

**GOLF COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2013**

The Golf Commission held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 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.
M. Blake
R. Peruzzi
D. Worroll
J. O'Connell

Also Present

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

Excused: W. Healey

II. Public Comment

Chairman Austin deferred to Mr. Newlan to introduce a special guest. Mr. Newlan introduced Tyler Lambiase, a local boy scout who wished to make a presentation to the Commission regarding his scout project at Eisenhower Park.

Scout Lambiase explained he has been making bat houses and was given permission to place them at Eisenhower Park. He stated he is before this Commission for permission to put a bat house at either the 3rd tee or the 6th tee. He went on to explain the structure of his bat house and how it works.

Commissioners' Amato and Blake made and seconded a motion to approve the placement of a bat house at either the 3rd or 6th tee, as management sees fit. Motion carried unanimously.

Scout Lambiase stated the bat house would be complete by the end of October.

III. Consideration of Minutes

Commissioners' Amato and Blake made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 14, 2013, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Chairman's Report

Chairman Austin stated he had not report other that he continues to hear good things about the course.

V. Committee Reports

a) Planning Committee – Commissioner Amato stated he was reporting for Commissioner who was unable to be here tonight. Commissioner Amato stated he along with Commissioners’ Healey and Peruzzi appeared before the Board of Aldermen based on the information that was previously reported to this Board. He explained the process they consulted with the city attorney and had him research whether funds could be used from the open space fund. Commissioner Amato stated they brought it to the Board of Aldermen and after a lengthy discussion they received approval. He also stated he wished to publicly thank the Commission’s aldermanic liaison, Paula Smith, who amended the motion which gave the Golf Commission monies in an amount NTE \$50,000. He also acknowledged Ald. P. Smith’s attendance at every Golf Commission meeting and for her commitment to this Commission.

Commissioners’ Amato and Peruzzi made and seconded a motion to approve James R. Swift proposal to perform engineering work regarding the maintenance building in the amount of \$7,250.

Chairman Austin explained Mr. Swift would be doing layout and proposal for electrical and basic construction details.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners’ Amato and Peruzzi made and seconded a motion to forward to the City’s purchasing agenda a request to perform and RFP based on the priority list give to Mr. Swift from the Golf Commission, in an amount NTE \$50,000.

Commissioner Worroll asked about the cart patch.

Commissioner Amato explained the thought was to possibly have that project be a part of the entire plan as proposed by this Commission.

Motion carried unanimously.

b) Financial Advisor – Commissioner Worroll stated he spoke with the Mayor about creating a special account (Fund 76) bench account. He stated he felt there would likely be more requests in the future for these types of benches around the course. Commissioner Worroll reported the financials as follows: Balance in the water account \$23,408, secretaries’ fees \$500, repair/maintenance account \$23,255 and Fund 18 \$85,307. He stated he would be speaking with the Mayor regarding the open space account.

VI. Unfinished Business

a) Update – Dedication – Commissioner Worroll reported the benches would be shipped in the next day or two. He stated a lift would be needed and that there would be an additional cost of \$75.00 for a truck with truck lift. Commissioner Worroll stated the benches should arrive in about a week, so the Commission should start thinking about a dedication.

Commissioner Amato stated he would speak with the Hardiman family and with Bob Joy.

Commissioner Worroll stated he created a form for a bench program at the golf course. He showed the form to the other members of Commission. He also commented he has secured a computer for the course and that it should arrive shortly.

Mr. Fabrizio stated the current system is working and more than adequate.

b) Update – Course Improvements – discussed as part of the finance report above.

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

Mr. Fabrizio reported they will be irrigating the greens beginning tomorrow as discussed at last night’s meeting.

Commissioner Amato asked about the sprinkler heads and if they have been corrected.

Mr. Fabrizio stated they have and that they continue to work on them. He explained the cylnoid (sp) was weak and the sprinkler was always going on. He stated that has been corrected.

Commissioner Amato asked if there were any other problems.

Mr. Fabrizio stated there was a hydraulic leak which has been repaired.

VIII. New Business

a) Report on Rounds – Mrs. Fabrizio reported on rounds and carts for August (handout). She went on to explain the numbers.

Commissioner Worroll interjected stating the rounds were the highest in sometime.

Mrs. Fabrizio referred to the report and pointed out that electric cart rentals were up as well as pull carts, which are way up.

Being no further business, Commissioners’ Amato and Peruzzi made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Golf Commission will be held October 9, 2013 at the **Orchards Golf Course** in the clubhouse, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber
Recording Secretary