

Golf & Cemetery Department 2020 Annual Report

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2020

Weather: We were fortunate that weather events were not as prevalent as the previous year. We had a couple of wind storms to deal with, but nothing like we dealt with the year before. We did not have to pump storm water off the cemetery, or golf course like we did last year either. With that considered we can irrigate all we want, but nothing compares with rain for the turf. We did dry out in spots that has not been a problem for a couple of years. When you have multiple years in a row of excessive wet conditions you will have problems that arise because of weak turf. Diseases, compaction, and weed pressure all do well under these conditions. When your turf is not as healthy because of these condition these other symptoms thrive.

Cemetery: We started the year with many unknowns going forward. With Covid hanging over our heads, and not knowing how it would affect us doing business. After getting up and running we had the normal getting ready for Memorial Day. This is always a big deal for everyone, but again for a while did not know if any ceremonies would happen. Paving was completed that covered almost half of the cemetery roads. We finished up on some drainage projects from the year before.

In June we had one storm event that took considerable clean up. We had multiple trees uprooted. Fortunately this was the only bad storm of the year for major clean up. Throughout the year we removed 12 trees out of the cemetery, and planted 19 new trees. We still have more to take down, but they are in areas of the cemetery that it will be tricky not to damage grave stones. We spent some time cleaning up around the pump house trimming trees and painting. Filling sunken graves is an ongoing process that goes on every year, but it is very necessary to keep the cemetery in tip top shape. We received a generous donation of \$5,000 to go towards projects.

We tore down the old cemetery office that was used for storage. It was becoming unsightly, and really looked bad after the front of the office was refaced in 2019. We did not want to lose the storage so we purchased a storage shed that matched the front of the office. It is the same footprint of the old building, but it will be set up better for more storage in the future. While this project was proceeding we refaced the dumpster enclosure to make it look more presentable. The overhead power line was also bored in underground.

Cemetery Statistics	2019	2020
Interments Traditional	87	94
Interments Cremations	<u>57</u>	<u>56</u>
Totals	144	15

Golf: The year started with planning for the upcoming year which included the streamlining of services so that we could keep the facility open as long as we could with restrictions. Dealing with golfers we changed course a couple times to make accommodations while staying within the set guidelines. We purchased a used bunker rake, and six weed eaters. Carpet went into the clubhouse right after the first of the year. It was paid for in 2019, but installed in 2020. We installed a walk up window so that golfer did not have to enter the club house. There was two issues with the pump house this spring. One of the pump vfd's was replaced with an update to the programing. The pipe on the pressure maintenance pump got a hole in it right above the water level in the wet well. We replaced it with a stainless steel pipe. We purchased 12,000 range balls to replace damaged, and worn out balls. Made good progress on tree and stumps removal. The only problems with the irrigation was with decoders and sprinklers that just took time to track down the problems. Going forward the irrigation will start having more issues as any mechanical system will as it ages.

With the retirement of long time director Kevin Thurman in the middle of the season we adjusted priorities, and seasonal staff levels to compensate. We ended up putting some projects on the back burner because of staff levels so that we could keep conditions up. The crew from the golf and the cemetery stepped up to the challenge and got the job done

<u>Memberships</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Single	142	123
Couple	86	86
Family	198	191
College	9	47
<u>Student</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>28</u>
Total	485	438
New Members	28	

Punch Cards

65 without Cart

65 with Cart

<u>Rounds Played</u>	<u>2019 – 19,115</u>	<u>2020 – 20,731</u>
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GOLF REVENUE

Membership Fees	\$134,800
Range Memberships	\$13,613
Range Buckets	\$14,212
Greens Fees	\$89,371
Punch Cards	\$19,278
Cart Storage Fees	\$18,513
Cart Rental	\$91,472
Trail Fees	\$17,502
Locker Rent	\$871
Tournament Sponsor Fee	\$11,545
Miscellaneous	\$1,249
<u>Advertising</u>	<u>\$3,946</u>
2020 Total	\$421,626
2019 Revenue	\$423,842

Events/Tournaments 2020

High School	5	
Outings	10	
<u>Tournaments</u>	<u>9</u>	
Total	24	Canceled events 24

Community Garden: Fortunately we did not have the flooding issues that we had last year. We did not have all the plots rented. Because of the excessive standing water the previous year. We added three loads of compost this fall to each section and tilled it in to help improve the soil structure. The gardeners should see a difference next year. There was 111 plots rented out of 125 available spots. There is enough area within the garden for an additional 15 plots.

Jason Gunnare, Superintendent

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