

Noelle... Good Morning and thank you for sending me this.

Have one comment ---

Section C 6 D. about all trees to be removed --- including non heritage trees --- ie pine trees ---- must be flagged for 30 days.....to allow for inspection

I see this as a problem in cases of storm damage and emergency situations.

I know that following the most recent storm... we went out immediately --- the day after the storm ended... and started cutting pine trees that were leaning over.... or had "widow maker " limbs stuck amongst the other limbs., etc.

If we had to flag and wait 30 days --- oh boy... what a delay that would be.

We started cutting immediately... and I was able to even get insurance agents here within a few days --- to inspect our work and start a claim and get reimbursement for lost income, wages for clean up...equipment rental etc.

If we had to wait 30 days prior to cutting down trees.... it would have created a bigger problem than we had to start with. Trees were leaning -- possibly falling in a short time, dangerous.

If there was a question of where the tree lie.....on the golf course or homeowners property ---- we discussed it with the homeowner... and if the tree was leaning... he or she was eager to have us take it down.----- a 30 day wait would be dangerous to their home,our golfers, etc.

Also...Section D, right below that ... you are requesting a site plan... for removal of heritage trees or groups of trees. --- does that mean pine trees? --- even those close to a cart path ????? This part requires a professional surveyor, engineer, landscape architect or arborist. This rule adds a great expense to the process. ... and slows it up. A Golf Course superintendent for the most part... are highly skilled agronomists... who know their property and their trees. My Supt. Jon Stewart, even has a Forestry degree !

I would ask that you give a Golf Course Superintendent the authority to submit a plan.....

I would also like to leave in the words in 6 C----- that a golf course could remove non Heritage trees "without justification or permit." Leave the " or permit" in there. Golf course superintendents are smart guys.... please give them some authority.

Thank you for asking me for input.

I would like to send the proposal to my Supt as well.... to see if he has additional input.

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