

Letter from Kevin Blum to the Brierwood community

Transcription of the photographed letter “Blum Letter.jpeg” (documents folder). The letter carries no date. Its first paragraph says the author purchased the course “two years ago,” and the course was bought in July 2014, which places the letter at about 2016, before the course closed on June 1, 2017. Wording, spelling and punctuation are reproduced as printed, including the original errors. One line near the fold is shadowed in the photograph but is legible.

My name is Kevin Blum and I am the current owner of the Brierwood Golf Course. Two years ago upon purchasing the Brierwood Golf Course, I had what seemed at the time, a realistic dream of bringing Brierwood Golf Course and its Community back to the luster it once enjoyed. However, I have come to the realization that my goals, while obtainable, were a bit lofty for just one imagination and effort.

Therefore, I have chosen to write this letter to you, the community, to express my deepest concern over the life of the Golf Course and in turn, ask the Community’s Help. Although I am in a situation of concern, my desire to own and operate Brierwood Golf Course is still a strong passion of mine. However, to make that happen, I need more support from local residents and more importantly, from the Brierwood Community.

During my visits to Brierwood I have observed many of the residents walking on the course, using the course as a dog park, bicycle riding and fishing to just name a few. So, it’s safe to say the Golf Course is more than just a Golf Course, and my goal is for it to become even more . However, I need the communities’ support to achieve this.

I am sure that we could all agree there are many improvements such as the roads, front entrance lighting, street lighting and a community park that would foster a more enjoyable community for us all. Furthermore, I would like to see the golf course continue on its course of returning to the local favorite; but it has reached a point where I need the community’s involvement.

To make this happen, I am proposing that we implement a Community Fund. The monies paid into this fund would be directly utilized for improvements to the community, which in turn I am hoping will increase turnout on the golf course.

The proposed amount of contribution to the fund would be \$50 per month per home-site within the Brierwood Community. Every person in each contributing home-site would become a “community member”. This would entitle that community member to play 18 holes of golf at the lower of (a) \$20, or (b) the current price being offered (if there are specials that are lower than \$20, the community member would automatically receive

those lower prices). It would also entitle them access to the course for walking, biking, fishing and many other activities for the community as a whole. I would ask that these activities are not during golfing hours, and residents take full responsibility for their activities on or around the golf course property to include family members and guests. The idea is that we become a community with a golf course, rather than just a golf course inside a housing development.

The monies contributed would be placed in a fund, which would be administered by the community. The monies would be used as designated by a community board. Potential uses road repairs, landscaping of common areas, beautifying the front entrance, and any other improvements the community desires. An individual from the Community would be placed in charge of the monies and available for an audit at any time. Community input will always be accepted as it would be the Communities' funds and decisions decided by the Community along with the Golf Course Management. Please rest assure that the interest of the Community will always be at the forefront of any decision making for expenditures.

It is imperative that we implement this concept and work together so that the golf course can remain a viable operation, and the community can thrive. I truly want to save the golf course and improve the community. I believe my proposal provides us the ability to do just that. I look forward to working with each and every one of you on this matter.

I do not want to lose the course; however, I am at a point that selling the course would be my only other option and with that comes the uncertainty of an investor purchasing the course and developing the land with homes and with that come more roads etc. I would hate to see this happen so I am asking you to join with me and "Let's Make Brierwood GREAT AGAIN!!

Sincerely,

Kevin Blum

Owner/Operator

Brierwood Golf Club

You may contact Golf Course Manager directly with any questions or concerns at joey@brierwoodgc.com