

**GOLF COMMISSION
FAIRFIELD, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES OF GOLF COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 14, 2010**

The Golf Commission of the Town of Fairfield held a Meeting on June 10, 2010, at the Eunice Postal Recreation Center, 75 Mill Plain Road, Fairfield, CT.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Acting Chairman Fred Joseph.

- I. Approve Minutes of May 10, 2010: Jordan Lustig *moved* and Tammi Peterson *seconded* to approve the meeting minutes of May 10, 2010. *Motion passed unanimously.*
- II. Correspondence: None
- III. Staff Reports:

Pro Manager Report: Jim Alexander reported that May was a good month at both courses; revenue at the courses as well as the driving range was up. The little league tournament was held recently and the course is in good shape. Upon inquiry, Mr. Alexander indicated that the issue concerning the timely opening of the gate at the driving range has been resolved.

Administration Report: Gerald Lombardo reported that the budget request for 180k for drainage improvements has been approved; that work is anticipated to begin in the fall. Mr. Lombardo indicated that Craig Curley's presentation of the 10 year plan was well received and improvements contained therein will be included in future budget requests. Mr. Lombardo reported that four memorial benches will be installed at H. Smith Richardson golf course, the locations of which are being finalized. Upon inquiry by Jack Slane concerning the status of the proposed clubhouse renovations, Mr. Lombardo reported that funding for the same would likely be included in future budget requests, with economic conditions being a factor. Mr. Lombardo indicated that the concessionaire's contract is expiring at the end of this year and that the Town has the option to extend it for one year. Mr. Lombardo further indicated that in the event of clubhouse renovations, future contract terms for a concessionaire at H. Smith Richardson would likely be revised.

Superintendent Report: Peter Grace reported that maintenance efforts at the course are ongoing; the purchase of the roller that was approved is being handled through the Town purchasing department. Mr. Grace further indicated that he is communicating with the asphalt & paving company concerning utilizing the millings from town roads for the cart paths. Mr. Grace anticipates starting on the 11th hole to see if this is successful.

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Upon inquiry by Jordan Lustig, Mr. Grace indicated that recent thunderstorms had resulted in fungus growth in various locations at H. Smith Richardson golf course; these areas have been sprayed and this is under control.

IV. Greens Committee Report: See notations below.

V. Old Business:

1. Borck Tournament Update: Mr. Alexander indicated that this event is scheduled for July 26-28th; he will have more information at the July meeting.
2. Conservation IWPA 2004-11 ó Meeting: Gerald Lombardo reported that the communications with the Conservation Staff are on-going; it is likely that alternative mitigation will include the dredging of one pond at the Grace Richardson Conservation Area, as well as pond(s) located on the course. This matter will continue to be placed on the monthly Inland Wetland Agency agendas until finalized for that board's review and decision.

Craig Curley arrived at 8:03 p.m. during discussion on the following matter:

VI. New Business:

1. Alcohol Policy Recommendation: A proposed policy was reviewed this evening. Mr. Lombardo indicated that the Assistant Town Attorney had reviewed and approved the proposed policy. The Commission discussed this matter at length. Jim Alexander noted his concerns that the current policy is not strictly adhered to, and it is not uncommon for individuals at the course to over-indulge while playing. Mr. Alexander further noted that the Town has liability exposure in the event an individual is injured, and noted an incident at another course two years ago where an alcohol related fatality had occurred. The policy proposed included a provision that required all beverages to be served in plastic or Styrofoam cups so that alcohol brought onto the course by a player could be easily identified and that individual would be required to discard the same. The Commission acknowledged the concern that the concessionaire was not benefiting from the sales of beverages if players continued to bring their own. Concessionaire, Michael Duke was present this evening and read a statement into the record which outlined his strong opposition to the proposed policy. Mr. Duke presented the types of beverages sold currently as an example, which included bottles in aluminum sleeves, and noted that these were not commonly sold and easily identifiable. Mr. Duke noted that he was very concerned that he had not been notified that this matter was placed on this evening's agenda, and such a change in policy would have a negative impact on his sales, and that beer served in a paper or plastic cup quickly goes flat and gets warm. Mr. Duke further indicated that he adheres to a policy of two beers per person ó per nine holes. Following considerable discussion, and public input on the matter, Tammi Peterson moved and Fred Joseph seconded to table the matter to the July meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Upon request by Jim Alexander for clarification from the Commission on how the current policy will be implemented until the July meeting, Jack Slane moved and Fred Joseph seconded that the current policy will be interpreted to mean that no alcoholic beverages are allowed on the course, except those which are sold by the concessionaire, and that all alcoholic beverages sold by the concessionaire will be the type presented this evening, the aluminum sleeve bottles. There is a limit of two alcoholic beverages per person, every nine holes. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Public Input:

1. Ron Wayne of Cross Highway noted that the 15th tee box looks great.

At 8:52 p.m., Jack Slane moved and Andrew Janis seconded to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Motion passed unanimously.

At 9:20 p.m., Jack Slane moved and Fred Joseph seconded to go out of executive session. Chairman Curley reported that no votes were made during executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

Jack Slane moved and Tammi Peterson seconded to recommend to the 1st Selectman that the contract for Golf Pro, Jim Alexander be renewed for five years. Motion passed unanimously

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Fred Joseph moved and Andrew Janis seconded to adjourn at 9:35 Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Gabriel