

GOLF COMMISSION
Monday, February 7, 2022
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: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OS6a81kRbuA>

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Keith Varian, Vice Chair Peter Secrist, Michael Feinstein, Mike Herrington, Liam Herron (by conference line), Christine Hogan, Priscilla Schulz

OTHERS PRESENT: Parks and Recreation Director Anthony Calabrese, Golf Pro Bob Bigonette

1. **Call to order-** Chair Keith Varian called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance-** Chair Varian let the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Act on Minutes: 1/10/22**
Peter Secrist made a motion to approve the minutes of 1/10/22 as written. Priscilla Schulz seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Staff Reports**
 - a. **Pro Manager Report**
Bob Bigonette said everything is on hold for now, but he is hoping for an early Spring. ForeUp is working well and it is self-explanatory to renew golf passes online through this software. Everything is going well.
 - b. **Administration Report**
Numbers are slightly behind for renewals but it is winter. Residents don't fully understand that the golf passes are not being renewed with the beach stickers this year. Bob Bigonette will put that information on the home page of the website as well as the Parks & Recreation page. Parks & Recreation Director Anthony Calabrese told the commission that ForeUp can track sales by type of pass purchased and type of round. The commission requested to keep the current monthly report and have the new report to see the breakdown of the players.
 - c. **Superintendent Report**
Peter Grace was not in attendance, but tree work is being done by a contractor at the golf course. There was also a theft in maintenance equipment at H. Smith Richardson. Up to \$10,000.00 has been taken. Bob Bigonette did some research with two large golf cart companies, and both are saying lead time is delayed. An order will need to be placed as soon as possible to get the carts by 2023. There will be 80 carts in total.

Mike Herrington and Keith Varian are working on quotes to repair items listed in the USGA report. When the quotes come in, they will be presented to the commission. Zach, the landscape architect went to the course and looked at the drainage. Zach will put together a final report with projects and cost estimates by the end of next week.

Mike Herrington will present that list to the commission for the Capital Plan. Peter Grace can do some of the work without capital funds, so drainage and cart paths have been prioritized. Priscilla Schulz is concerned that the tee work will be overlooked. The overall goal is to get a plan that the whole commission agrees on and then present it to the Boards.

5. Greens Committee Report

The greens are frozen, but Priscilla Schulz said people have been hitting balls.

6. Par 3 Committee Report

Same situation at the Par 3. Mike Feinstein suggested doing small changes at the 3rd and 5th holes as they are overgrown. They will need to check with conservation on what can be done. Chair Keith Varian would like to put more time into Par 3.

7. **To hear and or act upon old business:** No old business to discuss.

8. To hear and or act upon new business:

a. HSR 50th Anniversary

Christine Hogan is working with Bob Bigonette and Parks and Rec to work out the details of upcoming anniversary events, which will be presented to the commission shortly.

9. Communications

a. Public Comment and emails

No emails and public comment is in Item 10.

10. Public Comment

Tim Daly, 135 Valley View Road

- What is the price for the resident Senior Pass, Monday – Thursday and Friday – Saturday?

The prices increased by \$1.00.

11. Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pru O'Brien
Recording Secretary