



**Golf Board Meeting  
Work Session Minutes  
Thursday, June 23, 2022**

The Piqua Golf Board met at 12 pm at Echo Hills Golf Course located at 2100 Echo Lake Drive, Piqua. Present were ERS Director Amy Welker, Golf Manager Patrick Kirkland, Administrative Assistant Melissa Kinney and the following board members: JD Denson, Brian Deal, Gene Hill and Scott Rasor.

- The meeting was called to order by JD and seconded by Gene.
- Amy began the meeting by introducing Patrick Kirkland as the new Golf Manager. Patrick gave a brief summary of his background and experience in the golfing industry. He has a passion for youth and is looking forward to the opportunities here. Each board member then introduced himself to Patrick. Amy added that this advisory board has proven to be invaluable to her as she transitioned into this role in January. She values the feedback and insight from this board.
- Patrick provided an update on the upcoming City Golf Championship on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Due to past issues and problems with the Piqua Country Club, he decided to have both days at Echo Hills this year. He handed out a revised flyer and asked that everyone get the word out. JD suggested that next year a different date be considered due to it being a popular vacation time and Country Concert weekend. Patrick is also getting the new golf facebook page up and running.
- Amy then passed out information on the current and proposed fees. She would like to narrow down the basic fees. The group discussed offering a 9-Hole Value Coupon and a \$2 fee for 12 balls on the driving range. Possibly a reciprocal membership with other local courses could be beneficial as well. Amy asked that everyone review all of these fees and be ready to discuss at next month's meeting.
- Amy handed out a copy of Piqua Code Chapter 94. She asked that all look over it in detail and make recommendations in the next few months as to what revisions/additions are needed. It has not been updated in many years and has old language needing changed and cleaned up. Several suggestions were notated, such as eliminating the "horse-drawn vehicle" and adding that golf-related devices are permitted per the Golf Manager's discretion in Section 94.03 (A). Removing Section 94.04 and establishing a designated time for "No Singles Play" at peak times were also recommended. Patrick noted that Carry-On beer is happening frequently also. Everyone will go through this language, and the board will revisit it at the next few meetings.
- Finally, Amy asked if there were any other concerns or issues. JD received a complaint from a golfer that the Clubhouse closed on a Monday recently at 7 pm. This should be taken care of now, as Patrick has posted the operating hours of the clubhouse on the front door,

website and social media. Amy announced that there are job postings already in place to find more staff. Patrick reported that 2 Demo golf carts arrive next week, which will help with the cart shortage. He is aware that more carts are needed and is working on a solution.