

GOLF COMMISSION
Monday, June 13, 2022
7:00pm
Fairfield Parks & Recreation Conference Room
75 Mill Plain Road, Fairfield, CT
& Via Conference Call Bridge

Draft Minutes

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

Members Absent: Christine Hogan

Others Present: Parks & Recreation Director Anthony Calabrese, Golf Pro Bob Bigonette, Superintendent Peter Grace, Senator Tony Hwang

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 4/11/22 & 5/16/22

Priscilla Schulz made a motion to approve the minutes of 4/11/22 as written. Peter Secrist seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mike Herrington made a motion to approve the minutes of 5/16/22 as written, Mike Feinstein seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

4. Staff Reports

a. Pro Manager Report

Golf Pro Bob Bigonette said he received a quote for the Trackman golf simulator to put into the cart barn. Keith will give the quote to Anthony. It will cost \$109,000 and the installation is quick. They will need to figure out how much they'd have to charge for rental to make revenue. It won't happen before FY 23-24. Rounds are going well. There have been a few complaints about the greens. The Nine & Dine is on July 15th. Sales are slow. Priscilla suggested printing it on receipts and in Boca.

b. Administration Report

Parks & Recreation Director Anthony Calabrese said the May Golf Report is on track with last year. The weather hasn't been great but they are where they expected to be at this time. Mr. Calabrese said they should come close if not exceed budget numbers as season pass prices increased.

c. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Peter Grace said the greens are coming back even though there have been complaints. Mr. Grace and his staff are currently working on 4, 5, 7 & 18. A new crew is being trained and moving forward. They aerified tees after the last meeting. Mr. Grace said he thinks it is the actual turf that is the issue but he will continue to aerify and will order different grass next time.

5. Greens Committee Report

Priscilla Schulz said the rest of the course is great. The area between 1 & 2 needs to be cleaned up. Ms. Schulz said there were 6-7 trees removed and wondered if something else would be put there. Peter Grace said he will put topsoil and seed.

6. Par 3 Committee Report

None of the Commissioners has played there this month but it has been busy there when they have been in the area.

7. To hear and or act upon old business:

a. 50th Anniversary Celebration

The Commission will make more effort to promote the HSR 50th Anniversary events. More signs will be posted for Nine & Dine on July 15th.

b. HSR-Long Term Capital Improvement Plan

Some of this was discussed earlier. The Commission is pushing forward on this year's items.

8. To hear and or act upon new business

There was no new business.

9. Communications

a. Public Comment and emails

• Senator Tony Hwang 50th anniversary recognition event

Senator Hwang said HSR has been a Godsend for people during Covid. He had come from a wonderful event there earlier tonight. Sen. Hwang would like local leaders to join him to recognize the course and promote the July 15th event. Prospective dates are Wednesday, June 29th or Friday, July 1st. Liam Herron made a motion to have the commemoration on Wednesday, June 29th with a rain date of Friday, July 1st. Mike Herrington seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

10. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11. Adjourn

Mike Herrington made a motion to adjourn. Priscilla Schulz seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pru O'Brien

Recording Secretary