

GOLF COMMISSION
Monday, April 11, 2022
7:00pm
Fairfield Parks & Recreation Conference Room
75 Mill Plain Road, Fairfield, CT
& Via Conference Call Bridge

A recording of this meeting can be found here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNOOrf9Gv_Y

Draft Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Keith Varian-Chair, Peter Secrist-Vice Chair, Michael Feinstein, Mike Herrington, Liam Herron, Priscilla Schulz

MEMBERS ABSENT: Christine Hogan

OTHERS PRESENT: Parks & Recreation Director, Anthony Calabrese, Golf Pro, Bob Bigonette, Golf Course Superintendent Peter Grace, members of the public

1. Call to order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Varian led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Act on Minutes: 3/14/22

Mike Herrington made a motion to approve the minutes of 3/14/22 as written, Michael Feinstein seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

4. Staff Reports

a. Pro Manager Report

Bob Bigonette said the demand is good, but the weather has not been so good. ForeUp is coming along and people seem to like it. The leagues are starting in a week. Mr. Bigonette has gotten some questions about the tree removal, and he refers them to the USGA report that is posted online. ID sales are going well although they are behind last year's sales. The sales are over the pre-covid sales though.

b. Administration Report

Parks & Recreation Director Anthony Calabrese said the numbers are down from last year. Could be weather dependent as the it has rained the last few weekends and has been cold. The Senior Men's Club is ahead of last year, the Men's Club is also ahead, and the Women's League is full and might have to close to new members. As the weather improves, the rounds are expected to increase.

c. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Peter Grace said the course has been busy when the weather is nice. The Winter damage is getting cleaned up. Cart path #1 was destroyed but DPW helped to fix it. There are additional picnic tables that match the benches. They will be put together soon.

5. Greens Committee Report

Priscilla Schulz said the course looks great.

6. Par 3 Committee Report

Michael Feinstein gave an update with conservation and cutting back the 3rd and 5th hole area. They want to cut back the grass and greens by the bond and open up the hole a bit. Peter Grace will check with Conservation Director Tim Bishop.

7. To hear and or act upon old business:

a. 50th Anniversary Celebration

They have gone live with reservations and haven't started advertising. So far there is a good number of registrations.

b. HSR-Long Term Capital Improvement Plan

Chair Keith Varian sent out a spreadsheet for the HSR Long Term Capital Improvement Plan and they need to solidify what goes into the plan. Chair Varian would like to go before the Boards with the projects over five years. This plan will be outside the operational budget. There was a discussion about various projects to be done and which projects take priority. Peter Grace said he still has money in his budget and will try to get some cart path work done. Work to be done, but not in order of preference:

- Cart path & trees
- Forward T's- mostly #7 (14 & 11 too)
- 6 & 10 have drainage issues-need new piping
- New restroom on back 9.

This is a five year/\$500K plan which would be approximately \$100K/year. Mike Herrington will put together another list based on the comments from Commissioners.

There was a discussion about adding a bathroom at the back 9 vs using a higher end porta-potty. It would be more cost effective to build one, but it is a lower priority on the list.

8. To hear and or act upon new business:

There was no new business.

9. Communications

a. Public Comment and emails

- Brian Zukauskas – EV Charging Stations
Parks & Recreation Director Anthony Calabrese said he passed the email to DPW as they handle that.

10. Public Comment

Brian Daly- 195 Hurd Street
Looking for the USGA report on the website.

11. Adjourn

Mike Herrington made a motion to adjourn. Michael Feinstein seconded the motion, The meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pru O'Brien
Recording Secretary