

**GOLF COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 8, 2013**

The Golf Commission held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 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
W. Healey

Also Present

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

Absent: T. Rosati

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Consideration of Minutes

Commissioners' Peruzzi and Amato made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 10, 2013, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Chairman's Report

Chairman Austin reported Commissioner Worroll attended the Board of Aldermen budget deliberations hearing for the budget for fiscal year 2013-2014.

Commissioner Worroll commented the hearing was short with just a few questions asked and some very nice comments about the course.

Chairman Austin reported a tree on the course had to come down because it was split and according to the arborist it needed to come down. He stated he would entertain a motion for a "not to exceed" amount of \$4,000. He explained the cost would include the removal and clean up of the stump, as well as back fill and top soil.

Commissioners' Amato and Blake made and seconded a motion to proceed with the work to complete the removal of the tree stump, including back fill in an amount not to exceed \$4,000. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Committee Reports

a) Planning Committee – Commissioner Healey reported the Committee contacted Mr. Swift about looking at potential improvements to the course. He stated he along with Commissioners Peruzzi and Amato would meet and walk the course and report back at the June meeting.

b) Financial Advisor – Commissioner Worroll reported the financials as follows: Balance in the water account \$2,300, secretaries fees \$300, repair/maintenance account \$6,679 and Fund 18 \$85,147.

Commissioner Healey asked the amount in the Open Space account.

VI. Unfinished Business

a) Update – Addition of golf carts – Commissioner Worroll stated an additional cart would hinge on space at this point. A brief discussion ensued.

c) Update – Dedication – Commissioner Amato reported he has been working with Commissioner Worroll as the Chairman of the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission in connection with the bench dedication program. Commissioner Amato stated he would recommend to the Committee to move in the direction of obtaining a bench from the Recreation Department to be placed on the course in memory of the late Robert Hardiman, a founding member of the Golf Commission. He explained the bench would be maintained by the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission, adding if anything goes wrong with it, they will replace it. Commissioner Amato stated there would be a descriptive plaque on the bench as well. He also stated it was brought to his attention that the late Mrs. Josephine “Jo” Joy, another founding member of the Golf Commission would also be included as part of the dedication with a bench in her memory.

Commissioners’ Amato and Healey made and seconded a motion to proceed with dedication benches for Mr. Hardiman and Mrs. Joy.

Commissioner Amato commented the benches would add to the course.

Commissioner Healey asked if the benches are permanent or portable.

Commissioner Worroll stated the benches are mounted on a concrete slab. He explained the Public Works Department pours the slab, however you can get different legs if you wish. He stated the benches themselves are wood-like plastic and that prices range up to \$1,038.

Commissioner Peruzzi asked if installation is included.

Commissioner Worroll responded yes, if it is permanent. He stated if it is not, the Commission would have to purchase screws to put in.

Commissioner Healey expressed concern about a cement truck on the course.

Mr. Fabrizio echoed the same sentiment. Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Amato stated the location of the benches would be at the discretion of management.

Mr. Fabrizio commented this is an open-ended idea and that the benches could be put throughout the course.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Fabrizio reported the greens had been aerate and are healing nicely. He also reported he met with the tree person and showed him the spots they had in mind for replacement. He stated he would have a further report at the next meeting.

VIII. New Business

a) Report on Rounds – Mrs. Fabrizio reminded the Commission of the new format for reporting this month (see report).

Commissioner Worroll noted the contract money goes into the general fund and that money from rounds goes to the open space fund. He also noted any cart money goes to the Fund 18 account.

Commissioner Healey asked if those funds are broken out in a report from the Finance Director.

Commissioner Worroll stated if the Commission needs a total he will get it from the Finance Director.

Being no further business, Commissioners' Amato and Blake made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Golf Commission will be held June 12, 2013 at the **Orchards Golf Course** in the clubhouse, beginning at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber
Recording Secretary