

**GOLF COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2013**

The Golf Commission held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, October 9, 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
J. O'Connell
W. Healey

Also Present

J. Fabrizio, Tournament Turf Care
V. Fabrizio, Tournament Turf Care
J. Newlan, Orchards Golf Course

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Consideration of Minutes

Commissioners' Blake and Peruzzi made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held September 11, 2013, as presented. Motion carried 6 yes (Austin, Amato, Peruzzi, Blake, Worroll, O'Connell) and 1 abstention (Healey).

IV. Chairman's Report

Chairman Austin reported bills have been sent to the Accounting Department to be processed for payment. He stated the course continues to run very smoothly.

V. Committee Reports

a) Planning Committee – Commissioner Healey reported it has been a busy month. He stated there was a mandatory meeting for the contractors and the RFP went out. He reported 7 showed up and that they walked the course to get an idea of the work. He went on to explain that they ended up dividing the list and extended the RFP to October 23, 2013 due to the specifications and technical items that had been revised. Commissioner Healey reported work on the trees would begin survey and also that a survey will be done for the new maintenance building.

b) Financial Advisor – Commissioner Worroll reported the financials as follows: Balance in the water account \$22,634, secretaries’ fees \$450, repair/maintenance account \$22,408 and Fund 18 \$85,307. He also reported there is a new account in which to draw from for the allotted \$50,000.

Chairman Austin stated he spoke with Mr. Mar and he is ready for certain portions of the work to begin.

Chairman Worroll also reported he attended the Board of Aldermen meeting this past Monday for the new bench account. He stated basically it would be money in/out type account. He also stated he checked with the Recreation Department regarding the receptacles and they have been ordered and should be in shortly.

VI. Unfinished Business

a) Update – Dedication – Commissioner Amato reported the dedication ceremony went very well. He stated he was pleased with the turn out.

Commissioner Blake agreed it was a very nice turnout.

Commissioner Amato also reported the benches would be placed in their new location once determined by the management company and this Commission. He stated he felt an appropriate location would be heading toward the 1st tee, where the sign is located regarding the regulations of the course. He stated one or both of the benches could go there. He stated they could create a very aesthetic and creative area and not disturb the course, adding everyone who plays at the course would see it and it could inspire future inquiries. He also suggested the benches be permanent so that they are secured.

Chairman Austin stated they also talked about putting one of the benches at the tee.

Commissioner Blake stated she liked the idea of both benches at the 1st tee.

Commissioner Worroll agreed.

b) Update – Course Improvements – discussed as part of the finance report above. In addition, Commissioner reported the computer was received today and just needs to be hooked up. He noted it was donated by the Board of Education.

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

Mr. Fabrizio reported maintenance is ongoing and that the course has been aerated.

Mr. J. Smith commented regarding the path work that Mallico Construction was not one of the bidders. He also pointed out the price he gave was for the work from 2 to 3 tee.

Commissioner Worroll stated it was his recollection that the path work had been approved 2-3 months ago.

Commissioner Healey stated that work is part of the RFP. A brief discussion ensued.

VIII. New Business

a) Report on Rounds – Mrs. Fabrizio reported on rounds and carts for September (handout). She stated junior play is down since the kids have gone back to school. She also noted non-resident play is up slightly. She also commented that rounds are down slightly, but that rentals for electric carts and pull carts are both up.

Commissioner O’Connell asked if the Commission or management every considered renting push carts as well as pull carts.

Mr. J. Smith stated push carts are expensive and most people generally own them, so it would be unusual to rent them.

Commissioner O’Connell asked if there had ever been any requests for them.

Mr. J. Smith and Mr. Newlan both replied no.

Commissioner Peruzzi commented he heard from some of the “old guys” that the course is in great shape and that they are enjoying playing here.

Commissioner O’Connell reported that Ald. P. Smith was unable to attend the meeting tonight and sent her regrets. He also commented that Commissioner Amato did a great job at the dedication ceremony.

Being no further business, Commissioners’ O’Connell and Healey 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 November 13, 2013 at the **Orchards Golf Course** in the clubhouse, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen K. Huber
Recording Secretary