

**GOLF COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 12, 2017**

The Golf Commission held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 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

D. Austin
J. O'Connell
M. Blake
R. Peruzzi
D. Worroll
J. O'Connell

Also Present

J. Smith, Tournament Turf Care
J. Fabrizio, Tournament Turf Care
V. Fabrizio, Tournament Turf Care
K. Dawid, The Orchards
Ald. R. Vitali

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Consideration of Minutes

Commissioners O'Connell and Peruzzi made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 14, 2017, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Chairman's Report

Chairman Austin reported things continue to run smoothly at the course and that he has heard nothing negative, except perhaps for the weather.

V. Committee Reports

a) Planning Committee – Commissioner Healey stated he had no report this month.

b) Financial Advisor –Commissioner Worroll reported he obtained the following figures from the Finance Department. He pointed out the new fiscal year began July 1, 2017. Maintenance and Repair \$27,214, Secretarial fees \$600, Water account \$28,000, Fund 18 \$89,303, Open Space \$37,743, and Fund 40 (building maintenance) \$520.

Commissioner Worroll also reported the carts were repaired. He also stated he has spoken with the fire department and they will do the defibrillator training at the course.

VI. Unfinished Business –

a) Update: Adjacent property – 701 North Street – Commissioner O’Connell reported they did a walk through of the property on June 20, 2017, with Mr. McNeil. He noted that Mr. McNeil was commented on how impressed he was with the Orchards facility and how impressive it was.

Commissioner Healey thanked Commissioners’ Peruzzi and O’Connell for taking the meeting. He also report the Committee requested, through the Mayor’s Office access to tour the building. Commissioner Healey stated he just spoke with the mayor’s assistant who will set something up next week. He also reported Bob McNeil prepared a plan for the Committee. He continued with an explanation of the proposal for fees and services. Commissioner Healey stated the initial cost of \$4,750 is for the conceptual plan, which fees may come out of the mayor’s planning account.

Commissioner O’Connell added that Mr. McNeil has a complete understanding of the economics of golf courses and proceeding forward.

Commissioner Amato stated this Committee needs to be prepared and have a plan of action in place once the time comes to move forward. A brief discussion ensued.

b) Update: Insurance RE: Rental of the clubhouse – Mr. Fabrizio reiterated that Tournament Turf Care is fully insured and that there is no problem with their insurance carrier.

Commissioner Worroll reported he has been unable to connect with the City Attorney and that he would do so tomorrow and report back to the Commission next month.

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

Mr. Smith reported the course is in good shape. He commented the only positive with so much rain is that the water bills are lower. He noted there were roughly 18 days of rain. He commented regarding the weather stating it is not just the rain that impacts play, but the heat and humidity also factor in.

Commissioner Amato asked if the leagues are at maximum at this point and if there has been any more interest.

Mr. Fabrizio reported there has been no additional interest at this point. A brief discussion ensued.

VIII. New Business

a) Report on Rounds

Mrs. Fabrizio distributed the monthly report on rounds for the month of June and provided a brief review of the report. (Report attached).

Commissioner Healey commended Mrs. Fabrizio on the 5-year report they presented last month and thanked her for putting it together.

Mrs. Blake asked about having out-of-towers play during the week at the same rate as a resident.

Mr. Smith stated they could look into. Mrs. Fabrizio mentioned the loyalty plan at the course.

Ms. Dawid explained the Loyalty Plan. She added it is popular with the regulars.

Commissioner O'Connell asked Chairman Austin inquired about the appointment of a committee to look at next year's contract.

Chairman Austin appointed Commissioner O'Connell to put together a committee and to have him serve as chair.

Commissioner O'Connell also mentioned a tournament he recently played in at the course and the comments were nothing short of a great job by all.

Being no further business, Commissioners' Worroll and Blake made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary