

**GOLF COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2017**

The Golf Commission held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 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
J. O'Connell
G. Amato
D. Worroll
W. Healey

Also Present

J. Smith, Tournament Turf Care
J. Fabrizio, Tournament Turf Care
V. Fabrizio, Tournament Turf Care
Ald. R. Vitali, Aldermanic Liaison

Excused: M. Blake, R. Peruzzi

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Consideration of Minutes

Commissioners' Healey and Amato made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 9, 2017.

Commissioner Worroll stated on p. 2, 2nd paragraph from the bottom, should read "***he reported Chief Edo would call Battalion Chief Wassmer.***" Also, the minutes should have reflected that ***Commissioners' Amato and Healey were present.***

Motion carried unanimously, as corrected.

IV. Chairman's Report

Chairman Austin apologized for missing last month's meeting. He reported he is hearing good things from parents about the Monday program for kids.

V. Committee Reports

a) Planning Committee – No report

b) Financial Advisor –Commissioner Worroll reported the following account balances: . Maintenance and Repair \$25,939, Secretarial fees \$500, Water account \$20,445, Fund 18 \$54,834, Open Space \$34,993,

Chairman Austin commented as of the first quarter the water bill was down over \$4,000.

c) Contract Review - Tournament Turf Care – Commissioner Worroll reported the sub-committee met. He stated he would like to add Executive Session to the agenda for purposes of discussing the contract.

Commissioners' Worroll and Healey made and seconded a motion to add Executive Session to the agenda regarding the contract for Tournament Turf Care. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Unfinished Business –

a) Update: Adjacent property – 701 North Street – Commissioner Healey reported he and Commissioner O'Connell met last week with Mayor Blake and other city departments regarding the North Street property. He reported the mayor has asked the Golf Commission to hold off at this time, adding the Fine Arts Council is interested as well.

b) Update: Insurance RE: Rental of the clubhouse – Worroll reported the issue has been resolved.

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

Mr. Smith stated they would be aerifying the greens next week, weather permitting. He stated they would also be putting down a top dressing. Regarding the tree work along the 9th green, he stated the cost has been estimated at \$5,300. Mr. Smith also stated they would like to deep tine (sic) the greens. He explained how it goes down and is very good for the greens. He estimated that cost at \$3,000.

Commissioner O'Connell stated at the last meeting the trees were discussed. He suggested until each member has had an opportunity to look at the area, that the vote be deferred to next month's meeting.

Commissioner Healey asked about the look.

Mr. Fabrizio stated the trees are marked. He encouraged the Commissioners to look at the area. He also stated they would be keeping the maple tree, but the other trees around that area would be removed.

Commissioner Healey asked about the other side of the wall.

Chairman Austin stated North Street is a state road.

Mr. Fabrizio stated work along that side of the wall was never part of the initial agreement. He stated he would need to have a letter from the State allowing Tournament Turf Care to maintain that area. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Healey suggested management get a quote to clean up the North Street area.

Mr. Fabrizio reiterated it is a state road and therefore they cannot cut a live limb. He also stated there is a difference between a commercial property versus a residential property.

Commissioner Healey stated essentially what he was looking for was to have the area cleaned/cleared, grass cut, etc. Discussion resumed.

Commissioner Amato commented on another subject regarding the flags. He stated he often hears concerns about the flags; some are starting to tear or are ripped. He also asked if the marker on the flag could be addressed as well.

VIII. New Business

a) Report on Rounds

Mrs. Fabrizio distributed the monthly report on rounds for the month of August. She stated the numbers are growing somewhat.

IX. Executive Session

Commissioners' Worroll and Amato made and seconded a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss management contract. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission adjourned to Executive Session at 5:49 pm

Chairman Austin announced the Commission was out of Executive Session and reconvened in the meeting in public session at 5:53 pm.

Commissioners' Worroll and Healey made and seconded a motion to extend the contract Tournament Turf Care for one (1) year, contract to expire December 31, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business, Commissioners' Amato and Worroll made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary