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# Office of Operations E. Gaynor Brennan Municipal Golf Course 451 Stillwater Road Stamford, CT 06902

Golf Commission

Daniel Brennan, Chairman

Robert Tyska, V. Chair

Ned Lindstrom, 2<sup>nd</sup> V. Chair

Dante Terenzio



Tuesday; March 18, 2014

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

#### **Present were:**

M. Sullivan, D. Brennan, R. Tyska, N. Lindstrom, D. Terenzio, A. Aulenti

Chairman Brennan opened the meeting at 6:05 pm.

#### Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Tyska made a motion to add New Homes being built on the 4<sup>th</sup> Hole, under New Business, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Lindstrom. **Unanimous.** 

Mr. Tyska made a motion to accept the agenda, as amended. 2nd by Mr. Lindstrom, Unanimous

#### Reading of the Minutes

Mr. Tyska made a motion to accept the Minutes of the Dec. 17, 2013 meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Lindstrom. Unanimous

Mr. Tyska Made a motion to accept the Minutes of the Feb 21, 2014 meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Lindstrom. **Unanimous** 

## Comments from the Public

No Comments from the Public

#### **Monthly Report**

Mr. Sullivan gave a Brief Fiscal report on the month of Dec, Jan and Feb. There was very limited play due to the harsh winter. He reported that he hoped to open the course by Friday.

### Supt. of Greens Report

Mr. Sullivan reported that due to the harsh winter, limited work was accomplished on the course. The majority of winter work was inside on equipment. He also reported that he was able to have a welder repair our backhoe.

#### **Greens Committee Report**

Nothing to report

#### Personnel Committee Report

Mr. Sullivan reported that some of our seasonal employees are beginning to fill out applications and would be returning shortly.

#### **Finance Committee Report**

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#### **House Committee**

It was reported that a new lease agreement had been completed with Mike Zohdy. It has yet to have been signed by the Mayor.

#### **Pro shop Committee**

Ms. Aulenti reported that the new fleet of carts has arrived. She also reported that there will be four Four-Bag Carts available during the season. She stated she was retaining a few of the older carts to increase her fleet and limit the possibility of cart running out during the season.

#### **Union Business**

Nothing to Report

#### Request for Use of the Golf Course

Mr. Sullivan reported that the five tournament listed on the agenda had all given their deposits to reserve a tournament date.

Mr. Tyska made a motion to accept the tournaments as presented. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Lindstrom **Unanimous** 

#### **Old Business**

Mr. Sullivan reported a Cart Path Bid was opened recently. The low bid was Cavaliere for \$160,000 for all work listed and that it fit into the budget. He briefly discussed other projects to be worked on during the spring.

No update regarding Air Conditioning in the Men's Locker Room.

Mr. Sullivan reported that the new rate proposal was approved.

#### **New Business**

After a brief discussion, it was determined that the Junior permit will remain at 17 years old and under.

Mr. Sullivan reported that he was looking into changing our tee-time software. The likely choice would be Chelsea Tee Time Systems. However, he reported that any change would not happen until late fall.

Mr. Tyska presented the 2014 Hubbard Height's Men's Club Schedule. After a brief discussion, Mr. Lindstrom made a motion to accept the schedule as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Terenzio. **Motion passed 3-0-1(Mr. Tyska abstaining)** 

Mr. Sullivan reported on a recent email he received from the City of Stamford, Office of Policy and Management Department. He reported that Pension Fund and OPEB contributions, which were previously in the General Fund, were now being dispersed to individual departments, going back four years. He reported that this will cause a double payment to each fund for the next three fiscal years. This caused an increase in our Expense budget of \$110,000.

Mr. Tyska expressed concern regarding some of the Increases. He expressed concern that our Pension contribution is \$62,000, when our Salary account is \$360,000. He also expressed concern that our insurance payment has gone up 20%. He expressed a desire to meet with someone from the Administration Department, and/ the Director of Operations, to confirm the accuracy of these increases.

After a lengthy a lengthy discussion, Mr. Sullivan reported that he would meet with OPM staff to discuss these increases and to get further explanation. He would then report back to the commission to determine whether a meeting between the Commission and the Administration is needed.

Mr. Tyska reported he received notification from the Hubbard Height's Association regarding a proposed extension of Golf View Circle. This included a proposed development of four additional houses on this lot. Concerns to the golf course will involve drainage from this street and from the houses, as well as golf balls exiting the course in this area and the possible need to put up netting. Mr. Tyska reported, in the past, we were able to have language, placed into land documents, protecting trees along course property, as well as notifying them that they were on a golf course and golf balls are likely. Mr. Terenzio discussed the drainage on the street and how it was illegal for water to be diverted onto public land. Mr. Sullivan reported that he would try to meet with the land Use Department to discuss this Sub-division.

Motion made by Mr. Terenzio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Lindstrom, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Golf Course Superintendent