

Town of Fairfield, Connecticut
Golf Commission
Monday, August 8, 2011
7:30 pm
Eunice Postol Parks and Recreation Center
75 Mill Plain Road, Fairfield, CT

Members Present: Jack Slane, Ryan Morris, Jordan Lustig, Craig Curley
Members Absent: Tammi Peterson, Drew Janis, Lou Albrecht,
Others Present: Jim Alexander and, Peter Grace

Chairman Craig Curley called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

II. Act on Minutes July 11, 2011

Jack Slane made a motion to approve the minutes. Ryan Morris seconded the motion with the following three changes in section IV: Mr. Morris noted that it should read there was some leaking on the 7th Green rather than the 9th green, and that rather than the 9th tee is a huge liability it should read the 9th tee marker is a huge liability. Mr. Slane noted that the word “Don’t” should be removed from the sentence ...Mr. Slane said that if full time employees *don’t* do this....mowing. The motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

II-Communications- Chairman Curley acknowledged a letter of appreciation from SNEWGA recognizing the efforts of Jim Alexander and Peter Grace as well as the restaurant staff during their recent tournament.

III. Staff Reports

1. Pro Manager Report- Jim Alexander reported that numbers are much improved in all areas this month due to the improved weather. Two tournaments, the Make-a-Wish Tournament as well as the one that Brennan Shebeen ran, went very well. Mr. Alexander also reported that he is experimenting with some forward tees for the ladies. He has been helped by Lou Albrecht and Robin McPhillips and they have received positive feedback. These tees help with scores as well as Pace of Play. Once the holes are determined, it is unlikely that they can be changed on the scorecards in time for next year. He and Mr. Grace will continue to look into this and keep the Commission informed. Mr. Alexander distributed a PGA Performance Trak report. It gives state by state performance and is an interesting report. He will try to distribute it each month, if not in the mailed packet, then at each meeting.

2. Administration Report- Mr. Lombardo was not present, however Mr. Alexander reported that revenues are up for July. Mr. Curley asked about the internet connection to the starter shack and was told by Mr. Alexander that nothing had been done yet, though he did hear Mr. Lombardo make a call to the IT Dept. saying that it was imperative that it be done as soon as possible. He added that new range mats and practice balls were received.

3. Superintendent Report - Mr. Grace reported that Zack of Harborview Excavations has started work on the bunker project. There was discussion among the members as to which holes should be done and in what particular sequence. Presently, they only have approval to work on holes 1 through 6. Most members felt that after hole #1, it might be best to go to Hole #3, but not before the CSGA

tournament. Mr. Grace will work with him to come up with the best plan in the timeframe and money allocated.

IV. Greens Committee Report – Mr. Janis was not present but Mr. Grace reported that they still have open communication, though the last time they had spoken was three weeks ago.

V. New Business - None

VI. Old Business – Mr. Morris asked if anything has been done about the tee sign on the 9th hole as it is still a safety hazard. Mr. Grace stated that he would take care of it along with several others that are loose and leaning.

VII. Public Input –

A) Ron Wayne asked about the footbridge on the 13th hole stating that it is no longer there. Brian Baker explained the history, stating that in damp weather it became very slippery and someone fell. It was then determined that it should be taken down. Mr. Curley suggested using the next footbridge further down.

B) Ms. Joan Schmidt, Pres. of the Par 3 Ladies League and Nancy Legare, Vice Pres., were in attendance to ask about the plans for the new building for the Beanery and Tennis Center. They asked if there was a possibility of having a room for their league. Mr. Curley explained that Mr. Lombardo had discussions with the previous League President who understood that there would be no dedicated room but they would have use of the conference room. Joan Ryan added that there would be a storage closet that they could use as well. They mentioned that they also need a public bulletin board to distribute forms and publicize tournaments and member news, etc.

Ms. Schmidt also asked if a water spout be placed at the final hole of the Par 3 in order to rinse of the pull carts. She added that a cleat scraper would also be helpful in the same area. Mr. Grace will look into both items.

C) Ralph Butera asked that a spring load door be put on the Men's Locker Room so it closes automatically. Kevin Baker stated that he had a conversation with Ed McCourt of DPW and he will be making that change as well as putting in a larger A/C for the locker room.

D) Tony Hwang – 80 Martingale Lane, asked that the Commission revisit his request for a Practice Green. Mr. Curley explained that the Commission wanted to see how the Clubhouse plans develop. If they are not approved they will certainly try to implement his idea. If the clubhouse plans are approved, they will implement the plan there, rather than do something that may get torn up in a year or two. Mr. Hwang also asked that the Commission consider a ceremony of some sort to dedicate the new Memorial bench on the 3rd hole placed in honor of Ralph Bowley. The Commission agreed.

Mr. Curley reported that the Clubhouse Building Committee met last month and will meet again before the next general meeting.

Mr. Morris made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. Mr. Slane seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan C. Ryan
Recording Secretary