Golf Commission

Special Meeting

June 13, 2022

The Golf Commission held a special meeting on Monday, June 13, 2022, at the Orchard Golf Course, in the clubhouse. Chairman Amato called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Members present: Also Present

G. Amato R. McNeil, NE Golf

W. Healey D. Schneider, NE Golf

J. O’Connell Ald. H. Mulrenan

B. Nash

D. Worroll

Excused: D. Veccharelli

**Public Comment**

None.

**Consideration of minutes of May 11, 2022**

Commissioners’ Healey and O’Connell made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 11, 2022, with the following correction:

Commissioner Worroll noted the Bio clean bill was not paid.

Motion passed unanimously as corrected.

**Chairman’s Report**

Chairman Amato reported he and Vice Chairman Healey rode around the course to look at some issues that must be looked at and will be taken care of. He also reported he met with the mayor and Pat Devine from the Public Works Department regarding the bathroom near the double tee box. Chairman Amato reported they have been told by Mr. Devine he is ready and waiting to proceed but is waiting for the final go-ahead from the mayor.

**Committee Reports**

1. Building and Grounds

Vice Chairman Healey reported he received an invoice from Jacob Plumbing that had to be adjusted because the tax needed to be removed from the bill, making the final bill $701.28. Vice Chairman Healey explained the toilet required a rebuild of the guts of the urinal and included the repairs to the water fountain. A brief discussion ensued.

Vice Chairman Healey stated they looked at several items on the course, many of which are small items that will be addressed. He also stated Mr. McNeil would compile a list for the Commission. Vice Chairman Healey reported the divet boxes have been filled. He also pointed out the louvre above the clubhouse may need replacing. He also reported the tree contractor finally took away the chips, however he reported he was not satisfied with the work and asked the tree contractor to come back to level out the area. Vice Chairman Healey reported a tree at #9 fairway snaped and is leaning. He stated he reached out to Ian Bogan to look at it and would provide a price for the removal of the dangerously hanging tree.

Commissioners’ Amato and O’Connell made and seconded a motion to proceed with the removal of the fallen tree at #9 due to it being an issue of safety. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Healey also reported action needed to be taken at #1 green and 2 due to a serious “wet” condition. He stated Mr. Mallico would come out to look at it.

Mr. McNeil introduced the new course superintendent, Doug Schneider.

Mr. Schneider explained the plan to swap out of 3 or 4 springs to see if that solves the problem and explained the process. He stated the approximate cost for the repair would be around $400-500, approximately $100 per sprinkler head.

Commissioners’ Healey and O’Connell made and seconded a motion to approve the management company to move forward with repairs to the 4 sprinklers in an amount NTE $500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Financial Report.

Commissioner Worroll reported the following account balances: Repair and Maintenance, $574.00. Water, $93.00. Secretarial, $50.00. Postage, $50.00. Project Account 1, $735.00. Project Maintenance and Repair $2,350; and Project Water System $3,748, Open Space $215,600, and Golf Fund 18 $223,976.

**Unfinished Business**

None.

**Management Report**

Mr. McNeil reported Mr. Schneider has been on site for a few months and provided the Commission with his extensive background. Mr. McNeil also reported the areas around the signs have been weeded and mulched. He stated work has been completed around the rock walls with a cleanup and topsoil put down. He reported an extensive cleanup was also down around the practice ramp (netting) and #9 North Street, the sign and tee markers. Mr. McNeil reported the area behind the 4th green was cut back and at #3 the stump was removed, and the snow shelf area was cleaned up. He reported the call box appears to need a new battery, and they are working on that.

Mr. Schneider reported the greens continue to respond and they are getting water into those areas, making the greens’ health good. He also reported the tees were fertilized and they have been working on increased divet recovery.

**New Business**

1. Report on Rounds – Mr. McNeil reported rounds are down 8.3% from this time last year, as of the same date. He stated electric cart numbers are on track with pull carts up slightly. Mr. McNeil stated the pro shop is well stocked and selling many items. He also reported there are a few events coming up at the course and the golf leagues are doing well.

Ald. Mulrenan reported she is sharing liaison duties to the Golf Commission with Ald. Brett Broesder.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy

Recording Secretary