



**Golf Board Meeting
Work Session Minutes
Thursday, April 28, 2022**

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, Administrative Assistant Melissa Kinney, Golf Manager Bob Geppert and the following board members: JD Denson and Eric White.

- Amy began the meeting with an update on the renovations. The Engineering Dept. is still in the process of coming up with a permanent solution for the drainage problem at hole #5. Amy will be ordering new tables and chairs for the clubhouse very soon. Spectrum is coming next week to get the new phone line set up, along with new security cameras. Televisions have been ordered. The IT Dept. is going to utilize Roku for the TV service.
- Amy then handed out a report of Tee Time Stats for both 9 & 18 Holes, Year to Date. JD has a concern about the online ForeUp booking system. There seems to be a glitch that allows customers online to double book a Tee Time. Bob is going to look into this issue further.
- Amy passed out a Rate Comparison Chart of other nearby golf courses in regards to fees. For the most part, Echo Hills is in line with other local courses. Amy also gave out a Proposed Golf Course Fees Chart that she is currently working on for the May Work Session with City Commission. She would like to offer Specials by discretion and also remove time restrictions. JD suggested offering Saturday afternoon specials to get more players out at that slower time. Amy is also proposing that the Driving Range bucket of balls be increased from \$4 to \$6. She wants to keep Membership pricing the same for now.
- Amy informed the Board that Newton Local Schools wants to use the course this Season. She is drafting an Agreement now that would propose a flat fee that they would pay for their golf teams to utilize the course. She also said that Piqua City Schools are trying to set up a Junior Golf Camp for this Summer.
- JD said that we need to offer gloves to the golfers and also multiple brands of golf balls to appease various golfers.
- JD asked about the status of the GHIN program at Echo Hills. He said that the Board currently has a balance of \$2900, and Scott has been in charge of making the payments to GHIN for several years. He would like for the City to take over this process. Bob would collect the money at the course, the Finance Dept. would make the payment to GHIN, and the Board would then direct how that money should be spent. Historically it has been used to provide large umbrellas for the patio, t-shirts for camps, etc. Amy will speak with the Finance Director to get this process established.