

**GOLF COMMISSION**  
**Monday, January 10, 2022**  
**7:00pm**  
**Fairfield Parks & Recreation Conference Room**  
**75 Mill Plain Road, Fairfield, CT**  
**& Via Conference Call Bridge**

**MINUTES**

A recording of this meeting can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z7QRhKLau80>

**1. Call to order**

Chair Keith Varian called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Keith Varian led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Act on Minutes: 11/8/21**

Mike Herrington made a motion to approve the minutes from 11/8/21 as written.

Christine Hogan seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

**4. 2021 Year in Review and Commission Goals for 2022**

Chair Keith Varian went over the 2021 golf year and some of the new things that will be happening in 2022. The Golf Commissioners terms are in place for the next few years so everyone is committed to this commission and the plan for the next year.

**5. Staff Reports**

**a. Pro Manager Report**

Golf Pro Bob Bigonette thanked everyone for the opportunity and said the last year was a time of change since everything was new. He mentioned some highlights:

- 250 kids in the Junior Golf Program
- Adult programs sold out
- They had 11 golf outings
- Implemented the ForeUp tee time system

Some highlights for the coming year:

- 9 charity golf outings already booked (all outings booked in 2021 will be back in 2022 and all charitable events)
- HSR 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events & programs
- They will start to move on the USGA report

- There will be a PGA travel team this year
- ForeUp tee time will be up and running
- Golf renewals will be purchased online through the ForeUp system

**b. Administration Report**

Parks & Recreation Director Anthony Calabrese said the numbers for golfing are behind so far, but the increase of \$1 will make up for any rounds lost. It is still tracking well for the year. There are people going into Parks & Recreation to renew beach stickers and want to get their golf passes. Mr. Calabrese prefers the golf passes be done online but will continue to renew in the office until people are familiar with the ForeUp system. The staff is working on events for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of HSR. Christine Hogan asked about the course being open part time next year in the event the weather is mild and people would want to play. Bob Bigonette said he would do what the commission decides, but it would be difficult to keep the course looking good in the winter.

**c. Superintendent Report**

Superintendent Peter Grace said there is tree work being done. He has a requisition and is waiting for approval. He is also going through the course to get the number of golf cart paths needing repairs. He tried to order a new greens mower but the dealer said it won't be delivered until 2023. Mr. Grace would like to open the course in 2022 by St. Patrick's Day weekend.

**6. Report from Boca Grille & Raw Bar**

John Taxiltaridis, owner, said the restaurant has had a wonderful year bringing in \$1.6M. They have had to adjust to golfers' needs and there were ups and downs, but communication is good, and he is looking forward to the future. The feedback has been wonderful. Even with the course closed, business is busy. He mentioned that he would like to have cameras installed in the parking lot because he has staff that work and leave late. They have noticed some loitering in the parking lot. Mike Herrington suggested having a meeting with Mr. Taxiltaridis, golf leagues, Commission Chair Keith Varian, and Parks & Recreation Director Anthony Calabrese to go through some of the issues from last year. Mr. Varian said he will set it up.

**7. Greens Committee Report**

The USGA report will be sent out by Chair Keith Varian. Cart paths are a priority. The landscape architect will look at the drainage. Mike Herrington will make a priority list from the report to structure a plan for 10 years and present it to the commission in March. Overall, the report was positive, and they thought the course looked great.

**8. Par 3 Committee Report**

There was nothing to report.

**9. To hear and or act upon old business:**

There was no old business to discuss.

**10. To hear and or act upon new business:**

**a. Election of Officers for 2022**

Mike Herrington made a motion to keep the current officers for the calendar year 2022. Priscilla Schulz seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Golf Commission Officers 2022:

Keith Varian-Chair

Peter Secrist-Vice Chair

**b. Meeting dates for 2022:**

Second Monday of the month at 7:00pm:

Jan 10

Feb 7 (*Valentine's Day is Mon 2/14*)

Mar 14

Apr 11

May 9

June 13

July 11

Aug 8

Sept 12

Oct 17 (*Columbus Day is Mon 10/10*)

Nov 14

Dec 12

Mike Herrington made a motion to approve the Golf Commission schedule for 2022. Priscilla Schulz seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

**11. Communications**

**a. Public Comment and emails**

Denise Martin requested a memorial bench for Diane Warren who was her friend and an avid golfer at HSR.

Priscilla Schulz made a motion to approve the bench. Christine Hogan seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

The bench will be located in the Butterfly Garden at HSR golf course.

**12. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**13. Adjourn**

Priscilla Schulz made a motion to adjourn. Mike Herrington seconded the motion.  
The meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pru O'Brien  
Recording Secretary