

**GOLF COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 8, 2019**

The Golf Commission held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 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

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

Also Present

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

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Consideration of Minutes

Commissioners Amato and O'Connell made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 10, 2019 as presented. Commissioner Healey stated he would abstain as he was not present at the April meeting. Motion carried 6 in favor, 1 abstention.

IV. Chairman's Report

Chairman Austin stated the cart path has been repaired. He also stated that due to the problems with the ice machine they will be looking to replace with a larger unit due to demand.

V. Committee Reports

a) Building and Grounds – Commissioner Healey stated he received the go ahead to have the pole on North Street repaired and the electrician is working with UI to complete the repairs. He stated that in regard to the water from the splash pad at Eisenhower Park the City needs to obtain permission from State to cross North Street. Commissioner Healey provided a status on 701 North Street. He stated there is discussion about bathrooms being placed at the end of the property that will be accessible from the golf course. Commissioner O'Connell asked who would be responsible for maintenance. Commissioner Amato stated the City would be responsible. Commissioner Healey stated he believes the bathrooms will have time locks similar to those at other City parks.

b) Financial Advisor – Commissioner Worroll reported balances in the accounts as follows: repair/maintenance \$11,654, secretarial fees \$100.00, water account \$11,878, Fund 18 \$150,000 and Open Space \$98,313. He stated that repair is up and water is down due to a recent transfer.

VI. Unfinished Business

- a) Update: Ice Machine – None.
- b) Update: 5th Tee Box – Chairman Austin stated the trees are overhanging and need to be trimmed.
- c) Update: 6th Tee Box – None.

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

Mr. Smith stated Tim has been doing a good job maintaining the course and they have been busy when it is not raining.

VIII. New Business

a) Report on Rounds – Ms. Fabrizio passed out and reviewed the rounds report. She stated that they are up from last April and up year to date. She also stated that electric carts are up and at the highest in years.

Commissioner Healey stated he had several new business items he would like to bring up. He asked if the sign on the door was the only marketing being done for use of the room. Mr. Smith stated they are also marketing on social media and the website. Commissioner Healey asked if they could put out a sandwich sign instead of a paper sign on the door.

Commissioner Healey stated the lines in the parking lot need to be repainted. He stated that he would contact the individual who previously painted the lines for a quote.

Commissioner Healey stated he would like to have Bob McNeil take a look at the course and see what recommendations he may have for the course.

Commissioner Healey stated he would like to contact the ballwasher vendor to request that the garbage cans be replaced with something other than plastic and that have a nicer look.

Commissioner Healey stated that with Eisenhower Park being developed he would like to see a sign on the course across from the main entrance so people see it and recognize the course is here. Chairman Austin had concerns about people parking in the lot. Commissioner Healey stated it is already posted no parking. Commissioner Worroll state the parking areas are being expanded at Eisenhower so it should be an issue.

Commissioner Healey stated he would like to look around at the trim wood that is rotting and replace as necessary.

Chairman Austin discussed the possibility of flash commercials on TV. He stated he will obtain information and bring it back to the Commission.


Commissioner O'Connell stated he would like to see the historical trend of the golf course. He stated he would obtain the information from Finance and bring back to the Commission. He also stated the contract with Tournament Turf Care is coming to an end. Chairman Austin appointment Commissioner O'Connell, Amato and Worroll as committee for contract review. Commissioner Healey stated last time the full board reviewed the RFP's.

Commissioner Blake asked if there were enough electric carts last year. Commissioner Worroll stated they should consider purchasing more. Chairman Austin stated there may not be enough space to store additional carts. Mr. Fabrizio stated they periodically ran out of carts. Commissioner Worroll asked if it was worth purchasing 2 more carts. Commissioner O'Connell asked if it would make sense financially to purchase 2 additional carts. Mr. Fabrizio stated the course sees a lot of tournaments because of the carts. Chairman Austin stated this was a something the Commission should continue to consider. Commissioner Healey stated there needs to a return on the investment in order for the purchase to make sense.

Being no further business, Commissioners' O'Connell and Worroll made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Toni Jo Weeks
Recording Secretary