

**GOLF COMMISSION
FAIRFIELD, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES OF GOLF COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 8, 2010**

The Golf Commission of the Town of Fairfield held a Meeting on March 8, 2010, at the Eunice Postal Recreation Center, 75 Mill Plain Road, Fairfield, CT.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig Curley, Chairman; Will Mraz; Barry Powlishen; Jordan Lustig; Fred Joseph; and Tammy Peterson.

ABSENT: Susan O'Donnell, Vice Chairman. Also Present: Gerald Lombardo, Director of Parks and Recreation; and Jim Alexander.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Craig Curley.

- I. Approve Minutes – February 8, 2010: Barry Powlishen *moved* and Fred Joseph *seconded* to approve the meeting minutes of February 8, 2010. *Motion passed unanimously.*
- II. Correspondence: Gerald Lombardo read a February 5, 2010 letter from First Selectman Kenneth Flatto into the record; this had been sent to the Parks and Recreation Department/Commission and asked that consideration be given to raising fees where appropriate in order to increase revenue for the Town. Mr. Flatto had indicated in his letter that there were many areas in which revenues were not keeping up with expenses. That letter also made reference to consideration of the services provided by the Town of Fairfield in comparison to surrounding towns, and the respective cost for the same. Craig Curley noted that the Golf Commission did review the fees imposed by area golf courses when setting its rates for the 2010 golf season. Mr. Lombardo did advise Kenneth Flatto of this fact, as well as the Commission's concern that rates not be raised to a point where the course is priced above market and it loses revenue.

III. Staff Reports:

Pro Manager Report: Jim Alexander indicated that he was contacted by Leo Redgate requesting approval to hold the Borck Tournament at H. Smith Richardson. Mr. Alexander indicated that this was a prestigious junior event, and that with some rescheduling, he could accommodate this request. Upon inquiry, Mr. Alexander indicated that he was not certain whether a dinner at H. Smith Richardson would follow the event, but that he would contact Mr. Redgate concerning this. It was also noted that the exposure received by H. Smith Richardson when hosting these types of events may ultimately result in future play by the participants. Mr. Alexander indicated that he had recently walked the course with Gerald Lombardo and Peter Grace; Mr. Grace's crew is doing an outstanding job maintaining the course. It is anticipated that the course will open the weekend of March 13th.

Administration Report: Gerald Lombardo reported that ID sales were up by 300 in comparison to this time last year. Income/Play comparison was reviewed. The budget hearing on the golf course budgets is scheduled for March 16th. Mr. Lombardo indicated that he had forwarded the information regarding the memorial benches to an individual interested in purchasing one for the course.

Superintendent Report: Peter Grace was not present this evening. In his absence, Mr. Alexander indicated that maintenance efforts are on-going; Town DPW has provided some assistance with clearing the overgrowth in the vicinity of the 9th tee which has greatly improved that area. Drainage improvements and tree work are on-going; these activities are not anticipated to interfere with play. DPW is delivering a stump grinder to the course. Fred Joseph indicated that he was at H. Smith Richardson earlier and had noticed broken storm drains, rotted wood on the clubhouse; and also indicated that the exterior of the clubhouse should be power-washed. Gerald Lombardo indicated that he had already been considering having the exterior of the clubhouse power-washed, and would look into the other items.

- IV. Greens Committee Report: Nothing new to report (course improvements discussed under the superintendent report above). Mr. Curley indicated that during the recent meeting with the Board of Finance to discuss capital improvements, it was noted that photographs would be helpful; Mr. Curley has begun taking photographs in order to give the Board of Finance Members a better understanding.
- V. Old Business:
1. Conservation IWPA 2004-11 – Meeting: Gerald Lombardo indicated that he is continuing to meet with Conservation Staff to review alternatives to the mitigation conditions imposed under this inland wetland permit. The preferred option is for pond dredging. Mr. Lombardo will keep the Commission apprised of his efforts.
- VI. New Business: None
- VII. Public Input: None

The Commission acknowledged that tonight's meeting marks the completion of Mr. Mraz's term as a member of the Golf Commission, and noted his significant efforts and accomplishments.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Barry Powlishen *moved* and Will Mraz *seconded* to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. *Motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Gabriel