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Town of Fairfield, Connecticut
Golf Commission
Monday, Oct 15, 2012
7:30 pm
Eunice Postol Parks and Recreation Center
75 Mill Plain Road, Fairfield, CT

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

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

I. Act on Minutes: September 10, 2012

*Motion: J. Slane made a motion, seconded by Ryan Morris to approve the minutes as written.
The motion was approved unanimously.*

II- Communications

1. FSGA–Praise for Peter Grace and Staff- Chairman Curley read a letter (see attached) from Mr. Mike Linnane of the Fairfield Seniors Golf Assn. praising the work that Mr. Grace and his staff had done to assist them this year during their 2012 tournaments and further praising the condition of the course.

III. Staff Reports

1. Pro Manager Report - Jim Alexander reported that September was another good month for both courses with rounds and revenue up from the previous year. He asked the Commission to take action on a request that he has received from the CSGA Public Links Committee to use the HSR Course for their Qualifying tournament June 10 /11, 2013 (dates not set in stone). There was a brief discussion about revenue and most felt that they did not want to charge and that they would realize revenue from practice rounds played prior to the tournament.

*Motion: J. Slane made a motion, seconded by Ryan Morris to approve a request to hold the CSGA Qualifying Public Links Tournament on a date(s) agreed upon by the Pro.
The motion was approved unanimously*

Mr. Alexander let the Commission know that the computer upgrade is complete and working, however the IVR is still not working but is expected to be addressed on Wednesday, 10/17. The damaged Driving Range Cart has not yet been replaced and they are currently using a cart on loan from Mr. Grace. When asked, Mr. Alexander let the Commission know that he has started the Fall Specials that they spoke about at last months' meeting. He did a lot of advertising around the clubhouse but did not send out an email blast. The specials are being well-received.

2. Administration Report – Mr. Lombardo was not present. No report was given.

3. Superintendent Report – Peter Grace reported that Zach was completing work on the 11th hole right-side bunker and would be sodding the left side. They will next address the 12th tee, lining it up with the green and increasing the tee area. Following that work they will put a bridge across the on the 7th hole. The staff will be building it themselves. Mr. Grace let the Commission know that he has lost three seasonal staff members and is looking to hire now. He hopes to hire staffers who are familiar with the game of golf. They are now into leaf season which takes up a lot of their time. When asked about a Quick-Coupling Watering system, Mr. Grace stated that he would like that address that when the

watering season is over and they are blowing out the system; usually around Veteran's Day. Mr. Grace added that he and Mr. Lombardo are working on the budgets. He will report to the Commission on many of his projects and exactly how much extra expense the Conservation Commission rulings cost them.

IV. Greens Committee Report – Mr. Janis remarked that he is very pleased with the sand traps on the 11th hole however balls are plugging into the facing. They may need to be tweaked a bit. He asked about the 4th hole and Mr. Grace stated that they will be working to grass the barren area. Mr. Slane asked if it might not be easier to take down some of the dead trees in the area to get the grass to grow. Mr. Janis also let Mr. Grace know that he has been receiving some complaints about pin placements. Mr. Grace explained that this is why it's important to hire people who understand the game of golf. He will look into the issue.

V. New Business – 1. Advertising on Carts- Mr. Alexander reported to the Commission that they have all the information on the proposed agreement to have advertising on carts as discussed at last month's meeting. There was a short discussion with most members agreeing that they did not want to pursue this idea unless it looked like the budget absolutely necessitated it. Mr. Alexander stated that he would return to the Commission if more attractive ideas regarding advertising on the Driving Range dividers were proposed by the company.

VI. Old Business – None

VII. Public Input

1. Ellen Everard of the HSR Ladies Club asked about light bulbs out in the Ladies Room. Mr. Grace asked that any issues like that be brought to his attention. She added that after working with Mr. Alexander and polling the Women's Club, the ladies would like forward tees on the 5th and 13th holes. Mr. Grace and Mr. Alexander will address that.
2. Nancy LeGare reported that the Par 3 Ladies Club had a wonderful year with close to 1200 rounds for 118 members. She thanked John Johnson and his staff. Mrs. Legare will be stepping down as CJD Par 3 Ladies Club President and introduced the two new Co-Presidents, Sheila Muscott and Barbara Saltman. Mrs. Muscott asked about the possibility of building an overhang on the back of the Starter's Shack that could also house a glass-enclosed, "lockable" scoreboard. They also asked for some picnic tables to be placed in the area. Ms. Legare asked about the lack of a restroom once the Tennis Building work begins. Mr. Grace stated that he would discuss all of this with Mr. Lombardo upon his return.
3. Ralph Butera reported that the Men's Club had given the Par 3 a Portable Scoreboard. The Ladies stated that they were not aware of it. It will be looked into.

*Mr. Morris made a motion, seconded by Mr. Slane to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm.
The motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Joan C. Ryan
Recording Secretary