

**GOLF COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 14, 2012**

The Golf Commission held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 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

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  
J. Newlan, Orchards Golf Course  
M. Moraghan, CSGA  
R. Hoffman, CSGA

**II. Public Comment**

None.

**III. Consideration of Minutes**

Commissioners' Hardiman and Amato made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 14, 2012 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Austin stated he would re-order the agenda for a presentation from the Connecticut State Golf Association. He deferred to Mike Moraghan, Executive Director and Ryan Hoffman.

Mr. Moraghan stated he was happy to be before the Commission representing the Connecticut State Golf Association ("CSGA"). He spoke of the work of the CSGA the benefits. He also spoke of scholarship opportunities, specifically the Widdy Neale Scholarship which has awarded more than \$2.3 million to over 500 deserving high school seniors. He deferred to Mr. Hoffman for more information regarding the course rating services.

Mr. Hoffman gave an overview of the course rating services. He explained if the Commissioner elects to be a member there is no charge to belong to the association. He stated the members would pay a \$20 fee. He continued with an explanation of benefits, a copy of which was emailed to all the Commissioners. He explained the program that is used and how members post their scores. He stated there are 185 membership clubs in the State of Connecticut. He explained the need to have 10 members, but stated even if they don't get the members, it is still something great the club can offer.

Commissioner Healey asked how often the course is re-rated.

Mr. Hoffman explained generally if the course goes through any major changes or additions, they will come out and re-evaluate.

Chairman Austin asked how long the process takes.

Mr. Hoffman stated if the Commission goes with the license it would take approximately 1-1 ½ weeks. He stated the process for setting up the computer takes just a few days.

Chairman Austin stated the Commission was not in a position to make a decision tonight. He stated they would put it out to the leagues to see if there is interest.

Commissioner Healey stated the Orchards is a public golf course, so they don't have memberships. He asked how it would then work.

Mr. Hoffman explained it could be for anyone that golf's at the course, whether it be someone who comes once or twice a year or all year long.

Commissioner Worroll stated it was his understanding there is a minimum of 10 members, which he stated he did not think would be a problem.

Chairman Austin thanked the men for the information. He stated for now the Commission would like to move forward with the slope rating.

Commissioner Healey asked where the equipment would be located.

Mr. Fabrizio stated the clubhouse is now wireless, so they would just have to determine the location.

Mr. Hoffman also spoke about a "hole-in-one" recognition program just started by the CSGA.

Commissioner Blake expressed concern with losing time while they wait to talk with each of the leagues.

Commissioners' Hardiman and Amato made and seconded a motion to move forward with the slope and rating certification. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Austin reiterated the Commission would not move forward with each of the leagues.

Commissioner Healey asked if management would require any additional fees to run the membership.

Mr. Moraghan stated he would get the Commission on the calendar right away.

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

Chairman Austin stated he had nothing to report at this point.

## **V. Committee Reports**

a) Planning Committee – No report.

b) Financial Advisor – Commissioner Worroll reported he went before the Board of Aldermen and the transfer in the amount of \$20,000 was approved. He stated the bill for the camera has been submitted.

## **VI. Unfinished Business**

a) Update – Golf Course Rating (see above)

b) Update – Cart rate re: 18 holes – Commissioner Worroll stated the figure discussed at the previous meeting was \$20 for a rental.

Commissioners' Worroll and Hardiman made and seconded a motion to approve a rate of \$20 for the rental of an electric cart for 18 holes of golf. Motion carried unanimously.

c) Update – Waste tank – Mr. Fabrizio reported the tank appears to only be holding waste oil. He stated they are ready to move forward with having it removed.

Commissioner Healey stated he would make the notification to have it removed.

d) Update – Hole #1 re: collar/sod – Mr. Fabrizio reported they needed to replace approximately 600 sq ft of sod and that they received a price of .40 sq. ft and .48 sq. ft. He stated they were asking the Commission if they wanted them to move forward with the replacement of the sod.

Commissioners' Hardiman and Amato made and seconded a motion to authorize Tournament Turf Care to replace the sod apron at Hole #1 in an amount not to exceed \$400.

Commissioner Healey stated it was his recollection that previous management was to have taken care of this. A brief discussion ensued.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Smith stated he wanted to know from the Commission the age someone needs to be to rent a motorized cart.

Chairman Austin responded the contract states 18 years old.

Mr. Fabrizio spoke regarding the irrigation.

Chairman Austin stated he spoke with Mr. Behrle in the Engineering Department and that he had been unable to get the maps.



**VIII. New Business**

None.

**IX. Adjournment**

Being no further business, Commissioners' Hardiman and Amato made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Golf Commission will be held May 9, 2012 at the **Orchards Golf Course** in the clubhouse, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber  
Recording Secretary