

GOLF COMMISSION
Monday, May 8, 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 5.8.2023](#)

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Herrington

OTHERS PRESENT: Golf Course Superintendent Peter Grace, Golf Professional Bob Bigonette

1. Call to order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Varian led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Act on minutes of 4/10/23

Peter Secrist made a motion to approve the minutes of 4/10/23 as written. Priscilla Schulz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

4. Staff Reports

a. Pro Manager Report

Bob Bigonette said everything is going well. April numbers are good despite the rain which caused the course to close. Tee times are hard to get. New Tee markers are in transit. The ball machine is here and will be operational soon. All Junior programs are sold out.

b. Administration Report

Chair Keith Varian gave the report for Parks & Rec Director Anthony Calabrese. The numbers remain strong month to month. The Resident vs Non-Resident numbers are better. There was a discussion about the Resident/Non-Resident issues and residents who are unable to get tee times even though booking through ForeUp is much easier.

c. Superintendent Report

Peter Grace said there are still blemishes on the course, but his crew is still working on it and have gotten a lot done. He had somewhat of a drainage issue due to all the rain, but everything is good now.

5. Greens Committee Report

Priscilla Schulz said the course looks great with the new tee numbers. Ms. Schulz was also wondering about the bells and when the players can use them. The 6th hole can be very dangerous and also 11. There was a discussion on some hard to see spots. GPS on carts can be set so a message will come up when you approach one of the areas. Chair Varian thought this would be a good time to do that since the tees are being done too.

6. Par 3 Committee Report

Liam Herron said the Par 3 looks good. Michael Feinstein played the course and said it all looked great. The pace of play was fine when he went, midafternoon, during the week. He asked if some of the growth around the 4th Tee could be cut down.

7. To hear and or act upon old business:

There was no new business to discuss.

8. To hear and or act upon new business

The Commission is starting to see the effects of Boca events during the day. There is concern about parking as cars have been parking all over the lot and driveway. Priscilla Schulz said some nights the restaurant is only open for the events and not golfers. Chairman Varian said Boca is supposed to have the bar side open for golfers during any event. Chairman Varian will look into it. There was a discussion about parking.

9. Communications

There were no new communications.

10. Public Comment

- Frank Sahagian, 20 Chelsea Street
Had a 1:30 t-time and drove in early only to find he could not get a parking place. Mr. Sahagian said it was so crowded he didn't think an emergency vehicle could get through. Mr. Sahagian also said Boca is more like a banquet hall than a public golfcourse.
- Brian Daly, 195 Hurd Street
Is there a way to access the Boca lease since it is a public document.

Chairman Keith Varian will follow up and speak with James Baldwin and Anthony Calabrese about the lease and parking.

11. Adjourn

Priscilla Schulz made a motion to adjourn. Peter Secrist seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Pru O'Brien
Recording Secretary