

GOLF COMMISSION
Monday, December 12, 2022, 7:00pm
Fairfield Parks & Recreation Conference Room
75 Mill Plain Road, Fairfield, CT
In person & Via Conference Call Bridge

A recording of this meeting can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3JbqCOoLY6w>

DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present: Chair Keith Varian, Vice Chair Peter Secrist, 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

1. Call to order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Varian waived the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Act on minutes of 11/14/22

Priscilla Schulz made a motion to approve the minutes of 11/14/22 as written. Mike Herrington seconded the motion which carried 5-0-1 (Feinstein abstained)

4. Staff Reports

a. Pro Manager Report

The course closed yesterday. There were 50,000 rounds in total and a great pace all year. Bob Bigonette is looking forward to setting goals for next year. Priscilla Schulz asked if the USGA will come back to course after the new tees are put in. Mr. Bigonette said the USGA will come when we are ready for them and then they come every seven years.

b. Administration Report

Parks & Recreation Director Anthony Calabrese went over the numbers from the November Golf Report. The revenue are consistent, if not better, with the budget estimate. The same goes for the Par 3. Non-resident rounds are down, but resident rounds are great.

c. Superintendent Report

Golf Course Superintendent said the Par 3 is 1500 yards short of being counted by the USGA. He and his crew are steam cleaning the equipment while still waiting for new equipment to arrive. The tree on 7 will come down along with two on 9. There was a discussion about other projects in the works and if it could all be done.

5. Greens Committee Report

Priscilla Schulz said she played at the course, and it is in great shape and looks beautiful.

6. Par 3 Committee Report

There is nothing to report.

7. To hear and or act upon old business:

a. Rates for 2023- Par 3

Bob Bigonette said the rates are within the current marketplace. It is hard to find a course to compare to the Par 3.

b. Rules for Golf Outings

Rules will be on the agenda for January. There is a separate PDF on the website that Keith will re-send.

There was a discussion regarding non-resident passes for seniors and adults.

Mike Herrington made a motion to change the 7 day non-resident senior pass and adult non-resident pass to a \$15.00 discount per round. Priscilla seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

8. To hear and or act upon new business

a. Meeting Dates for 2023

Second Monday of the month:

Jan 9

Feb 13

Mar 13

Apr 10

May 8

June 12

July 10

Aug 14

Sept 11

Oct 16 (*Columbus Day is Mon 10/9*)

Nov 13

Dec 11

Mike Feinstein made a motion to approve the meeting dates for 2023. Liam Herron seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

b. Election of Officers 2023

Mike Herrington made a motion that all the officers for 2022 continue on in 2023.

Liam Herron seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

c. Goals for 2023

Chair Keith Varian asked the commissioners to send him suggestions for 2023 goals and he will go over them and discuss at the January meeting.

9. Communications

a. Public Comment and emails

No public comment or emails.

10. Adjourn

Chair Keith Varian adjourned the meeting at 7:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pru O'Brien

Recording Secretary