

**GOLF COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 14, 2008**

The Golf Commission held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at the Parsons Government Center, Conference Room A. Chairman R. Austin called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Commission Members Present

R. Austin, Chairman
D. Worroll
R. Peruzzi
W. Healey
R. Weir
G. Amato
M. Blake

Also Present

Ald. J. Toohey
D. Rosow, IGG

II. Consideration of Minutes of March 12, 2008

Mr. Weir and Mr. Peruzzi made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 12, 2008 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Chairman's Report

Chairman Austin proceeded to Unfinished Business for his report.

IV. Unfinished Business

- a. Carts – Chairman Austin reported he received a call from Mr. Candido representing the Persons with Disabilities Committee and that he was pursuing a telephone call he received from Mr. Dombrowski concerning use of carts at the course. Chairman Austin reported to the Commission that it is still in the Legal Department and he is waiting for a response.
- b. Upgrades to traps - Chairman Austin reported the upgrades are down and that it came in lower than expected. He stated the remaining monies would be used for the much-needed sand at each of the traps.

Mr. Rosow stated he had discussions with Mr. Sullivan and that there was enough sand for the current season, but he was recommending the Commission purchase the sand for the Fall that way the course would be good to go come next Spring.

Mr. Amato and Mr. Weir made and seconded a motion to authorize the Commission to purchase sand for the traps as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Worroll reported he appeared before the Board of Aldermen last month to seek the waiver of bid for the work on the traps. He explained the reception he received concerning the waiver of bid, but the bottom line was it was approved by a 9-5 vote.

V. New Business

Chairman Austin moved those items under Executive Session to New Business.

- a. Proposed Operating Agreement – Chairman Austin reported he was appointing a sub-committee to study the proposed Operating Agreement with International Golf Group, Inc. He stated Mr. Worroll, Mr. Healey and Mrs. Blake would serve on the sub-committee and that he was appointing Mr. Worroll as the Chairman.

Mr. Healey asked if they would be working through themselves or the City Attorney.

Chairman Austin stated the Sub-Committee should come up with their recommendations and bring it back to the full Commission to look at prior to going to the City Attorney. Chairman Austin deferred to Mr. Amato regarding a list of concerns the Commission received.

Mr. Amato reported he received a list from Mr. Newlan regarding some concerns. Mr. Amato stated some of the issues have been addressed, but the list is not complete. He stated the items were: 1) water faucet leaking near the back door; 2) the fan in the ladies room needs to be replaced; 3) there are a number of bulbs in the parking lot that are out and need to be replaced, also there is one that is rusting; 4) urinal in men's room leaking when it is flushed; 5) ladies room; 6) air conditioning in the pro shop is not working properly as well as in the garage; 7) problem with the hot water heater, but it has been fixed; and 8) the faucet in the men's room needs to be replaced. He stated he hoped some of these things could be addressed by the next meeting.

Mr. Healey asked if the Commission could hire the necessary people such as a plumber, electrician, etc.

Chairman Austin replied no, that it is done through the City.

Mr. Worroll suggested the Commission forward the list to the Public Works Administrator, through the Committee's liaison. A brief discussion ensued.

Chairman Austin stated he believed the complaint the Commission received is a management issue and should be forwarded to the Management Company. The Commission agreed and it was turned over to Mr. Rosow for handling.

b. Report on Rounds:

<u>April</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
MTD	3,552	2,592
YTD	4,108	2,874

Mr. Rosow stated the numbers show a fantastic start in April. He also noted last year the course was in the middle of tee renovations. He stated right now for this month they are down slightly because of the cooler weather this month and that overall they are experiencing an average year. Mr. Rosow also reported a new golf cart was delivered today and a new rough mower which is working out very well. He stated they are attempting to replace some of the old worn out equipment. Mr. Rosow also commented regarding the letter received and stated he was made aware of the situation but that he fully supports the actions of the employees. Mr. Rosow also commented with regard to the proposed Operating Agreement. He stated his company is eager to renew with the City for another three years and explained the letter the Commission members received. He also spoke as to how the company would like to structure the contract going forward with the current model that seems to be working. He stated this is a excellent quality golf course they have put forward and spoke as to pricing and other comparable courses in the area. He also spoke as to the open space portion of the lease that is based on greens fee revenue. He reiterated this model is the type the company feels seems to work.

Mr. Healey interjected, raising a point of order. He stated with all due respect to Mr. Rosow that the Commission or the newly appointed sub-committee had not had the opportunity to review the proposed agreement and that it was not appropriate for Mr. Rosow to continue with his comments.

Mr. Rosow stated they were only attempting to create a successful contract for the City as well as the company.

Chairman Austin stated if the Commission or sub-committee needs any additional information they would contact Mr. Rosow directly.

Being no further business, Mr. Healey and Mr. Peruzzi moved to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the Golf Commission will be held on June 11, 2008 at the **Orchards Golf Course Clubhouse** beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber
Recording Secretary