

Town of Fairfield, Connecticut
Golf Commission
Monday, November 5, 2012
7:30 pm
Eunice Postol Parks and Recreation Center
75 Mill Plain Road, Fairfield, CT

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

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

I. Act on Minutes: October 15, 2012

Mr. Morris noted that in Section 111 it should read USGA and not CSGA.

*Motion: J. Slane made a motion, seconded by Ryan Morris to approve the minutes as amended.
The motion was approved 4-0-1 (Mr. Lustig abstained).*

II- Communications

Chairman Curley let the Commission know that appreciation letters were received from the following people as thank you and praise to the Pro, as well as the Superintendent and staff.

1. Michael Moraghan- CSGA Thank you to Craig Curley
2. Michael Moraghan- CSGA Thank you to Jim Alexander
3. Joe Signorile- Thank You for Middle School Program
4. Sheila Sullivan- Thank you for Middle School Program

III. Staff Reports

1. Pro Manager Report - Jim Alexander was not present but Mr. Lombardo reported that October was again a good month despite the three days that were lost due to the hurricane. He believes that they will reach their end of year revenue projections and hopefully reach 42,000 rounds. Mr. Lustig asked why the non-resident numbers were still not what they hoped in spite of the Fall Specials. Mr. Morris noted that this year's special was not as good as last years which gave Resident rates.

2. Administration Report – Mr. Lombardo presented the budgets for the two courses. He explained that they are preliminary and that The Budget Office will fill in the Salary and Benefits line items. He is presenting the same budgets as last year with the exception of a higher fuel line (with same gallons) and again asking for the same Capital Items. While asking for a total of \$186K in capital items, he hopes for approval of the Fairway Mower and the Heavy Duty Utility Vehicle totaling \$73K. He asked the Commissioners to review the budgets and call him with any questions.

The budgets brought up the subject of the Long Term Capital Bonding. Mr. Lombardo explained that he was to have had a meeting the night of the hurricane and it will be rescheduled. \$100,000 for Capital Improvements to the HSR course has been requested in the Non-Reoccurring Capital Bonding Plan. Mr. Lombardo also mentioned that in the long term Capital Plan, he has requested \$3.5 Million for the renovations to the Clubhouse, Cart Barn and Parking Area.

3. Superintendent Report – Peter Grace reported that the course sustained the loss of 101 trees during the hurricane, not including the ones in the woods. His Maintenance Building was hardest hit with 13 trees landing on it and no power. Both courses opened back up on Friday following the storm. CJD fared pretty well. Zach continues to work and 5000 sq. ft. of sod is coming the next day for the 12th tee. Following that project he will return to do the back bunker on the 11th hole. Mr. Alexander had mentioned to him that he thought that bunker could be buried but all members agreed not to make that change. Mr. Grace stated that he expects to have \$25K left and will use it to do perhaps the 8th tee or the bunkers on 12. He and Chairman Curley agreed to meet to “readjust” the 10-year plan. Mr. Grace stated that when they do that he’d like to include some projects at the Carl J. Dickman course (upgrading irrigation, fencing, etc.). Mr. Lombardo added that he met with a company immediately following the storm. They can assess the damage from the storm and then give an estimate for hauling, tree work, etc.

IV. Greens Committee Report – Mr. Janis remarked that he thinks the bunker on the 11th hole turned out beautifully. He did question the type of sand used and wondered if a higher grade might not be better in the future. Mr. Grace let the Commission know that consistency in all bunkers is most important and Mr. Lombardo agreed that consistency, lack of rocks and good drainage are all important in bunkers. He added that these are “hazards” and we don’t want to spend too much money on them. Mr. Janis also asked about the status of Mr. Grace’s potential new hire. Mr. Lombardo stated that there was to have been a meeting with the Human Resources Dept. to go over the upgraded job description but it was postponed due to the storm. He will follow-up.

V. New Business – 2012-13 Budgets *See Administrative Report

VI. Old Business – Chairman Curley asked about the light in the Women’s Locker Room and he was told that it is not just a bulb but rather a burned out ballast. Yankee Electric has been called. Mr. Curley let Mr. Lombardo know that the CJD Women’s Club has asked for an overhang for the Starter’s shed. Mr. Grace has spoken to Mr. Johnson about this. He added that the scoreboard that Mr. Butera asked about at the last meeting was located.

VII. Public Input - None

*Mr. Morris made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lustig to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm.
The motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Joan C. Ryan
Recording Secretary