

CITY OF BETHLEHEM
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Office of Parks and Public Property

To: J. Michael Schweder, President of Council and Members of City Council
From: Ralph E. Carp, Director of Parks and Public Property
Subject: Rate Increase – Bethlehem Golf Club
Date: 10-04-07

Attached please find for your consideration a proposed 2008 rate increase for the Bethlehem Golf Club. This rate increase has been reviewed and approved by Administration.

Please note that the current rate structure for the golf course has not changed in two years. During that time Course employees have had two pay increases and other operational costs have skyrocketed due to higher petroleum prices.

The rates proposed are moderate in my opinion and still represent an outstanding value to the users of the course, when compared to Allentown's Municipal course or other private venues. As you probably are aware, the Course was named by Lehigh Valley Magazine as "The Best Public Golf Course in the Valley" for 2007. The projected annual revenue increase based on current course activity is \$116,000.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Enclosures

Cc: Mayor Callahan
Dennis Reichard
Jack Spirk