**Golf Commission**

**Regular Meeting**

**August 10, 2022**

The Golf Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at the Orchard Golf Course, in the clubhouse. Chairman Amato called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Members present: Also Present

G. Amato D. Snyder, NE Golf

W. Healey Ald. H. Mulrenan

J. O’Connell

D. Worroll

K. Hurley

Excused: N. Veccharelli, B. Nash

**Public Comment**

None.

**Consideration of minutes of July 13, 2022**

Commissioners’ O’Connell and Worroll made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 13, 2022, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Chairman’s Report**

Chairman Amato welcomed Mrs. Hurley to the Commission. He sated she would serve as liaison to the youth and women’s leagues and work with Karen Dawid and bring any issues/concerns to the Commission. Chairman Amato also reported he received a request from the Mayor’s Office concerning a request from PGA Hope, Ray Mayor, Jr. Chairman Amato explained it is a 6-week program that introduces veterans to the game of golf. He stated the ask of PGA Hope is that veterans play for free or a reduced fee. A brief discussion ensued.

Commissioner O’Connell asked if there is a sunset on the program.

Chairman Amato stated he did not know.

Vice Chairman Healey commented he likes the idea of the program, however he noted they cannot charge less than the resident rate. Discussion resumed.

Vice Chairman stated he would gather more information about PGA Hope and bring it to the Commissioners at next month’s meeting.

**Committee Reports**

1. Building and Grounds

1. Sealing parking lot cracks and relining the lot – Vice Chairman Healey reported he reached out to Public Works Director Saley but has not received a call back. Vice Chairman Healey stated he then reached out to ProLine Seal Coating to request a quote. He stated he will have a quote for the next meeting. He also pointed out ProLine has done work on the parking lot before.

2. Refurbish/replace sign on Maintenance Building – Vice Chairman Healey reported he contacted Bowman Sign (they have done work at the Orchards before). He was provided with two options. One for $495.00 that would be for a single sign installed to the right of the pipe conduit; and a second quote for $625.00 that would be to replace the existing sign but would require more wasted material, hence the higher price.

3. Replace the broken “doghouse” louvers – Vice Chairman Healey reported he contacted A Plus Exterior and met with the contractor. He went on to explain how the work would be done, which is labor intensive because you are working from the inside/out. He stated the cost to have the louvers replaced with aluminum louvers and the trim reinstalled would be $2,412.70. Vice Chairman Healey stated he also reached out to Berkley Exteriors but did not hear back from them. A brief discussion ensued.

4. Installation of Memorial Bench for Mrs. Blake – Vice Chairman Healey stated the current cost for a bench is $2,600, per Commissioner Worroll and the Recreation Department. Vice Chairman Healey reported he has spoken with Robert Blake, Mrs. Blake’s son and he will work on language for the plaque, and he expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the Commission. Vice Chairman Healey stated there are slabs poured on #3 and 4 and suggested #3 as it is under a shade tree. He also explained the tradition of recognizing a Golf Commission member with a bench in their name.

5. Tree Replacement – Vice Chairman Healey reported he met with Jeremy Grant, Open Space and Sustainability Manager. He reported they toured the course and discussed tree replacement throughout the course. Vice Chairman Healey reported the number of trees being considered was about 20 that would replace 13 trees and the recently cut down trees over the years. He stated the cost would be approximately $10,000.00 that would cover the cost of hiring a contractor to dig and plant the trees and a small contingency to cover potential price increases. He noted this would be a planting project for late October, early November. He also suggested the funding for this project come from the Golf Course Open Space Fund.

Commissioner O’Connell stated he would like to see crab apple trees since this is the location of a former apple orchard. A brief discussion ensued.

6. Parking Lot light repair/replacement – Vice Chairman Healey stated he had not report at this time but was continuing to research solar powered parking lot/street lighting.

7. Replace Greens Flags – No report.

8. Water Cooler – Vice Chairman Healey reported the water cooler has begun to leak again and that the plumber stated it is beyond repair. He stated he requested a quote to replace the unit and two were provided. He reported replacing the unit was the same type of fountain with no bottle filler would cost $1,447.80; and the second quote would be replacing the unit with a bottle filler at a cost of $2,253.90. Vice Chairman Healey pointed out the second quote may reduce retail sales to the operator. A brief discussion ensued.

Vice Chairman Healey stated he would recommend putting a on these items until such time as he is able to get additional estimates and quotes. Discussion ensued.

b. Financial Report.

Commissioner Worroll reported the following account balances: Repair and Maintenance, $27,405. Water, $8,976. Secretarial, $600.00. Postage, $50.00, Projects $15,000, Open Space $216,120, and Golf Fund 18 $225,089. Commissioner Worroll explained the Golf Course Open Space account was a condition of the Iroquois Land Preservation and Enhancement Program grant. He also reported there is one quote in the amount of $1,564.00 pending and one invoice has not been paid in the amount of $950.00 (Bio Clean). He stated he would speak with the mayor to clear up this bill. A brief discussion ensued.

Commissioner Worroll suggested an open PO for emergency type items. Discussion resumed.

**Unfinished Business**

None.

**Management Report**

Mr. Snyder reported for Mr. McNeil who was unavailable. Vice Chairman Healey interjected stating he received an email from Mr. McNeil updating the Commission on the course pointing out overall operations are running smoothly. Mr. McNeil indicated he is still looking for payment of the water and other bills. A brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Snyder reported the irrigation would be done on Monday, September 18, with greens work done as well. He also reported conditions for the golf course have been abnormally dry and that they are in a severe drought, but that the course is still in good condition despite the dry conditions. Mr. Snyder reported the tee irrigation would be done the last Tuesday of the month. He also addressed the weed pressure “goose grass.”

Commissioner O’Connell commented the course is a major improvement over last year and thanked Mr. Snyder and his staff for the hard work.

**New Business**

1. Report on Rounds – Mr. Snyder reported rounds are done slightly from last year, however electric carts and pull carts are up.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy

Recording Secretary