

**GOLF COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 12, 2014**

The Golf Commission held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at the Orchards Golf Course, in the clubhouse. Chairman Austin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Commission Members Present

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

Also Present

J. Fabrizio Tournament Turf Care
V. Fabrizio, Tournament Turf Care
J. Smith, Tournament Turf Care
Ald. S. Fontana, BOA Liaison
J. Nash, Economic Dev. Director

Excused: M. Blake

II. Public Comment

Commissioner Healey introduced Mr. Vitagliano of Don's Landscaping who will be doing the work at the course.

Mr. Vitagliano gave a brief presentation of some of the work to be performed. He stated at this point everything depends on the weather, but he is ready to go. He stated he would start with tree pruning and proceed from there.

Chairman Austin stated he could have the mafia block at the back of the course moved, which would enable Mr. Vitagliano and his crew to bring their vehicles in and out.

Mr. Fabrizio stated he would like to see them start sooner than later, but if necessary would assist in having the crews work around play.

Chairman Austin thanked Mr. Vitagliano for coming tonight.

Commissioner Worroll introduced Julie Nash, Milford's Economic Development Officer. He stated as discussed at the last meeting Ms. Nash was here tonight to see what the city could do in promoting the Orchards Golf Course.

Ms. Nash thanked the Commission for having her. She stated she had a number of ideas that could increase revenue and bring more people to the course. She spoke of Char-a-tee Golf, which could be a way to increase revenue. She also spoke about the possibility of having outings, offering parent/child discounts once a week and offering various types of leagues, i.e. a couples league. She also stated there are grants out there and also the use of social media.

Commissioner Austin thanked Ms. Nash for coming out and stated the Commission along with the management company would explore some of the ideas she mentioned.

III. Consideration of Minutes

Commissioners' Amato and Peruzzi made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 12, 2014 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Chairman's Report

Chairman Austin reported he paid the last part of the water bill. He expressed his hope the weather would warm up so play could begin at the course.

V. Committee Reports

a) Planning Committee – Commissioner Healey reported he received the specifications for the maintenance building. He also stated he along with Commissioners' Peruzzi and Amato met with Mr. Swift who was joined by Mr. Smith. He stated they would be meeting with Mr. Silver, Silver Petrucelli in the next week and then get the RFP to the Purchasing Agent.

b) Financial Advisor – Commissioner Worroll reported financials as follows: repair/maintenance \$12,467, secretarial fees \$300, water account \$12,962, Fund 18 \$85,307 and open space (non-appropriated) \$137,667. He stated the balance in the water account did not include what was just paid.

Commissioner O'Connell asked about the balance in the Fund 18 account. He stated to his knowledge the balance was higher. A brief discussion ensued regarding the Fund 18 account.

VI. Unfinished Business

a) Update – Abutting property/Orchards – Chairman Austin noted a letter went to the Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Board, with a copy to the City Planner on February 24, 2014.

Commissioner O'Connell reported any discussions would not take place until the application comes to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Commissioner Healey commented the Commission should continue to follow this.

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

Mr. Smith stated there was no report at this time.

VIII. New Business

a) Report on Rounds – no report.

Being no further business, Commissioners' Amato and Peruzzi 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 March 12, 2014 at the **Orchards Golf Course** in the clubhouse, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber
Recording Secretary