Golf Commission Regular Meeting January 10, 2024

The Golf Commission held its regular meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at the Orchard Golf Course, in the clubhouse. Commissioner Worroll called the meeting to order 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present:

K. Hurley
J. O'Connell

N. Veccharelli D. Worroll

Excused:

G. Amato

W. Healey R. Mayo

Also Present:

B. McNeil, NE Golf R. McNeil, NE Golf

H. Mulrenan, Alderman Liaison R. Vitali, Aldermen Liaison

Election of Officers

Commissioners O'Connell and Veccharelli made and seconded a motion to nominate George Amato as Chairman.

Hearing no other nominations, nominations for Chairman were closed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Veccharelli and Hurley made and seconded a motion to nominate Bill Healey as Vice Chairman.

Hearing no other nominations, nominations for Vice Chairman were closed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

None.

Consideration of minutes of December 13, 2023

Commissioners O'Connell and Hurley made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 13, 2023, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman's Report

Commissioner Worroll shared that Chairman Amato was excused from this meeting.

Committee Reports

a. Building and Grounds -

Commissioner Worroll shared that Commissioner Healey was excused from this meeting. Commissioner Worroll reported that the updated three-year contract with NE Golf was approved at the Board of Alderman meeting. He also shared that Bioclean will clean the inside of the clubhouse after the paint project is completed. Commissioner Worroll also spoke about Regional Water and looking at getting different water meters for the clubhouse and the maintenance building, sharing that the Commission will speak with the Sewer Commission.

b. Financial Report.

Commissioner Worroll reported the following account balances:

Repair and Maintenance: \$9,126

Water: \$11,505

Secretarial: *will request transfer

Projects: \$4,468

Open Space: \$258,749 Golf Fund 18: \$255,362

Commissioner Worroll shared that he will request a transfer of funds to add to the Secretarial budget.

Unfinished Business

a. Onofreo HVAC

Commissioner Worroll spoke about the contract with Onofreo regarding the two furnaces and two air conditioners. The inspection has been complete, and they looked at the furnace in the maintenance building.

b. Bogan Tree

Commissioner Worroll reported that the PO was received for Bogan Tree removal project.

c. Golf Carts

Commissioner Worroll shared that it will be \$7,500 per cart for buying gold carts new, and that they are \$5,500 per cart for used carts. Discussion ensued about golf carts and

the different financial options. The Commission also spoke about the differences in golf and electric cart prices.

Management Report

Report on Rounds – R. McNeil was proud to report that The Orchards golf course finished the year with a total of 34,655 rounds of golf, an increase from the previous year. He shared that this was an exceptional year with lots of growth. There were 638 rounds played in December before the course closed for the holidays, and they are opening back up this week. Also, the electric carts were up from last year with a total of 5,490 rentals in 2023.

R. McNeil introduced B. McNeil, the Operating Manager for NE Golf and spoke about some of their goals and ideas for 2024. R. McNeil introduced the idea of doing family night mini golf and discussion ensued among the Commission. He also introduced the idea of looking into selling beer and wine at the course, stating they will go through the appropriate process with the City.

New Business

None.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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