

**GOLF COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2015**

The Golf Commission held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 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  
M. Blake  
D. Worroll  
R. Peruzzi  
J. O'Connell  
W. Healey

Also Present

J. Fabrizio, Tournament Turf Care  
J. Smith, Tournament Turf Care  
K. Dawid, Orchards Golf Course  
Ald. R. Vitali (Commission liaison)

**II. Public Comment - none**

**III. Consideration of Minutes**

Commissioners' Amato and Blake made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 12, 2015 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**IV. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Austin reported he is back on the road. He also reported he has had the ability to speak with many golfers who have stated the course is in great shape.

**V. Committee Reports**

(a) Planning Committee: Commissioner Healey stated he contacted the contractor that was going to do the roof work. He asked him to do some additional work, i.e. composite on the fascia as well as new gutters. Commissioner Healey also reported he has a purchase requisition that requires signature and then signature by the mayor.

Commissioners' Amato/Peruzzi made and seconded a motion to approve the upgrades to the roof work as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Healey reported he anticipated the work may start later this week. He also reported regarding the stripping work in the parking area. He stated the contractor

needs at least 2 hours. Commissioner Healey stated anyone golfing that day would be asked to park on the street and would be directed so accordingly.

Ms. Dawid commented a Wednesday would be the best day of the week.

Commissioner Healey stated he would work with Ms. Dawid and Mr. Fabrizio and come up with a date in September that is acceptable to management. He also reported they have not begun to look at new projects for the winter

(b) Financial Report - Commissioner Worroll reported the financials as follows: repair/maintenance account \$21,118, secretarial fees \$500.00, water account \$26,000.00, Fund 18 \$126,000.00, Fund 18 (non-appropriated) \$127,339.00, and Fund 40 \$9,563.00.

Commissioner Worroll also reported he would be attending the BOA meeting after this meeting to ask for the funding for the roof.

## **VI. Unfinished business**

(a) Update: Tour of course with Open Space Agent - Commissioner O'Connell reported regarding the invasive species out on and around the course. He also reported Mr. Johnson was back to the course for a second time and would make some recommendations to the Commission on how to manage the invasive species. Mr. O'Connell also brought up for discussion the pruning work that was done last year and asked if the commission would consider having the contractor come back to do some additional pruning work. He commented he felt they had not been aggressive enough in their pruning.

Commissioners' O'Connell and Amato made and seconded a motion to have the contractor (Don's Landscaping) return to do additional pruning work.

(b) Updated: Repairs to clubhouse roof – reported above under “Planning Committee.”

(c) Update: Purchase of additional carts - Commissioner Worroll reported the new cart would be ordered with arrival due in March.

Ms. Dawid noted all carts are now in working order.

## **VII. Management Report**

Mr. Smith reported the greens would be aerified next week. He also reported they would be ordering additional sand.

Commissioner Healey asked if the course is closed when the aeration work is done.

Mr. Smith reported yes.

Commissioner Healey spoke of doing the stripping work at the same time as the aeration work.

Mr. Smith stated he would like permission from the Commission to spray along the rock wall noting the Commission has authorized this type of work in the past.

In addition, Mr. Fabrizio reported regarding the contract and asked if the Commission would be meeting.

Chairman Austin stated he would speak with those members and get back to management.

Commissioner Healey asked if the sand would be out when the parking lot work is done.

Mr. Fabrizio stated it may have to be done on another day. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Smith also reported regarding a dead tree in the front parking lot which needed to be removed.

(a) Report on rounds - Mr. Fabrizio reported rounds are down slightly, but electric and pull carts were up.

Chairman Austin commented play appears to be up overall.

Commissioner O'Connell asked about the excessive heat in August made a difference in play.

Mr. Fabrizio stated they are catching up from March when there were no rounds played at all..

Chairman Austin asked those commissioners who previously served on the management committee overview, if they would like to serve on that committee again.

Commissioners' Worroll, O'Connell and Blake stated they would do so.

Being no further business to discuss, Commissioners' Amato and O'Connell moved to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The Commission adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy  
Recording Secretary