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MINUTES OF GOLF COMMISSION MEETING  
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The Golf Commission of the Town of Fairfield held a Meeting on April 12, 2010, at the Eunice Postal Recreation Center, 75 Mill Plain Road, Fairfield, CT.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Craig Curley, Chairman; Susan O'Donnell, Vice Chairman; Fred Joseph; Jordan Lustig; Jack Slane; Andrew Janis and Tammy Peterson.. Also Present: Jim Alexander.

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Chairman Craig Curley.

Chairman Curley advised the Commission that Will Mraz and Barry Powlisken had completed their term as of the March meeting, and welcomed newly appointed Commissioners Jack Slane and Andrew Janis. Commissioners Slade and Janis provided the Commission with a brief summary of their background and interest in the Golf Commission.

- I. Approve Minutes – March 8, 2010: Fred Joseph *moved* and Jordan Lustig *seconded* to approve the meeting minutes of March 8, 2010. *Motion passed unanimously.*
  
- II. Correspondence:
  1. Bill Llewellyn – “Back 9” Rate: Chairman Curley indicated that he received an e-mail from Bill Llewellyn concerning the weekend morning “Back 9” rate at H. Smith Richardson. Mr. Alexander indicated that he did not anticipate an adverse impact if the policy were changed. Chairman Curley noted that he did speak with Peter Grace on the matter, and that he had indicated that he did not anticipate an adverse impact with regard to his maintenance schedule should the policy be changed. Fred Joseph *moved* and Jordan Lustig *seconded* to have the following matter placed on the agenda under new business: “9 Hole Rate for Back 9”. *Motion passed unanimously.*
  
  2. Kevin Coles – Tournament at Par 3 on 8-2-10: Mr. Coles was present this evening in support of his request to hold a shot gun event on Monday, August 2, 2010 at the Par 3, which event would raise funds for Operation Hope. There was a scheduling conflict with the Ladies 9-hole group, which has an event scheduled for that morning. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission to approve the request in the event the scheduling conflict could be resolved. Jim Alexander will work with the respective parties in an effort to accommodate both groups.
  
- III. Staff Reports:

**Pro Manager Report:** Jim Alexander reported that the course opened on March 17, 2010. Mr. Alexander provided the Commission with an income and round comparison noting that numbers were up from last year.

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**Administration Report:** Gerald Lombardo was not present this evening.

**Superintendent Report:** Peter Grace was not present this evening; in his absence, Mr. Alexander indicated that Mr. Grace and his crew had done an excellent job preparing the course, and that the course is in great shape. Mr. Alexander further indicated that drainage work is on-going, although the recent heavy rainfall had temporarily slowed work.

- IV. Greens Committee Report: Chairman Curley indicated that he would like to return to a more traditional Committee, with regular meetings to be scheduled every two weeks following the Golf Commission meetings. The meetings will be held on Mondays at H. Smith Richardson at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Curley noted that he agreed with Jim Alexander that Peter Grace and the crew have done a wonderful job at H. Smith Richardson, but noted that there were some smaller projects that he would like addressed, including the markers, cart paths and the area behind the 9<sup>th</sup> green.
- V. Old Business:
1. Conservation IWPA 2004-11 – Meeting: Chairman Curley provided the Commission with a brief summary, noting that this inland wetland permit was taken out in 2004 for drainage work at the 11<sup>th</sup> hole. The permit was due to expire, and a request for extension was submitted. The wetland permit included certain permit conditions, one which had not yet been completed and required the construction of an earthen berm at the course. In addition to lack of funding to construct the berm, there was also concern for the impact to the course to construct the same. Mr. Curley indicated that Gerald Lombardo is continuing to work with Conservation Staff in an effort to determine whether alternative mitigation is feasible. One of the alternatives being considered is pond dredging, which would be done by the Town DPW employees. Mr. Grace has had the material tested for contamination and is awaiting the results. If contaminated material is found then it would be too costly and not an economically feasible alternative.
- VI. New Business:
1. CT Special Olympics Golf Team: Mr. Curley indicated that the Commission was approached by the Fairfield Golf Team which is comprised of 6-8 individuals with special needs. The team is asking that the Commission sponsor them, which would involve providing access on Monday evenings to the driving range, putting green, and free range balls. Additionally, one of the individuals would require some play time at the course. Mr. Alexander indicated that he saw no problems in endorsing this request, and that there were several chaperones for the individuals. Following discussion, Susan O'Donnell *moved* and Tammy Peterson *seconded* to approve the request of the CT Special Olympics Golf Team. Motion passed unanimously. Jim Alexander will coordinate the scheduling.

2. 9 Hole Rate for Back 9: The Commission had discussed this briefly earlier this evening, and it was the consensus that it would have no adverse impact to the course should the policy be changed. Fred Joseph moved and Jordan Lustig seconded to allow the 9 hole rate on the Back 9 for the first hour of play on weekends and holidays. Motion passed unanimously. This change is effective immediately. Mr. Alexander indicated that it would not require a change to the policy and procedures manual. Susan O'Donnell moved, and Fred Joseph seconded to change the time for the nine-hole rates from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Public Input:

1. None.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Tammy Peterson moved and Fred Joseph seconded to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Gabriel