

**GOLF COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2014**

The Golf Commission held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 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.
W. Healey
J. O'Connell
D. Worroll

Also Present

J. Fabrizio Tournament Turf Care
V. Fabrizio, Tournament Turf Care
Ald. S. Fontana, BOA Liasion

Excused: M. Blake, R. Peruzzi

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 November 13, 2013 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Chairman's Report

Chairman Austin stated there was not much to report. He stated basically the course is covered in snow. He stated the sidewalks have been plowed as well as part of the parking lot. He also took the opportunity to introduce the Golf Commission's aldermanic liaison, Susan Fontana.

V. Committee Reports

a) Planning Committee – Commissioner Healey reported Commissioners' Amato and Peruzzi, along with himself met with Bill Silver, Architect. He went on to explain the two proposals. Commissioner Healey also reported they met with the Mayor who was receptive to the idea and stated he may be able to assist with some funding sources. He stated the Mayor suggested the Committee go out for an RFP and reiterated he may be able to look into some additional funding. Commissioner Healey reported a week later Mr. Silver, Mr. Swift, Mr. Bialiak, City's Purchasing Agent, Mr. Jud Smith and the Committee met. He stated a survey has been done and discussions took place regarding a design building. He stated he expected to receive a first draft shortly and bring that to next month's meeting. He also stated the Purchasing Agent is looking forward to working with the committee and helping to move this forward. Commissioner Healey stated he was optimistic and hopeful for completing the work by late fall. He also reported no work has been done as yet regarding the

landscaping, obviously due to the weather. He stated he has put the contractor on notice to be ready to go as early as the beginning of March as the course generally opens around Saint Patrick's Day. A brief discussion ensued.

Commissioner Amato stated as a spinoff once that work gets going and hopefully comes to fruition the Commission can then address the remaining part of this building.

Commissioner O'Connell commented in doing some fast math, they were looking at \$150 per sq ft, which he stated seemed like a lot. A brief discussion ensued.

Commissioner Healey noted there is a storm drain in the area where the proposed structure will go. He stated the work includes moving the storage bins, etc.

Commissioner O'Connell expressed concern they don't use all available resources and fall short when they want to do enhancements on the course. Discussion resumed.

b) Financial Advisor –Commissioner Worroll reported financials as follows: repair/maintenance \$12,968, secretarial fees \$300, water account \$12,962, Fund 18 \$85,307 and open space (non-appropriated) \$137,667. He also reported there is a balance of \$3,745 remaining from the \$50,000 approved by the Board of Aldermen. Commissioner Worroll stated they deducted money for the advertising. He also reported the Economic Development Director Julie Nash would come to the Commission's next meeting.

VI. Unfinished Business

Commissioner O'Connell reported he had a conversation with the City Planner regarding the recently sold abutting property. He stated he also spoke with a member of the Planning and Zoning Board who told him this was something this Commission should bring to the Zoning Board. Commissioner O'Connell stated he prepared a letter to go to the Planning and Zoning Board and the City Planner.

Commissioners' Healey and Amato made and seconded a motion to send a letter to the Planning and Zoning Board and City Planner to consider a land reservation into the open space fund. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Fabrizio stated there was not much to report at this time.

VIII. New Business

a) Report on Rounds – no report.

Commissioner O'Connell reported he spoke with Inland Wetlands Compliance Officer Palumbo who produced a map from 1993. He stated she would be happy to walk the course the management and this Commission to see where the boundaries are. A brief discussion ensued.

Being no further business, Commissioners' Amato and O'Connell made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Golf Commission will be held March 12, 2014 at the **Orchards Golf Course** in the clubhouse, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber
Recording Secretary