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Tuesday; April 5, 2016

# Minutes of the E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Commission Special Meeting

#### Present were:

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M. Sullivan, R. Tyska, N. Lindstrom, Shelton Hochstedler, Chris DiMaio

Absent: Anzelmo Graziosi, Alice Lyons

Chairman Tyska called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm. Mr. Tyska reported that with only two members present, there is no Quorum. We will run the meeting but not take any votes.

# Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Tyska added an item to New Business, Golf Rates for Juniors in the Pro-Shop Program

#### Minutes

Minutes will be held until next meeting

## **Comments from the Public**

Mr. Hochstedler informed the Chairman that he wished to speak.

Mr. Tyska informed Mr. Hochstedler that he would have five minutes to speak, but it would not be a question and answer period. He reported that the commission would further discuss the item as listed on the agenda.

Mr. Hochstedler, a resident of Stamford since 2011, reported that je has been playing the golf course since that time and has never complained about geese or their waste, although they have been present for the five years he has played the course. He stated that he recently made the Golf Course and the City aware of the geese and their waste. He then stated that he does not presently see any geese or waste and was confused, after on complaint, the geese aren't here anymore. With nothing further to comment on, Mr. Hochstedler and Mr. DiMaio left the meeting.

## **Monthly Report**

Mr. Sullivan gave a brief fiscal report for the months of February and March 2016.

A brief discussion was held regarding the current and future budgets.

### Supt. Of Greens Report

Mr. Sullivan reported the golf course was fully open and Fairways had been sprayed for Crabgrass. He also reported that a willow tree had come down in the dump on the 11<sup>th</sup> hole. He also reported that bunkers have been cleaned and raked and sand is on order to add them. Soil is being graded where the old cart path was on the second hole.

Mr. Tyska requested more plants to finish behind the sixteenth tee and also plants for the bench on the 7<sup>th</sup> tee.

Mr. Sullivan reported he was going to have Tom Vozzella refinish the benches on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> hole

# **Greens Committee**

Nothing to report

#### **Personnel Committee**

Nothing to Report

#### **Finance Committee Report**

Mr. Tyska reported on the current Fund Balance of \$308,000. He reported that we should begin working on a plan for future projects.

A brief discussion was held regarding the present request for capital funds for the Parking Lot.

#### **House Committee**

Mr. Lindstrom reported that he spoke with Mr. Zohdy and all was well with the restaurant.

#### **Pro-Shop Committee**

Nothing to report

#### **Union Business**

Mr. Sullivan reported that there was an Laborer issue this past weekend, where a laborer refused to work on Sunday because he has seniority and wants to work on Saturday.

## Request for use of the Golf Course

Mr. Sullivan reported on the tournaments listed. No Votes were taken.

A brief discussion was held regarding a Tuesday tournament request for two events.

## **Old Business**

Mr. Tyska reported that the new netting on the 13<sup>th</sup> hole was installed.

Mr. Sullivan reported that he was trying to save some of the old netting to overlay the chain link fence. Mr. Tyska requested it be moved away from the green.

A brief discussion was held regarding the chain link fence to be installed on the 10<sup>th</sup> hole.

Mr. Tyska reported on two fence complaints from people on the 6<sup>th</sup> hole and on the 4<sup>th</sup> holes.

# **New Business**

Mr. Tyska reported that an email complaint was sent to the Hubbard Heights Men's Club and to the Mayor's office, regarding Canada Goose Control, by Mr. Hochstedler.

Mr. Sullivan reported that he spoke with Michael Pollard, the Mayor's Chief of Staff. He informed Mr. Pollard that, due to injury, he had left his dogs home over the winter and with a lack of snow cover, the course began to get a population of geese. He reported that his policy has been to specifically chase out pair of geese to prevent nesting. He reported that he has been more diligent in bringing his dog onto the course to chase geese. He also reported that he has varied his schedule to be here at dawn one day and dusk the next. He reported that he has been chasing one flock of twelve geese and two pair of geese. He also reported that due to his work classification, he was only allowed to work Monday through Friday but Ms. Albano asked for a schedule to chase geese.

Mr. Tyska reported he spoke with Mr. Sullivan about a Green Laser for scaring geese. Mr. Sullivan reported that you can no longer get a laser with enough power.

Mr. Tyska reported that, in his opinion, you cannot expect to not have any geese on the course at any given part of the day.

Mr. Tyska briefly discussed the Men's Club Special Events Schedule.

Mr. Lindstrom began a discussion about the possibility of forward tee markers for a PGA Junior Program.

With no further business and No Votes Taken, the meeting was adjourned

Meeting ended 6:34pm

Golf Course Superintendent

Respectfully/submitted