

Golf Commission
Regular Meeting
October 13, 2021

The Golf Commission held their regular meeting on Wednesday October 13, 2021, at the Orchard Golf Course, in the clubhouse. Chairman Amato called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Roll Call

Members Present:

G. Amato
W. Healey
D. Worroll
J. Oconnell
D. Veccharelli
B. Nash

Also Present

Robert McNeil NE Golf
Alderman R. Vitali

Excused: M. Blake

Public Comment

None.

Consideration of Minutes

Commissioners O'Connell and Veccharelli made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September8, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Amato reported that he has met with Mr. McNeil on several subjects regarding the Orchards Golf Course.

Committee Reports

a. Building and Grounds

Vice Chairman Healey reported that Chairman Amato, Commissioner Nash, and himself recently conducted an inspection of the golf course and discovered a number of issues. It was recommended that additional dead trees be removed, bunkers can be rebuilt, and staff are doing the best they can to maintain the course due do staffing shortages and multiple equipment breakdowns. Also, a certified letter was received regarding a flooding issue from a neighboring property. This was to be turned over to the City Attorney's Office for their action.

b. Finance

Commissioner Worroll reported the following numbers: Repair and Maintenance, \$22,083 Water, \$19,093 Secretary \$450 Fund 18, \$183,457 Open Space, \$169,899 Project Account, \$3,148. He also reported he has submitted Invoices for payment for the city portion of the Tee Snap monitoring system, sand for the recent Greens aeration. He will also begin preparing for the upcoming City Budget submissions.

Unfinished Business

None

Management Report

Mr. Robert McNeil presented a written report on the number of rounds and cart rentals. He also reported that a new Superintendent has been hired and should be starting work at the Orchards around November 1. Irrigation and bunker repairs will be commencing during the month of November when play has diminished, and the new Superintendent is on board. He also provided a written report regarding operation of the course and a comparison year to year. He is optimistic that course maintenance will continue to improve over time with the change of seasons and new personnel.

New Business

Discussion regarding the repair and maintenance of the existing sand traps. It was reported that a preliminary estimate was obtained from an outside contractor to do the work and after further review with Commissioner Nash it was reported that New England Golf (operator) may be able to preform the work over the off season utilizing in house labor with the Commission funding sand, equipment rental and other supplies at a much lower cost that the initial estimate. Commissioner Healey made a motion seconded by Commissioner O'Connell to obtain an estimate from New England Golf for supplies and materials to rebuild the existing sand traps subject to funding. Motion passed unanimously.

Being no further business, Commissioners O'Connell and Commissioner Veccharelli made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.

The next regular meeting of the Golf Course Commission will be held November 10, 2021, at the Orchards Golf Course in the clubhouse beginning at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Vice Chairman
William Healey
Acting Recording Secretary