

GOLF COMMISSION
Monday, April 10, 2023
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: [Golf Commission 4/10/2023](#)

DRAFT MINUTES

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Parks and 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 3/13/23

Mike Herrington made a motion to approve the minutes of 3/13/23 as written. Christine Hogan seconded the motion which carried 6-0-1 (Varian abstained).

4. Staff Reports

a. Pro Manager Report

Golf Pro Bob Bigonette said everything is going well. The demand is strong. The Tee sheets have been full. There was a frost delay this morning, which was updated every half hour, but it was still confusing as play was 45 minutes behind. Going forward they will be able to send updates to the Tee Sheet. The new tee markers and score cards have been ordered and the leagues are breaking records with enrollment. There are new mats at the range, and he's had very good feedback. The ball machine isn't set up yet because the Wi-Fi needs improvement and Mr. Bigonette does not want payments to get lost or be unable to process.

b. Administration Report

Parks and Recreation Director Anthony Calabrese talked about the March numbers and with the course only being open 7-8 days in March the numbers were good. He will keep an eye on the Resident/Non-Resident rounds as they could be costing revenue.

c. Superintendent Report

Golf Course Superintendent Peter Grace said the forward tees are almost finished. They enlarged forward tee on 17. His crew is working hard, and the greens are looking great. They are moving forward.

5. Greens Committee Report

Priscilla Schulz is thrilled at how the course looks. The steps to T2 are fantastic and the greens are coming along nicely. Ms. Schulz told Mr. Grace he is doing a great job.

6. Par 3 Committee Report

The course looks good. Ms. Schulz said she walked by the other day, and it was very crowded and looked like they were having an outing. There is a four-person ruling at the tees and so it was concerning to see that many people. Chair Keith Varian said he can have the starter look into it, but it is less formal at Par 3 and people tend to bunch up. It is always crowded on a nice day. They will put a sign at the starter shack.

7. To hear and or act upon old business:

There was no old business to discuss.

8. To hear and or act upon new business

a. Course Rating Update

The course rating has been approved.

b. Approval of Score Cards

Score cards are out with the printer.

The new greens signs are Navy with a cut out of the clubhouse with the numbers in the middle. They are aluminum. The tee caddies will be painted blue.

9. Communications

a. Emails

There is a bench request from Donna Armitage for her father-in-law, James (Jim) Armitage. Chair Varian suggested having all requests for memorial benches go through the Town now. Anthony Calabrese will let Peter Grace know about any requests and placement. If there is anything additional like a request for a sign, Chair Varian would like to get the Golf Commission involved.

10. Public Comment

Brian Daly-195 Hurd Street-had inquired at the last meeting about sound system at Boca.

Bob Bigonette said the Town hired a contractor to give a quote for an improved system. No other updates at this time.

11. Adjourn

Mike Herrington made a motion to adjourn. Peter Secrist seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pru O'Brien
Recording Secretary