

**GOLF COMMISSION  
FAIRFIELD, CONNECTICUT  
MINUTES OF GOLF COMMISSION MEETING  
MAY 10, 2010**

The Golf Commission of the Town of Fairfield held a Meeting on May 10, 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 Tammi Peterson.. Also Present: Jim Alexander, Peter Grace, and Gerald Lombardo.

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

- I. Approve Minutes – April 12, 2010: Tammi Peterson *moved* and Fred Joseph *seconded* to approve the meeting minutes of April 12, 2010 with the following correction: The minutes were revised to correct the spelling of Tammi Peterson and Jack Slane's names. *Motion passed unanimously.*
- II. Correspondence: None
- III. Staff Reports:

**Pro Manager Report:** Jim Alexander reported that April was a very good month; rounds were up at both the Par 3 and H. Smith Richardson. Range fees were also up, which is likely due to the new machine, although this figure should ultimately balance out throughout the year. Netting has been repaired at the right side of the range, and dividers have been replaced. Mr. Alexander noted that the schedule is in place with regard to the CT Special Olympics Golf Team which the Commission had voted last meeting to sponsor; the participants will utilize H. Smith Richardson on Mondays. A Fairfield Little League outing has been scheduled.

**Administration Report:** Gerald Lombardo reported that the H. Smith Richardson and Par 3 budgets were passed by the RTM last week. Although the cuts were minimal, the most significant was the request for a new vehicle in which on 12k was approved for the purchase of a used vehicle. The H. Smith Richardson budget included a cut from the special department supplies request, reducing the increase from 5k requested to an approval of a 2,500.00 increase. The capital requests will be reviewed by the RTM on May 24<sup>th</sup>; Mr. Lombardo encouraged the Commission and the interested public to contact their RTM members in support of the budget request. Mr. Lombardo indicated that three memorial benches have been ordered.

**Superintendent Report:** Peter Grace reported that drainage work is on-going, noting that the drainage on 15 is completed and bunker work has been done. The replacement of pipe on the 8<sup>th</sup> hole has improved conditions, although the water table there is high. Cutting and grooming of the course is on-going. Cart path work is planned. Garden plantings will be done at the main entrance as well as other areas throughout the course. Mr. Grace is discussing a tree maintenance plan with the tree warden.

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- IV. Greens Committee Report: Chairman Curley indicated that the yardage markers had been grown over; Mr. Curley thanked Peter Grace and his staff for addressing this. Mr. Curley noted that the establishment of a new committee will be discussed under new business this evening, as he was the only remaining member of the Greens Committee at this time, since Mr. Mraz's term on the commission had been completed.
- V. Old Business:
1. Conservation IWPA 2004-11 – Meeting: Gerald Lombardo reported that the Inland Wetland Agency had tabled this matter during its recent meeting. Gerald Lombardo and Peter Grace are continuing to meet with Conservation Staff; discussions concerning alternative mitigation under this wetland permit are on-going. The Town Engineering Department Staff is also participating in discussions. Dredging of two of the ponds in the Grace Richardson conservation area is being considered, although it was determined that one of the ponds may have contamination from road runoff. Increasing the capacity of one of the ponds by slightly enlarging the same is also being discussed. The parties are working together to find a solution that is mutually beneficial, and least disruptive to the course. Mr. Lombardo noted that Conservation Staff has been very helpful in this matter.
- VI. New Business:
1. Appoint Player Advisory Committee: Chairman Curley noted that upon the completion of Will Mraz's term on the Commission, he had been the only remaining Greens Committee member, and was not seeking to establish a more traditional committee, that included representatives of the various clubs. Mr. Curley noted that he would like to establish a "Player Advisory Committee", with Andrew Janis to serve as Chair. The Commission discussed this at length. Jim Alexander noted his concern that such a committee would result in club representation, and not necessarily include the interests of all players and non-club members. It was noted that the monthly Commission meetings is the forum for all individuals to express their concerns, comments, and opinions. The Commission members encouraged communication between it and the golfing public. Public input was received on this subject. It was the consensus of the Commission that a Player Advisory Committee would not be established.
- VII. Public Input:
1. Ralph Butera suggested that notice be provided when the course is scheduled for verti-cutting and top-dressing of the greens; this was not recommended by Mr. Grace.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Susan O'Donnell *moved* and Jack Slane *seconded* to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. *Motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Gabriel