

GOLF COMMISSION
Monday, June 13, 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=pY7lID-IJP8>

Draft Minutes

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

Others Present: Parks & Recreation Director Anthony Calabrese (via conference call), Course Superintendent Peter Grace, Golf Pro Bob Bigonette, and 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. Staff Reports

a. Pro Manager Report

Golf Pro Bob Bigonette said all golf programs are sold out. ForeUp still has kinks but generally positive feedback. The demand for t-times is still there, but it is much more user friendly.

Only 20 of the 80 lockers are being rented. Mr. Bigonette would like to see the space put to better use and suggested installing a simulator. Mr. Bigonette will wait another year to see if lockers get rented, but will get quotes for a simulator in the mean time.

b. Administration Report

Parks & Recreation Director Anthony Calabrese said he sent out an updated copy of the March Golf Report. Rounds are down, but even with rain it has been good.

Resident passes are up, non-resident passes are down compared to last year. IDs are strong and they are slightly ahead of last year, but still trailing overall.

c. Superintendent Report

Peter Grace said 18,7 & 4 are coming back, but the weather hasn't been good and the sprinklers were not working correctly, but are now.

4. Greens Committee Report

Priscilla Schulz said there were problems with the greens, 7 & 18 being in the worst condition. Mike Herrington said they have improved in the last month. Christine Hogan said she can't get a tee into 4,6 & 9 without using a shoe or putting it in where someone else already had put one. Peter Grace said he will aerify them this week.

5. Par 3 Committee Report

Michael Feinstein said he hasn't played the Par 3 yet but everything looks good and it is always crowded.

6. To hear and or act upon old business:

a. 50th Anniversary Celebration

The Mini Golf & Driving contest with beer & wine tasting event scheduled for May 20th had low sign up, so it has been postponed. Tickets have been sold for the Nine & Dine dinner on July 15. There is also a Family Golf Jamboree at Par 3 in August. It is not easy to sign up online. More advertising is needed for these events. Links will be added to the ForeUp page, HSR website and in First Selectwoman Kupchick's newsletter.

b. HSR-Long Term Capital Improvement Plan

Making improvements on the Capital Improvement Plan. Peter Grace and Anthony Calabrese will work on whether they use Peter's crew this year or hire an outside service.

There have been discussions about putting bathrooms at 11. There is a bathroom now closer to 10 and it is not necessary to add bathrooms at 11 now. There was also a discussion about renovations at the driving range. That will be discussed at the next meeting.

7. To hear and or act upon new business

There was no new business.

8. Communications

a. Public Comment and emails

There were no emails.

9. Public Comment

Brian Daly-195 Hurd- he has seen signs up for the 50th anniversary events and Men's league will send an email out as well. The old locker room was a mess but it was a bag storage room. People got used to not storing bags during Covid and don't need lockers now. The new lockers are more expensive than the old lockers. Golf Commission should consider using inside lockers and put simulator in bag storage area.

10. Adjourn

Priscilla Schulz made a motion to adjourn. Mike Herrington seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pru O'Brien
Recording Secretary