Golf Commission

Regular Meeting

April 13, 2022

The Golf Commission held their regular meeting on Wednesday April 13, 2022, at the Orchard Golf Course, in the clubhouse. Chairman Amato called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**Roll Call**

Members present: Also Present

G. Amato R. McNeil, NE Golf

W. Healey

J. O’Connell

B. Nash

D. Worroll

D. Veccharelli

**Public Comment**

None

**Consideration of minutes of March 16, 2022**

Commissioners’ O’ Connell and Veccharelli made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 16, 2022, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Chairman’s Report**

Chairman Amato reported on the loss of long time Aldermanic Liaison Marty Hardiman and how he would be greatly missed. Alderman Mulhearn has been appointed to replace Alderman Hardiman.

He also reported on the passing of Commissioner Marilyn Blake as stated he expressed his condolences to the family on behalf of the Commission. Chairman Amato also reported he has spoken to the mayor about a replacement for Commissioner Blake.

Chairman Amato stated he met with Pat Devine from DPW regarding the proposed new restroom to be constructed next to Four Green and Five Tee Box. He had a set of plans to show the Commission.

Chairman Amato stated everything else with the course is good and with the warmer weather the course is shaping up nicely.

**Committee Reports**

1. Building and Grounds

Commissioner Healey reported that the Bunker Project has been completed and that it is a marked improvement with all positive comments from players. The Greens aeration was completed Monday, April 11, 2022, and it went very well and was completed in one day with excellent results. The tree stumps are scheduled to be removed and graded this week by the tree contractor.

b.) Financial Report.

Commissioner Worroll reported the following account balances: Repair and Maintenance, $774.00. Water, $93.00. Secretarial, $150.00. Postage, $50.00. Project account, $688.00. Enterprise Fund 18, $223,976. Golf Course Open Space account, $215,600. He reported that there are not enough funds in the accounts to complete the fiscal year. He also reported that the requested transfer from Enterprise Fund 18 to the operating accounts requested by the Commission at the last meeting was not forwarded by the Mayor’s Office to the Board of Alderman. Chairman Amato will set up a meeting with the Mayor to discuss the transfer and funding for the balance of the year. Commissioner Worroll will represent the Commission at the Budget hearing on April 25.

**Unfinished Business**

None

**Management Report**

Mr. McNeil presented the monthly report on rounds and cart rentals which continues with a strong showing albeit some lost days due to inclement weather. He has hired a new Superintendent that will remain for the remainder of the year who comes with a very strong resume and background from other local courses. The course is now operating at full staff and additional part time staff is expected to be added during the summer months. He also reported that the Bunker Project was fully completed, and the Spring Greens aeration was very successful. He has purchased a new Greens mower and roller at his expense of approximately $42,000. He anticipates another strong year for play.

**New Business**

Commissioner Healey submitted his resignation from the Golf Commission to Chairman Amato.

Being no further business, Commissioners’ O’Connell and Worroll made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

William Healey, Acting Secretary