Call to order 6:30 pm by Andy Schuckers, Manager/Superintendent

Notice of Meeting:

The Paramus Golf Commission has scheduled a continuation for the Tuesday January 12th, 2021 meeting to take place on Tuesday, January 19th, 2021 at 6:30 PM via teleconference. Notice of this continuation meeting was given in proper notice which was transmitted to the Record, filed with the clerk and posted on the Borough website.

Roll call: Chairman Stuart Clark, Vice Chairman Pete Caminiti Sr, Mike Blitzstein, Timothy White, Rob Thompson, and Ralph Amato

Also Present: Andy Schuckers and Sabrina Helm

New Business:

Golf course tee time access:
Chairman Clark made a motion to allow registered resident’s book online or in person starting at 6am for the 33% or 2 out of 6 tee times an hour in advance and at 7am the rest of the tee times to be released to residents and nonresident members to book online. Seconded: Vice Chairman Caminiti Sr. All in favor: Unanimous

Chairman made a motion to allow all members the ability to modify/cancel their tee time within 24 hours of the opening of 2 days in advance booking. Those who do not modify/cancel their tee time within 24 hours will receive a warning and if done again their membership will be taken away. Seconded: Mike Blitzstein All in favor: Unanimous

Fees for 2021:
Paramus resident’s greens fees rates will be increased by 20%. Motion: Rob Thompson Seconded: Chairman All in favor: Unanimous

Ralph Amato made a motion to cancel all shotgun outings for 2021 except Paramus Fire and Paramus Rotary. Seconded by Rob Thompson All in favor: Unanimous

Evening leagues will pay for their membership registration. Motion: Vice Chairman Seconded: Chairman All in favor: Unanimous

Cart fees:
Golf carts fees will be $17 per person with an option to ride alone, if preferred, at the full price for the cart $34. Motion: Ralph Amato Seconded: Mike Blitzstein All in favor: Unanimous

Other business:

Andy updated the commission that the online store will include paying for the USGA handicap fee, membership fee and purchasing of all lessons. A Paramus resident can pay for their membership online but will still be required to come in person to show the necessary documents to receive the appropriate rate.

Andy informed the commission that the course will delay the lottery by two weeks. The new date of the lottery will be March 27th and the deadline to submit paperwork for the lottery will be on March 21st. Andy stated this will give members more time to submit their applications and to have the lottery on a better weather day. The lottery will again take place outside.

Meeting Open to Public:

John Carpentieri, resident, questioned if he can’t obtain a time to book between 6-7am at 7am he can only book as a resident up to 33% of times an hour. Andy explained that the remaining 67% of tee times are released to residents and nonresident members. John stated he brings in a lot of non-register golfers whether it’s in his lottery time or regular bookings.

He also questioned why there are so many geese droppings this year. Andy explained that the Canadian geese are residents of NJ so they will not leave and each bird deposits around 3 lbs. a day. A flock of geese has moved to Bergen Community College, our staff and Bergen community’s staff is chasing them back and forth. Andy commented that unfortunately, this is where they have chosen to reside for the winter. Andy is working on keeping them out of here. Nancy Vasile, resident, wanted to follow up on Johns comment on the geese. She has been playing the past few days and understands it’s impossible to get all the geese droppings off of the course but is requesting someone to blow off droppings on the greens at least.

Nancy also questioned why the time limit for modifying/cancelling tee times is only for Paramus residents. Andy explained that is what was approved by the golf commission there is a 24 hour booking modification for everyone not just residents.

She also wanted to comment on the notification of frost delays; she acknowledged golfers receive emails when there is a frost delay but commented that it is not helpful when the email is received at the time booked for because you are already at the course. She thinks there should be communication earlier and hopes the online system will be able to have sms messages. Andy agreed with her and stated it will be addressed.

Meeting closed to the public by Andy Schuckers @ 7:52pm

Adjournment: 8:11pm Motion: Chairman Seconded: Rob Thompson