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APPROVED

Minutes of the E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Commission; October 27, 2020

Present were: R. Tyska, M. Briscoe, A. Brantner, R. Judge.

Absent: T. Birkett.

Staff: L. Albano, H. Nagashima, A. Aulenti, V. Levin, B. Ukperaj.

Public: None.

Meeting was held by zoom due to restrictions set in response to COVID-19. Chairman Tyska called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Judge made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of subject Tee Time Software under New Business on the Agenda. Motion seconded by Ms. Brantner. **Motion passed unanimous.**

Reading of the Minutes

Mr. Briscoe made a motion to approve the minutes for the September 15, 2020 meeting, seconded by Mr. Judge. **Motion passed unanimous.**

Comments from the Public

None.

Monthly Report

Mr. Ukperaj gave a report on rounds in the month of September. Rounds and revenue continue to increase over 2019 numbers. Fiscal and Calendar year updates were given to the commission. Mr. Ukperaj presented a first quarter report to the commission with projections on the rest of the fiscal year.

Supt. of Greens Report

Mr. Nagashima reported on golf course staff, conditions and work. Work completed included aerification on fairways, the 3rd and 4th tees, and slice seeding of select portions of the course. Lime is in process of being applied to the course. Mr. Nagashima explained upcoming work including a vertidrain aerification for greens, removal of a leaning tree on 1, cart path work and tee box work. Mr. Tyska questioned if the greens would be top dressed after being aerified. Mr. Nagashima responded that they would not, since the aerification would not be pulling cores. Ms. Albano informed the Commission that the Planning Board was ok with the Golf Course using capital project money initially intended for the clubhouse to be prioritized on tee box work.

Golf Shop

Ms. Aulenti expressed the success of the City Amateur Championship. Being pushed back to the fall worked well but there may be an issue with players finishing with available daylight hours if the event becomes popular. Ms. Aulenti also relayed that the Golf Shop will remain closed until April, depending on the situation with COVID. Mr. Levin reported that the Golf Course will begin crossover tee times on the weekend. Mr. Tyska inquired about a second crossover in the afternoon to which Mr. Levin answered the course can schedule times in case there is a demand for times. Mr. Levin also broached the ideas regarding tee time software in respect to how weekend times are booked. Discussion followed among the Commission and staff. Mr. Levin notified the Commission of a software upgrade that may bring some changes and other options for tee time bookings.

Restaurant

Ms. Albano informed the Commission that Zody is progressing through obtaining the permits required for the restaurant expansion and contract changes.

Personnel & Union Activity

Ms. Albano gave update on upgrade of course CSS position. The position has already been budgeted for this year and approved. Currently waiting on OPM to move it forward and begin the hiring process.

Correspondence

Nothing to report.

Request for use of the Golf Course

Mr. Tyska stated the course should explore the schools paying for golf course time. Ms. Aulenti replied that schools pay a fee for use of the range at Sterling Farms. Ms. Albano mentioned approaching the Board of Ed concerning paying for schools use of Golf Course times.

Outing Request

Nothing to report.

League Requests

Nothing to report.

Old Business

Mr. Tyska cited the increase in cases in the area. Ms. Albano responded the city is monitoring the situation with concern but Golf Course operations should not be affected.

Mr. Tyska updated the Commission on the progress of the rate proposal. Public hearing of the Parks & Rec Commission was lengthy with both Mr. Tyska and Mr. Ukperaj explaining the rate increase along with the course situation. The rate increase was passed and will go before the full Board of Reps next week.

Zody's Patio Expansion was covered earlier.

New Business

Tee Time Software was covered earlier.

Mr. Briscoe apprised the Commission of his re-appointment as a member of the Golf Commission.

Mr. Tyska stated next month's meeting is to be held Tuesday November 17, 2020. Ms. Brantner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Judge. **Motion passed unanimous.**

Meeting ended 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted



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