

**GOLF COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 8, 2017**

The Golf Commission held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at the Orchards Golf Course, in the clubhouse. Vice Chairman Amato called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Commission Members Present

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

Also Present

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

Excused
D. Austin

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Consideration of Minutes

Commissioners' Worroll and Peruzzi made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 8, 2017, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Chairman's Report

Vice Chairman Amato reported he spoke with Chairman Austin several times. He is slowly recuperating from his surgery and is currently rehabilitating. Vice Chairman Amato stated he looks forward to the opening of the course around March 17h, weather permitting. He stated when he spoke with Chairman Austin they had preliminary discussions regarding the appointment of a sub-committee for the North Street project regarding the property that was acquired. He stated this would give this Commission the opportunity to have a place at the table. The hope is the Commission can come up with some type of a plan moving forward that will benefit the course. Vice Chairman Amato stated the sub-committee would be comprised of Commissioners O'Connell, Healey, and Amato. He stated funds are available if there are any fees from consulting firms. He stated the second committee they discussed and it is a topic that has discussed at previous Commission meetings concerns the downturn in the number of rounds. Vice Chairman Amato appointed a sub-committee compromised of Commissioners Worroll, Blake, and Peruzzi. He stated the hope is that sub-committee will put some thoughts together to bring to the Commission.

Commissioner Worroll stated he has been speaking with the Mayor over the last two months regarding North Street.

Vice Chairman Amato stated he was looking for something structured and organized that could be presented. He also commented it would solidify what this Commission is looking to do. Finally, we discussed continuing to track the budget, especially when the budget comes before the Board of Aldermen.

V. Committee Reports

a) Planning Committee – Commissioner Healey reported repairs have been completed from the water pipe break. He stated the final invoice for the baseboard has not been received as yet; otherwise all other invoices have been processed. Commissioner Healey reported the total cost to date for the repairs is \$15,177.16, which has been submitted to the insurance carrier for the city. He stated the baseboards should be replaced in the next few weeks. He explained the work that was done overhead in the pipes which will drain the water system more efficiently. Commissioner Healey stated overall he was pleased with the work that was done. He also reported the carpets were cleaned.

b) Financial Advisor – Commissioner Worroll reported the amounts in the accounts as of March 8, 2017. He reported financials were as follows: repair/maintenance \$7,660.39, secretarial fees \$250, water account \$6,889, Fund 18 \$80,000 and Open Space \$34,993.

Commissioner Healey asked about the repair/maintenance account and if the balance would get them to the end of the physical year. He stated he was hopeful there would be no major repairs that need to be done before June 30, 2017.

Mr. Fabrizio mentioned there may be a problem with the clock on the first hole. A brief discussion ensued.

VI. Unfinished Business

a) Update – Repairs to clubhouse addition - reported Commissioner Healey under Committee Reports.

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

Mr. Fabrizio reported last month the commission discussed marketing. He reported management is looking to create new leagues, also considering newspaper ads focusing. Mr. Fabrizio stated they are also looking into creating a weekend golf league, as well as promoting a beginner golf course which would include two lessons with the pro as well as rounds. He also spoke about the winter rates and possibly starting them earlier than after Thanksgiving, with the possibility of doing it in the spring as well. Mr. Fabrizio stated they were also thinking about offering a college student rate, with a college id.

VIII. New Business

a) Report on Rounds – Course was closed during the month of February.

Being no further business, Commissioners' Peruzzi and Blake made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Golf Commission will be held April 5, 2017 at the **Orchards Golf Course** in the clubhouse, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary