

**GOLF COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 10, 2013**

The Golf Commission held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at the Orchards Golf Course, in the clubhouse. Chairman Austin called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Commission Members Present

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

Also Present

J. Smith, Tournament Turf Care
J. Fabrizio, Tournament Turf Care
V. Fabrizio, Tournament Turf Care
J. Newlan, Orchards Golf Course
P. Smith, BOA Liaison

Excused: W. Healey

Absent: T. Rosati

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Consideration of Minutes

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

IV. Chairman's Report

Chairman Austin commented the course is in great shape. He reported all storm damage had been cleaned up. He asked Mr. Fabrizio if the city had vacuumed out the dry well.

Mr. Fabrizio checked the well and reported it had not. Chairman Austin stated he would contact the city public works department and have someone come out.

Chairman Austin also commented about course etiquette and play on the course. He stated he has noticed the number of shots a person may take.

Mr. Newlan stated they would be posting a sign. He also stated once a course ranger is in place that will help to make sure play continues along. A brief discussion ensued. Mr. Newlan also reported the radios are operable, including the garage.

V. Committee Reports

a) Planning Committee – Commissioner Amato reported the Committee opted not to meet with Mr. Swift until Commissioner Healey returned. He stated they expected to get together next week.

b) Financial Advisor – Commissioner Worroll reported the financials are the same.

Chairman Austin added there is approximately \$7,000 in the maintenance replacement account. He also noted there is still some monies in the water account, which would roll into the Fund 18 account if no other bills are received.

VI. Unfinished Business

a) Update – Addition of golf carts – Commissioner Worroll stated he would ask the Planning Committee to look into space issues before they pursue additional carts. He stated it would behoove them to purchase two additional carts; however, the Commission needs to make sure they have room to store the carts.

Mr. J. Smith agreed storage is very tight and that they just did not have room for two additional carts at this time unless the Commission is willing to consider adding another storage building.

Ald. P. Smith commented the Commission should be prepared to address why the course can handle more carts. He recalled this issue came up at a Board of Aldermen budget meeting last year. A brief discussion ensued.

b) Update – Dedication – Commissioner Amato reported they would be going out to the tree location. He also reported he has spoken with Terry Munk regarding some type of plaque.

Commissioner Worroll reminded the Commission of the Recreation Department's bench program and went on to explain the program.

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

Mr. Fabrizio reported the course is being prepared and that the irrigation system has been turned on. He noted there is one leaking sprinkler head, which will need to be replaced. He stated they are continuing to move along with regular maintenance. He also reported the new superintendent Tim Mars has begun work. Mr. Mars was then introduced to the Commission.

Mr. J. Smith stated Mr. Mars is originally from Milford and is a Jonathan Law graduate and Rutgers University. He stated he has also worked at Bronson and Great River Golf Club.

The Commission members welcomed Mr. Mars.

Mr. J. Smith reported they are discussing doing some work with Tee 3 and that they are in the process of putting together some ideas to present to the Commission.

Commissioner Amato stated they need the lead from management as to what they need, i.e. gravel, sand, etc.

VIII. New Business

a) Report on Rounds – Mr. Fabrizio stated they did not do a report for pull carts from last year to this year for this month. He stated last year was an unusually warm spring, so they decided they would do a three-year average.

Mrs. Fabrizio also explained some minor changes to their report, which the Commission accepted.

Commissioner Amato asked when leagues begin.

Mr. Newlan reported the senior league began this week. He also reported the recreation league began last week and that the women's league begins in a few weeks. Mr. Newlan also reported the youth league begins after school ends. He reported there is a spring youth league which is held on Saturdays morning.

Being no further business, Commissioners' Amato 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 May 8, 2013 at the **Orchards Golf Course** in the clubhouse, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber
Recording Secretary