

GOLF COMMISSION
Monday, June 12, 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 Meeting 6/12/2023](#)

DRAFT MINUTES

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Director of Parks & Recreation Anthony Calabrese, 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 of 5/8/23

Priscilla Schulz made a motion to approve the minutes of 5/8/23 as written. Michael Feinstein seconded the motion which carried 6-0-1 (Herrington abstained)

4. Staff Reports

a. Pro Manager Report

Golf Pro Bob Bigonette was not at the meeting but did give his report to Chair Varian to share: Everything is going well. Tee times are hard to get but the tee time system is working. Paperwork for the ball machine should be completed this week and then will go live. Currently working on contracts for Top Tracer and Cover Tees.

b. Administration Report

Director of Parks & Recreation Anthony Calabrese said the golf numbers are trending ahead over last year and exceed most budget numbers. The driving range is down, but there are many improvements ahead. Priscilla Schulz asked about the speaker system at Boca but there was no update at this time. Chair Varian will follow up.

c. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Peter Grace will be ordering new sand for bunkers in July. Greens, tees and fairways look good. There is still tree work needed on the cart path, but not during this time as it is busy. Mr. Grace's crew is working on right side of 6, working on the bunkers and trying to grow grass. Mr. Grace is adjusting irrigation on 11, 15 and 17 as they need proper water distribution. Chair Keith Varian asked Mr. Grace for a list of projects and timeline that can be worked on during the season and what can be worked on in the fall. There was a discussion about rakes at the bunkers. There are 2 rakes at each bunker and the sand that is being ordered in July will make bunkers easier to rake.

Chair Varian would like to have signage to deter drinking and loitering in the parking lot.

The bathrooms at Boca have a lot of wear and tear and need attention. Anthony Calabrese will look into that.

Christine Hogan asked for an update of the odor at the golf course. Anthony Calabrese said the Building Department installed charcoal filters on top of the vents to the sewer line and it seems to have improved the situation. The Health Department Director Sands Cleary said it still needs to be fixed so a contractor was hired and a septic bypass pipe was repaired as well as the inlet baffle on the grease trap. The Health Department will review this at their next meeting and hopefully will be resolved. Chair Varian had received an email from RTM member Dru Georgiadis about this and will relay that information to her.

5. Greens Committee Report

Priscilla Schulz said the course is in great shape. Michael Feinstein discussed getting combo cards for tees 1&2 and 3&4 and the different courses that have the combo cards.

6. Par 3 Committee Report

No update.

7. To hear and or act upon old business:

There is no old business.

8. To hear and or act upon new business

There is no additional new business to discuss.

9. Communications

The email from Dru Georgiadis was discussed earlier.

10. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11. Adjourn

Priscilla Schulz made a motion to adjourn. Mike Herrington seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pru O'Brien
Recording Secretary