

**GOLF COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 8, 2012**

The Golf Commission held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at the Orchards Golf Course, in the clubhouse. Mr. Austin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**I. Roll Call**

Commission Members Present

R. Austin  
G. Amato, Jr.  
M. Blake  
R. Peruzzi  
W. Healey  
D. Worroll  
R. Hardiman

Also Present

J. Smith, Tournament Turf Care  
J. Fabrizio, Tournament Turf Care  
V. Fabrizio  
P. Smith, BOA Liaison

**II. Public Comment**

P. Sochrin – no address given – spoke about learning to play golf at the Orchards. She stated she was here tonight to ask the Commission to consider getting a “slope & rating” for the course. She went on to explain why the need and stated it would provide a uniform standard. She spoke about the number of golf courses in Connecticut and how it evaluates the difficulty of the course. Ms. Sochrin asked the Commission to consider this request. She stated she is very involved in the women’s league and would be willing to solicit interest from that group to see if they are willing to become members of CSGA. She stated she would be willing to make contact with the men’s leagues as well.

Commissioner Healey asked the estimated cost and if there was any annual maintenance fees.

Ms. Sochrin stated the cost is \$200. She also explained every few years the CSGA comes back to the course to update it, but there is not a cost for that.

Mr. Fabrizio stated he did not have enough information tonight to ask educated questions, but that he would be willing to look at it more closely.

Chairman Austin stated the Commission would take this up later in their meeting. He further stated the Commission would be willing to do more research.

Commissioner Worroll stated it sounded like a good idea and might be worth pursuing. A brief discussion ensued.

Commissioner Amato was excused at 5:44 p.m. due to a conflict with another meeting.

### **III. Consideration of Minutes**

Commissioners' Hardiman and Peruzzi made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 12, 2012 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **IV. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Austin reported he received a shut-off notice from the Regional Water Authority for a balance of \$235. He noted last month he paid the RWA over \$16,000. He stated he would have it taken care of immediately. He also reported he has seen the new management company on the grounds looking things over and reported everything seems to be working out well.

### **V. Committee Reports**

a) Planning Committee – Commissioner Healey reported the Planning sub-committee recently held their initial meeting. He stated at this point they were gathering information and would have a report for the next meeting. Commissioner Healey also suggested that a report from the Management Company be added to the agenda, perhaps following New Business.

b) Financial Advisor – Commissioner Worroll reported the Board of Aldermen approved the Golf Commission's request for transfer of funds at their meeting this past Monday evening.

### **VI. Unfinished Business**

a) Update –Operating Agreement. Commissioner Healey reported the Operating Agreement had been fully executed by all parties and was distributed accordingly. He also stated this item could not be removed from the agenda at this time.

b) Update – Signage at the course. Commissioner Peruzzi reported the signs had come back. He stated two of the signs were beyond repair. He explained there was some type of PCB type material behind it. Commissioner Peruzzi also reported he spoke with the Public Works Director regarding the handicap signs.

Chairman Austin asked if the handicap signs were at the course.

Commissioner Peruzzi stated the sign shop would come out take the appropriate measurements and install the signs. He also stated he had an invoice in the amount of \$800.00 for consideration by the Commission.

Commissioners' Healey and Peruzzi made and seconded a motion to approve the invoice of Bowman Signs in the amount of \$800.00 for the signage at the Golf Course. Motion carried unanimously.

c) Proposal for installation of cameras. Chairman Austin stated he received a proposal for the installations of cameras at the course and explained the costs. He asked if the system being considered was a separate system or a stand alone system.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Fabrizio both responded it is a separate stand along system.

Mr. Fabrizio provided an explanation of the added protection for the course as well as employees working within the clubhouse.

Mr. Smith stated there would be a total of six cameras, two outside and four inside the building (clubhouse, including the shed). He stated the cameras would provide protection for employees, the course and the buildings as well.

Ald. P. Smith asked about the signage language.

Mr. Fabrizio stated it was required.

Ald. P. Smith expressed concern about liability on the part of the City. She suggested the Commission work with the City's Risk Manager to be sure the signs can in fact be put up. She spoke about a problem with signage in another area in the City.

Commissioner Healey asked about camera at the doors.

Mr. Fabrizio stated it would also be possible to add more, if necessary.

Chairman Austin stated the quote received reflected a complete cost to install in the amount of \$4,685, plus maintenance each month in the amount of \$22.00.

Mr. Smith interjected stating the monthly fee was only if the company was taking over the existing system, which they are not.

Chairman Austin stated the Commission would hold off until next month allowing time to check with the City Attorney's Office as well as the Risk Manager. He also stated a transfer of fund would likely be necessary.

Commissioner Healey asked he would be making the inquiry of the City Attorney's Office.

Commissioner Worroll stated he would contact the City Attorney.

d) Update – Purchase of new golf carts. Commissioner Worroll reported the electric golf carts were ready to go. He also reported they would be receiving 20 (plus 2) "easy" pull carts, with green grips. He stated they have wide wheels with a great deal of stability. He stated they received the two extra carts because of the number purchased at one time. Commissioner Worroll stated the cost was \$1,759.41.

Commissioners' Healey and Peruzzi made and seconded a motion to approve the purchase of 20 (plus 2) pull carts in the amount of \$1,759.41.

Commissioner Worroll pointed out the monies for this purchase was coming from the cart fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

## **VII. New Business**

Chairman Austin spoke regarding the speaker during public comment regarding the “slope and rating”. He stated he had no problem with getting this rating.

Mr. Smith added it would be good for the course. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Fabrizio stated he would like to pursue getting more information for the Commission, but that it was something that was a good idea.

Commissioner Healey asked who would pay for the line costs, etc, if USGA agrees to put in the computer.

Mr. Fabrizio replied they could possibly do this.

Commissioners’ Healey and Peruzzi made and seconded a motion to have Tournament Turf Care pursue additional information concerning the “slope and rating.” Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fabrizio also reported while conducting a walk around the course he found a couple hundred feet of sod missing on the green surround. He stated it appeared it had actually been cut out. Mr. Fabrizio stated they are willing to do the work to replace the sod, but that the Commission would have to pay for the sod. A brief discussion ensued.

Commissioner Healey reminded Mr. Fabrizio there is a bid cap with regarding to purchases.

Mr. Fabrizio also reported there is a tank on the side of the building with old waste oil and possibly antifreeze. He stated it will need to be removed, but because there is the possibility it is antifreeze in the tank, there will be a charge.

Commissioner Healey stated he believed Mr. Sullivan was using it for waste oil.

Mr. Fabrizio stated he only wanted to make the Commission aware of it because there will be a cost involved.

Mr. Smith also spoke to the Commission about expanding the merchandise area. He also stated he would like to make the counter a “showcase” with glass panels, but before doing any of this work they wanted to get approval from the Commissioner.

Commissioners’ Worroll and Blake made and seconded a motion to modify the clubhouse to accommodate a new merchandise area. Motion carried unanimously.

### **VIII. Adjournment**

Being no further business, Commissioners' Hardiman and Blake made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Golf Commission will be held March 14, 2012 at the **Orchards Golf Course** in the clubhouse, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber  
Recording Secretary