schaumburg Golf Club and reviewed bunker locations and are proposing some additions and relocations. All bunkers would be rebuilt in some capacity. We also looked at the historic William Langford features, which are the large mounds, and are not proposing to remove them. We looked at the tees, trying to focus on the PGA "Play It Forward" idea to speed up play. We are considering shaping tees into rectangles. The trees have grown, and we are looking at removing or adding some to improve turf conditions. Hole #3 has some slope issues on the green, and there are a lot of drainage issues. We are trying to get water out of the fairways. We also looked at the no-mow areas. In reviewing the 27-hole master plan, we are proposing to have work done on every hole.

Mr. Quitno stated it was requested we look at opportunities outside the box, so we have developed four concept plans, which increase exponentially in cost.

Concept #1

Mr. Quitno stated the driving range lacks the size to accommodate the facility. The tee area is not big enough to service golfers and it is also too short. Mr. Quitno stated we wanted to enhance the range and keep three 9-hole loops in play. We would expand the tee area to the west and double the size of the tee box. We took over the tees on #19, which would be located where #22 and #20 greens are; and we have shortened #21. That gives an acre of tee area and room to expand the putting green. We wanted to get more length on the south end of the range. Mr. Quitno stated we are proposing flip-flopping the pars on #25 and #26 by building a new green for #25 and using the corner of the extra property for a slight dogleg to the existing green on #26. We might fill in part of the existing pond and maybe solve the flooding issue. The total yardage would be 3,090, so you would lose about 107 yards.

Concept #2

Mr. Quitno stated we took the range concept a step further and are proposing a first class driving range. We would take #26 and #27 and part of #19 to accommodate 60 golfers on the tee box. We would clear some trees and open up the range area. On the southeast end, you would have #26 for lesson use or practice. We would build a short game area near the clubhouse and could expand the putting green. This comes at the expense of the Players Course. It configures into the cheapest way to have a short course plus the driving range. #23 would no longer be needed, so we could expand the parking lot north. We could also use it to create some detention areas. The maintenance building could be relocated to use that area for parking, so you would have a driving range and 5 golf holes. Mr. Irwin noted this concept eliminates the issue of golf balls from #24 going onto Roselle Road.

Concept #3

Going to the next level, Mr. Quitno stated the range would be in the same area. Instead of just leaving the holes that are left, we tried to reinvent a 9-hole, par 3 course that could potentially replace Walnut Greens. The difference is we have pulled the range further to the northwest to allow us to access a corner for par 3 holes. #24 would be split into 2 holes. #25 would be a par 3 and #26 would be the fifth hole. We could also create detention areas. This gives you a course of about 1,494 yards and the opportunity for a more enhanced short game area. Mr. Burke asked how far the greens are from the tees, and Mr. Quitno stated 150 yards. It is walkable. This concept tries to reuse existing greens. Commissioner Schmidt asked if this would impact outings, and Mr. Irwin stated yes. Ms. Schlinkmann noted none of these plans generates more revenue. Mr. Burke cautioned against thinking you can sell driving range passes because driving ranges seem to be getting less use. Mr. Irwin stated there are a lot of things we can do with this concept because it changes what we have to offer and makes us more marketable to a

larger audience. Mr. Mitchell was in favor of the short course play and larger driving range.

#### Concept #4

Mr. Quitno stated we looked at coming up with 18 holes plus a driving range. The Tournament and Baer Courses are the best 18. This concept tries to see if the golfer can finish playing closer to the clubhouse. We are proposing to take half of the existing #9 and play it up to the 23<sup>rd</sup> green. You would play #6 from west to east and then play #8 and #18. You could also take out the maintenance area. The 16<sup>th</sup> hole could be a par 4, and a maintenance area could be created and hidden behind berms of landscaping. This takes #18 and finishes the golfer on the east side of the clubhouse. The course could be well over 6,700 yards, and you can expand storm detention. It only requires two new greens. However, all of this can only be done by changing the Players Course. Mr. Burke thought this was an outstanding concept.

Commissioner Daniels stated he wanted to see multiple tee boxes and have the ability to change the play of a hole every week. Mr. Quitno stated there are a lot of opportunities to rearrange the Players Course. Commissioner Daniels stated we should look at as many concepts as possible. Mr. Quitno stated we investigated ideas for tee angles, but you cannot do this on every hole due to the tightness of the course. Commissioner Longmeyer stated if we can build a premier 18-hole course, he would be in favor of giving up the Players Course. Mr. Quitno stated you have to make sure that what you leave intact is right. Mr. Quitno stated women and family sectors in golf are growing, and you do not have a short course for them. Mr. Irwin stated whatever we do has to be an improvement that customers will appreciate. Mr. LaPonte stated the concept of a par 3 course with a first class driving range and 18-hole course appeals to him as a non-golfer.

The cost of the concepts starts at \$1.1 million and goes up to several million from there. Mr. Otto stated staff will look at a business plan. Commissioner Longmeyer stated a concept needs to be determined first and that they need time to study the concepts presented tonight before a business plan is created. Mr. Irwin stated it wouldn't make sense to create a par 3 course and not eliminate Walnut Greens. Mr. Otto will send copies of the concepts to the Committee members. Commissioner Longmeyer stated this should come back to the Committee in January.

#### SGC LOBBY PLAN

Ms. Schlinkmann stated staff looked at the lobby area to see if we could create a path for bridal parties and golfers to move from the outdoor area to the banquet room without going through the restaurant. Mr. Kettel presented a virtual tour of the new layout. Mr. Kettel stated we also want to make the pro shop more visible from the main entrance. Mr. Kettel explained how a wall would be taken out to open up the lobby and pro shop

area and create offices and a technology room. The entrance to the pro shop will be moved to the lobby and an entrance outdoors created behind the stairs. This will add approximately 500 sq. ft. to the pro shop with more cabinets and storage area. The size of the lobby will be almost doubled. Work will begin in February.

### **WALNUT GREENS SHORELINE**

Ms. Schlinkmann stated staff looked at the shoreline on the south side of the pond because the Sheffield Ridge homeowners complained about erosion on that side. Mr. Otto showed a map of the Park District's property and where the erosion has occurred. Mr. Otto stated we have never done any enhancements to the bank. The shoreline riprap would cost about \$5,000 for materials and \$10,000 total for the whole project. Ms. Schlinkmann stated work will start in December. Mr. Otto noted we would not be doing the Sheffield Ridge property. We can come in off of Walnut Lane and stay on our property.

### **GOLF FEES**

The Committee received the proposed golf rates for next year as well as a long-term plan. Commissioner Longmeyer thought the nominal increase is reasonable. Commissioner Daniels noted we can always change the rates.

Ms. Schlinkmann stated we have an agreement with School District 211 for the Schaumburg High School golf team players to utilize Schaumburg Golf Club. Players currently pay a \$10 fee. Years ago, there were not many players; however, now the team is much larger and they begin earlier in August, which is a viable time for us, and the golf team takes away prime tee times. Ms. Schlinkmann stated we would like to increase the fee to the resident fee of \$26 in August and then revert to the \$10 fee in September and October. Mr. Irwin stated other courses in the area charge schools a flat rate ranging from \$10 to \$19. Mr. Irwin noted our rate for junior players is \$22. Mr. LaPonte thought we should charge them the resident junior fee. Ms. Schlinkmann stated we will go with the junior rate schedule as stated in the contract.

### **PROJECT UPDATE**

Commissioner Schmidt informed the Committee that we will be building a dog park at Copley Park.

Mr. Otto gave an update on work at the Olympic Park synthetic fields, which will continue as long as weather allows. Turf will probably be put down in the spring.

**OTHER**

Mr. Kettel stated we applied for a \$15,000 rebate from DCEO for lighting improvements at various facilities. We have been informed that the rebate will now be \$30,670. The cost of the project is \$38,000.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Longmeyer moved to adjourn the Joint Advisory Committee meeting at 9:12 p.m. Mr. Burke seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.



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AGENDA**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Monday, November 28, 2011**

**Jerry Handlon Administration Building**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Approval of Minutes of April 25, 2011**
- III. SGC Master Plan**
- IV. SGC Lobby Plan**
- V. Walnut Greens Shoreline**
- VI. Golf Fees**
- VII. Project Update**
- VIII. Other**
- IX. Adjournment**

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*The Schaumburg Park District is dedicated to serving the community by providing versatile leisure opportunities through enriching programs, quality facilities and environmental stewardship.*

