

## DRAFT MINUTES

### GOLF COMMISSION

Monday, November 8, 2021

7:00pm

Fairfield Parks & Recreation Conference Room  
75 Mill Plain Road, Fairfield, CT

A recording of the Golf Commission meeting can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r2fov8HwUyY>

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Keith Varian, Chair, M. Feinstein, M. Herrington, Liam Herron, Christine Hogan, Peter Secrist, Priscilla Schulz

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Director of Parks & Recreation Anthony Calabrese, Golf Pro Bob Bigonette and members of the public.

1. **Call to order**-Chair Keith Varian called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**-K. Varian led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Act on Minutes: 10/18/21**

M. Herrington suggested to strike the first sentence in Item 8B where it says he walked the course with Zach, the Landscape Architect. He hasn't been able to schedule that walk yet.

M. Herrington made a motion to approve the minutes of 10/18/21 as amended.

L. Herron seconded the motion.

The motion carried 6-0-1 (P. Schulz abstained)

4. **Staff Reports**

a. **Pro Manager Report**

B. Bigonette said everything is going well. The course is in good shape. John Daniels from USGA walked the course. He's not filed his report yet, but as soon as B. Bigonette receives it, he will circulate to the Commission. It should be within two weeks. ForeUp will roll out soon and emails will go out to notify the public. He is hoping for the week of Thanksgiving.

b. **Administration Report**

A. Calabrese commented on the October Golf report and that the courses are online with last year. Revenue is up. The courses still look good and P.

Grace's staff is working hard to keep leaves off the course. He is waiting for the USGA report as well but knows P. Grace has started aerating the greens. The course will remain open while it is being done.

c. **Superintendent Report**

P. Grace was not in attendance, his report is above in 4b.

**5. Greens Committee Report**

P. Schulz said P. Grace did aerate the 4<sup>th</sup> tee and it looks good but will still need work in the spring. The 9<sup>th</sup> tee also needs work but the 18<sup>th</sup> tee is in good condition.

**6. Par 3 Committee Report**

L. Herron said the Par 3 is still looking good. K. Varian was there for the Hole in One event and said it looked great. A. Calabrese explained that the Hole in One for Hunger event collected a large amount food for Operation Hope.

**7. To hear and or act upon old business:**

There was noting to hear or act upon.

**8. To hear and or act upon new business:**

**a. 2022 Golf Rates**

K. Varian said the golf rates were low and, in the middle, compared to other courses in the area. He feels that the structure is fair. The 2018 Golf Commission approved rate plan for 2022 has a \$1 increase at HSR and stays level for Par 3.

P. Schulz made a motion to approve the 2022 golf rates under the alternate plan as suggested by the HSRBC Chair. M. Herrington seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**b. Ten Year Plan**

Nothing can be done regarding the Ten Year Plan until the USGA report is received. M. Herrington will continue to contact Zach, but his report wouldn't be ready until January 2022.

**9. Communications**

**a. Public Comment and emails**

There were no emails to review but the Town Attorney has informed all boards and commissions that public comment will be allowed by conference phone. In December, the Golf Commission will be taking calls for those attending in person and those calling into the conference line. More information will be coming.

**10. Public Comment**

Brian Daly, 195 Hurd Street

Mr. Daly received an email regarding the Parks & Recreation Master Plan and wondered if that was part of the Golf Commission's Ten Year Plan. A. Calabrese said that although P & R does have jurisdiction of the courses, the Master Plan was mainly for parks and athletic fields.

Joe Wright, 115 Smedley Road

Mr. Wright wanted to know if the \$1 golf rate increase was for everyone or just the town residents. K. Varian confirmed it was for everyone and that at this time, the cart prices were not changing.

**11. Adjourn**

C. Hogan made a motion to adjourn. P. Secrist seconded the motion.  
The meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pru O'Brien  
Recording Secretary