

**GOLF COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 9, 2014**

The Golf Commission held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 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
R. Peruzzi
J. O'Connell
D. Worroll

Also Present

J. Fabrizio Tournament Turf Care
V. Fabrizio, Tournament Turf Care
T. Copeland, Planning & Zoning Liaison

Excused: M. Blake, G. Amato, W. Healey

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Consideration of Minutes – March 12, 2014

Commissioners' O'Connell and Peruzzi made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 12, 2014 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Chairman's Report

Chairman Austin reported the course is open, although to a slow start due to the weather. He also reported some work has been done on the course by Don's Landscaping, but that too is going slow due to the course being too wet. He stated management would report more during their report. Chairman Austin stated he would entertain a motion to have 16 stumps removed and also an apple tree which split and fell for a total of 17. He stated he would ask that the motion include a not to exceed amount of \$5,000.

Commissioners' O'Connell and Worroll made and seconded a motion to remove 17 stumps from the course, including reseeded for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.

Mr. Fabrizio noted the apple tree came down during a recent wind storm. He commented he would like to see it replaced with another apple tree.

Motion carried unanimously.

V. Committee Reports

a) Planning Committee – Commissioner Peruzzi reported he met on March 25, 2014 at the Parsons Complex with Commissioner Healey, Mr. Silver, Mr. Swift, Mr. Bialka and finalized plans for the maintenance building and the specifications and request for proposal. Commissioner Peruzzi reported the bids went out at the beginning of the month. He stated the pre-bid will be held April 17 at the golf course, with the opening of the bids on May 1, 2014. He explained after the bids are opened they would need to meet with the Mayor to get this approval.

Commissioner Worroll asked the cost of the legal notice.

Commissioner Peruzzi stated he did not know. A brief discussion ensued.

b) Financial Advisor – Commissioner Worroll reported he and Commissioner O’Connell met with the Finance Director regarding the financials. He stated his report was as follows: repair/maintenance \$12,137, secretarial fees \$200, water account \$8,700, Fund 18 \$85,307.

Commissioner O’Connell went on to explain the “cloud account” which he stated is an undesignated fund balance and its worth.

Commissioner Worroll stated there is approximately \$334,000, which does not include the open space account, but it does include the Fund 18 amount (\$18,307). A brief discussion ensued.

Commissioner Worroll also reported the Tree Commission stated they would be able to help out with trees if this Commission so desires.

Mr. Fabrizio reiterated he would like to see another apple tree replace the one that fell.

VI. Unfinished Business

None.

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

Mr. Fabrizio stated he has been in contact with Don’s Landscaping and reported he did tree work at tees 2 and 3 and dropped a tree at tee 6. He stated work has progressed slowly due to the wet conditions, but that he expected work to continue shortly as conditions are coming along.

VIII. New Business

a) Report on Rounds – Mrs. Fabrizio reported it has been a rough start to spring which is reflected in the number of rounds as compared to last year. She referred to the handout and explained the numbers.

Chairman Austin expressed his appreciation of the report and the details it provides.

Commissioner O'Connell stated he had two comments he wished to make. He stated he has heard a number of favorable comments regarding the tee boxes with the apples. He also stated he received a complaint from a big supporter of the course that you cannot see the flag on the 9th hole.

Mr. Fabrizio stated he would look into it, noting there are various types of indicator flags.

Commissioner O'Connell stated he has received complaints about slow play on the course and asked if and how it could be rectified. He stated his last comment was regarding the letter that went to Planning and Zoning regarding a possible sub-division on the abutting property. He stated in accordance with Section 3-10 he would look for some type of contribution as spelled out in that section. He asked the Planning and Zoning liaison to be aware and on the lookout for proposed plans on that property.

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

The next regular meeting of the Golf Commission will be held May 14, 2014 at the **Orchards Golf Course** in the clubhouse, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber
Recording Secretary