

**GOLF COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2014**

The Golf Commission held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at the Orchards Golf Course, in the clubhouse. Chairman Austin called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Commission Members Present

R. Austin
G. Amato, Jr.
M. Blake
R. Peruzzi
W. Healey
D. Worroll
J. O'Connell

Also Present

J. Smith, Tournament Turf Care
J. Fabrizio, Tournament Turf Care
V. Fabrizio

II. Election of Officers

Commissioners' Worroll and Amato made and seconded a motion to nominate Richard Austin as Chairman.

Hearing no other nominations, nominations for Chairman were closed with the secretary casting one vote.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners' Austin and Peruzzi made and seconded a motion to nominate George Amato, Jr. as Vice Chairman.

Hearing no other nominations, nominations for Vice Chairman were closed with the secretary casting one vote.

Motion carried unanimously.

III. Public Comment

None.

IV. Consideration of Minutes

Commissioners' O'Connell and Amato made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held November 13, 2013 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Chairman's Report

Chairman Austin stated he would entertain a motion to file the meeting schedule for 2014 with the city clerk.

Commissioners' Amato and Worroll made and seconded a motion to approve and file the meeting schedule with the city clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Worroll pointed out the city website still indicates meetings are held at the Parson's Complex. The secretary will notify the MIS Department to make the correction.

Chairman Austin reported he attended the budget meeting with the Mayor and Finance Director. He noted the Mayor is happy with the way the course is running.

VI. Committee Reports

a) Planning Committee – Commissioner Healey reported the contract with Don's Landscaping had been signed. He stated he spoke with Don and he anticipated starting the work in March. Commissioner Healey stated he explained to Don that the course normally opens around March 17th.

Commissioner Amato commented the sooner work could begin, the better.

Commissioner Healey also reported he spoke with a State DOT representative and was given the approval to do work along North Street as long as the golf commission does not cut or touch any State trees. He stated that work would be put off until spring. He also reported he along with Commissioners' Amato and Peruzzi are still working on a maintenance building.

b) Financial Advisor – Commissioner Worroll reported the amounts in the accounts as of January 7, 2014. He reported financials were as follows: repair/maintenance \$14,520, secretarial fees \$350, water account \$12,962, Fund 18 \$85,307 and open space (non-appropriated) \$99,614. He also reported there is a balance of \$4,185 remaining from the \$50,000 approve by the Board of Aldermen.

Commissioner O'Connell asked if any of the revenue accounts had been separated out as discussed at the last meeting.

Commissioner Worroll stated he spoke with the Finance Director who has recommended not itemizing each of the revenue accounts. Commissioner Worroll also stated he was happy to report that he had spoke with Mr. Smith and Mr. Fabrizio and rates for the course would remain the same for the 2014 season.

Commissioner Healey suggested an email go out to those individuals on the course mailing list letting them know rates were remaining the same.

Commissioner Worroll stated he spoke with the City's Economic Development Director, Julie Nash who is willing to help with a marketing campaign for the golf course, no charge. He also stated she would like to come to a meeting to address the commission.

Commissioner Amato suggested Commissioner Worroll have her come to next month's meeting.

Commissioner Worroll stated he spoke with the manufacturer of the 3-wheeled carts and they are not making them any longer. A brief discussion ensued.

VII. Unfinished Business

None.

VIII. Management's Report (Tournament Turf Care, LLC)

Mr. Fabrizio reported the course is officially winterized. He stated if the weather should get better they would reopen, otherwise they are status quo.

IX. New Business

a) Report on Rounds - Mrs. Fabrizio distributed handouts for the November/December report. She pointed out the weather was not great for December, so rounds were done slightly, but overall they were comparable to last year.

Commissioner O'Connell asked about the property adjacent to the course which was recently sold for a 3-4 lot sub-division. He stated when a sub-division is created a donation is given to the city and suggested if that is the case that it go to the open space account.

Chairman Austin stated the Commission could look into it.

Commissioner Healey suggested the Commissioner send a letter to the Planning and Zoning Department or the City Planner.

Commissioner O'Connell stated he would start with an inquiry to the City Planner. A brief discussion ensued.

Being no further business, Commissioners' O'Connell and Blake made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Golf Commission will be held February 12, 2014 at the **Orchards Golf Course** in the clubhouse, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber
Recording Secretary