

**Town of Fairfield, Connecticut**  
**Golf Commission**  
**Monday, September 10, 2012**  
**7:30 pm**  
**Eunice Postol Parks and Recreation Center**  
**75 Mill Plain Road, Fairfield, CT**

Members Present: Lou Albrecht; Craig Curley, Chairman: Drew Janis; Jordan Lustig; Ryan Morris; Tammi Peterson and Jack Slane  
Members Absent; None  
Others Present: Gerald Lombardo; Jim Alexander and Peter Grace

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

**I. Act on Minutes:** August 13, 2012

J. Lustig made a friendly correction to name Ryan Morris as the member motioning to adjourn rather than J. Slane who was not present.

*Motion: J. Slane made a motion, seconded by Tammi Peterson to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was approved unanimously 6-0-0. (L. Albrecht not yet present).*

**II- Communications**

**1. Judy Zeisler–Women’s President’s Cup-Tournament Course Conditions-** Chairman Curley read a letter (see attached) from Ms. Zeisler who asked that there be a “Tournament Week” during which grounds maintenance would not be performed. The members discussed the aeration and decided that as Mr. Grace did this year, he would prefer to aerate in August on the second Monday and Tuesday. This allowed the course to heal quickly and worked out very well. Chairman Curley will contact Ms. Zeisler to explain their decision.

**III. Staff Reports**

**1. Pro Manager Report** - Jim Alexander reported that August was a good month. He noted that the computer system is being upgraded and will possibly be down for several days. Mr. Lombardo explained that they are rebuilding the IVR Server and that will be down for a week or more. When asked about Driving Range tokens being given out without payment, as discussed during last month’s meeting, Mr. Alexander said that he investigated and found no evidence.

**2. Administration Report** – Mr. Lombardo reported that there had been vandalism at both courses. On HSR some person or persons broke into the shed and took a range cart, first damaging the driving range and the new Girls’ Softball field. They then hit a stone wall and the cart burned all night. They couldn’t tell whether or not a key had been used. At CJD Par 3, they stole a cart and drove it into the pond in addition to stealing several flags. Mr. Lombardo is dealing with Club Car to get replacements. Risk Management is also involved. Mr. Grace has asked the Police to make extra security rounds. Mr. Lombardo let the Commission know that he and Mr. Alexander have been approached by a marketing firm to place sponsorships on the front of the golf carts. They estimate that it would bring in approximately \$10-12K after the 50/50 split with the company. Mr. Alexander stated that Sterling Farms and Griffith Harris both do it now and that at both courses the carts are the Pro’s concession so it would be a little different arrangement. The Commission would like to put it on the agenda for next month. At Mr. Slane’s request, Mr. Lombardo will look into lining the parking lot and crosswalks at HSR.

**3. Superintendent Report** – Peter Grace reported that they had a good Tournament that day and received many compliments on the course. He added that Zach was working on the 11<sup>th</sup> hole and that they had a few issues with the Conservation Dept. He is going to cut a drain and to get to the back side of 11. He's going to go to a basin behind the 12<sup>th</sup> tee. Zach will be back to work on more projects after the Oct 1 and 2 Public Links Tournament. They have put in the stairs on both 10 and 6. He explained that the 2<sup>nd</sup> tee is on his list as well as sodding on #6, and drainage issues on the 8<sup>th</sup> hole. All will be addressed after the tournament. When asked about a Quick-Coupling Watering system, Mr. Grace stated that he would like that and believes it would be good for the course, especially on holes 5 and 14. Members felt it is possibly be an item that should be budgeted for. Mr. Grace explained that due to the high cost of an ice maker, he bought a large ice chest and is making his own ice blocks to place in the coolers on the course.

**IV. Greens Committee Report** – Mr. Janis asked Mr. Grace about staffing and filling an open position. Both Mr. Lombardo and Mr. Grace agreed that this needed to be resolved and would be, if not in the fall, by spring.

**V. New Business – 1. Fall Specials** - As a follow up to last month's request, Mr. Alexander put together a recommendation for non-resident play. He would like to begin the Tuesday after Columbus Day and offer \$10 off 18-hole greens fees for both adults and seniors on weekdays. On weekends, he suggests a \$40 greens fee for all non-resident play. Mr. Morris applauded the recommendation but noted that it is only as good as the advertising that is done to promote it. Mr. Alexander stated that he would post the Specials in the clubhouse. He will also contact Recreation staff to see about using blast emails. Most felt that specials were not needed at the Par 3 course.

*Mr. Slane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morris to implement the following Fall Specials for non-resident play:*

*Weekdays- \$10 off 18-hole greens fees for both adults and seniors on weekdays.*

*Weekends- \$40 greens fees for all non-resident play.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

**VI. Old Business – None**

**VII. Public Input –**

1. Ralph Butera reported that the Men's Tournament was a big success with 104 players from 9 clubs. He also asked about the pond aerators which Mr. Grace told him were being worked on.
2. Pat McKinley asked about repairing the water fountains and was told that for now they will not be repaired but the course will instead have coolers with ice blocks. Mr. Grace may look at them in Nov. or in the spring.

*Mr. Slane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Morris to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm.*

*The motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Joan C. Ryan  
Recording Secretary