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Minutes of the E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Commission; June 18, 2019

Present were:

R. Tyska, M. Briscoe, T. Birkett

Absent: A. Brantner

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

Public: Ken Swan, Cahal McMonagle, Derek Williams, Joe Gianfrancesco, Kellie Cassone
Bates, Daryl Smith

Chairman Tyska called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Tyska made a motion to add a proposal by the Board of Reps for a Smoking Ban on City-Owned Recreational Areas to the Agenda under New Business. Mr. Briscoe seconded. **Motion passed unanimous.**

Mr. Birkett made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Briscoe. **Motion passed unanimous.**

Reading of the Minutes

Mr. Briscoe made a motion to accept the minutes for the May 21, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Birkett. **Motion passed unanimous.**

Mr. Briscoe made a motion to accept the minutes for the June 3, 2019 Special Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Birkett. **Motion passed unanimous.**

Comments from the Public

Mr. Daryl Smith expressed concern about course changes to Holes 17 & 18 taking away from the golf course as finishing holes. Also effecting course pace of play and what the goal for course layout is to make more sense of the changes.

Mr. Ken Swan, Mr. Cahal McMonagle, Mr. Derek Williams, Ms. Kellie Cassone Bates all shared concerns about the re-alignment changes effecting atmosphere of the course and finishing on signature holes. All requested the Commission to reconsider course changes or clarification on future layout plans.

Mr. Joe Gianfrancesco stated he is a neighbor of the golf course. Mr. Gianfrancesco shared a story of a golf ball deflecting off the home and nearly hitting his son. Mr. Gianfrancesco requested an netting behind Hole 13 as is behind Hole 15 to protect damage to vehicles, homes, etc., that he and his neighbors have been hit.

Monthly Report

Mr. Ukperaj gave a fiscal report for the month of May 2019. A round breakdown was given on categories of play and specific days compared to May 2018. Discussion was had on play at Brennan.

Supt. of Greens Report

Mr. Nagashima gave a thorough report on the golf course detailing work completed and work to be done. Work completed included fertilizing on tees, greenbanks, weed control, chipping of brush, running irrigation, tree work and edging bunkers. Ms. Albano thanked Ron Markey from Tree Department for being a great help with chipping/tree work. Future work include completing bunker edging, broadleaf weed control, mulching flower beds and solid tine aeration of greens. Mr. Nagashima also provided a "Goals for Holes" document detailing future plans. Also discussed was seasonal staff.

Greens Committee

Nothing to Report.

Personnel Committee

Seasonal staffing was reported on earlier.

Finance Committee

Nothing to report.

House Committee

Nothing to report.

Pro-Shop Committee

Mr. Levin stated that the Golf Shop has moved along with software and have progressed through all initial issues. Discussion on starters having a script and on pace of play.

Ms. Aulenti expressed frustration with City process of issuing checks for HIO. Discussion was had on why there were delays for creating line item and transfers for this fiscal year versus how line item will be there for next fiscal year to avoid these issues.

Union Business

Nothing to report.

Correspondence

Nothing to report.

Request for use of the Golf Course

Nothing to report.

Outing Request

Mr. Birkett made a motion to approve outing requests for Tarantino Memorial Aug. 26, 1 pm, Conetta Memorial Sept. 9, 1 pm and St. Lawrence Society Sept. 23, 1 pm. Mr. Briscoe seconded. **Motion passed unanimous.**

League Requests

Nothing to report.

Old Business

Mr. Tyska mentioned starting process on Clubhouse improvements. Mr. Ukperaj and Ms. Albano gave update on work done by plumber Ken Considine and condition of men's bathroom.

Ms. Albano gave an update on Diesel Tank, awaiting tank registration.

Mr. Tyska reported on course improvements and progress between Canio Carlucci, who was awarded the City contract for tee work, and architect Doug Smith. Discussion was held on concerns expressed by the public in regards to course changes. Course staff will make an effort to inform the public of the end goal and final plans for course re-aligning so public will have a better understanding of why the changes were made and what else will be done.

Commission held discussion on netting comment during public session earlier in the meeting. New netting or extending netting was not deemed a solution. No further possible solutions were found.

Ms. Albano stated that when new budget starts July 1st we will be able to finance new equipment.

New Business

Mr. Tyska reported that members of Board of Reps proposing a smoking ban on all smoking and e-cigarettes on all City Recreational Facilities, including the golf course. Mr. Tyska requested the Board of Reps to hold the proposal so the golf course may have input and be excluded from this ban.

Mr. McGrath inquired about having a cart path policy to enforce on golfers who continually break rules. Mr. Levin responded Mr. McGrath and policy needs to be put in writing and displayed so course staff will be able to properly respond to repeat offenders.

Mr. McGrath looked for an update on charging No Shows on tee times. Mr. Ukperaj responded on progress between Tee Time Software company and credit card processor working together so that the course will be able to charge individuals for no shows.

Mr. Tyska reported a Special Meeting to be held in executive session June 26th 2019 at 6 pm in the Recreation Conference Room. Next regular meeting is Tuesday, July 16th 2019.

Seeing no further business, Mr. Briscoe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Birkett. **Motion passed unanimous.**

Meeting ended 7:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted



Bekim Ukperaj
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