

PARAMUS GOLF COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday April 12th, 2023

Call to order 6:36 pm by Andy Schuckers

Notice of meeting:

This is a regular scheduled meeting of the Golf Commission and the notice requirements provided for the "Open Public Meetings Act" have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given in a notice which was transmitted to the Record, filed with the Clerk of the Borough of Paramus, posted in Borough Hall and posted on the Borough Website.

Pledge of allegiance

Roll call:

Present: Chairman Jeffrey Lepselter, Jack Brunner, Ralph Amato, Liaison Robert Kaiser, Robert Bonino, and Steve Waxman

Not Present: Vice Chairman Rich Lambert and Robert Thompson

Also present: Andy Schuckers and Sabrina Helm

Approval of minutes from March 8th meeting: Motion: Steven Waxman Seconded: Chairman Lepselter Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 10th

Correction to March 8th minutes:

Change Vice Chairman Rich Lambert is not on the hiring committee it is Jack Brunner. Also added: Jack Brunner made a motion to bring back the seasonal golf professionals Seconded: Ralph Amato

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Correspondence: Letters, incident reports and emails

- Andy reminded the commission of the FDS from the Borough Clerk.
- Email on patrons from the restaurant across the street parking at the golf course.
- Paramus Sunrise Rotary Outing Brochure their outing is Monday June 5th.
- Discussion took place on changing the outing reservation form.
- Incident at the restaurant on property with a group of golfers. Bob Bonino made the motion to suspend the two members and their two guests for the duration of one month. Seconded by Chairman Lepselter.
- Best of Bergen 2023 congratulation letter.
- The lottery holders will be emailed tomorrow with a reminder of the new cancellation policy and tee time confirmations.
- Discussion on the lottery event took place.
- Mini Golf estimates for the carpet. Shade structures estimates were given

verbally and golf is waiting for hard copy quotes. Steve Waxman inquired when Mini Golf will be opened? Andy stated Memorial Day Weekend. He then asked how long does the new carpet take to be installed? Andy stated last time it was around 3 days at Mini Golf.

Finance report: March

- The month of March is up 24% compared to the last 5 years. Last two marches were also high compared to the other 3 years.
- YTD March up 46.5% around 200k more compared to last year. Credit card processing is out for RFP.

General Manager/ Superintendent Report: Lottery, Course Conditions, Head Golf Professional

- Course: aerating greens with small tines. The irrigation system is about 22 years old and Andy has about 2-3 people fixing irrigation for the up keep. Andy reported that the new Irrigation Tech. is doing well, he had no irrigation leaks from over the winter.
- Andy stated the course is having a hard time finding range balls. The range is such limited distance it is hard to find an appropriate ball. The previous company range balls were bought from has not answered golf's inquires. A Wilson golf representative came and we discussed their type of range ball.
- The lottery is sold until Saturday 12:27pm and Sunday 12:54pm.
- Tuesday & Thursday morning tee times sold later than last year.
- Andy sent an email to the restaurant staff on PGC hours of operation and inquired on their hours. He also let them know the start dates for the leagues and lottery. They are aware of PGC hours and are training more staff.
- The Chairman inquired on the parking lot lights. Andy reported PSEG has been working on the lights in the parking lot. They have been seen at least 3 times working on various light poles. They have not added another light yet as requested but progress is being made.
- New mats are out on the range and sand has been added to the practice bunker.
- New carts have arrived. PGC is in the process of cleaning and waxing them. There are no cart covers allowed on the golf carts. It was discovered that the cart covers are scratching the new windshields.
- New rakes and ball washers have been added to the course. Fountains are turned on.
- The course will be aerating greens with a process called Dry-Ject on May 1st and May 3rd. Anyone playing will play the same nine twice.
- Several applicants for the Golf Professional.

Old Business: Golf Professional, Senior Office Clerk

- Senior Office Clerk - Golf management met with Liaison Kaiser and Borough Administrator to discuss further. Management is struggling to find cashiers. Andy stated one cashier is on vacation, two other cashiers fell ill, and another who has been ill. Ten shifts are open with no staff to fill weekly.
- Steve Waxman inquired on the Million Dollar Golf. Andy commented the

Commission split vote and he spoke to the representative that the course was no longer interested in pursuing the idea.

- Steve Waxman asked for a copy of the personnel use ordinance. He also inquired on the junior golf policy. Andy has not seen anything pass as an ordinance for the junior golf policy.

New Business: Golf Outing food guidelines, Mini Golf costs, opening date

- Mini Golf will open Memorial Day Weekend.
- Andy presented the proposed plans for the restaurant outdoor expansion. These include covering the outdoor patios.

Meeting open to the public:

James Cullen, resident and member, commented that Mini Golf should open as soon as it can as its great amenity and revenue source. Andy stated he needs to send maintenance over there for at least a few weeks for repairs, mulching, weeding at Mini Golf.

John Carpentiri, resident and member, thinks the lottery went very well. He then inquired on when the high schools have tee times? Sabrina stated it depends on when their matches are scheduled, between 2 to 4pm or to about 4:30pm, on the weekdays only.

Nancy Vasile, resident and member, commented that the course is in good shape. She commented to please fix the crowns, and commented that even the practice green has crowns around the hole. Andy stated it's from footprints. Restaurant is doing well. She commented on first impressions and stated that last week she played with someone who was charged \$20 for a chicken sandwich and a gatorade at the turn. She also commented an egg sandwich took 25 minutes to make. Andy stated he will inform the restaurant.

Good of the order:

Andy stated he has a new grandson. Bob Bonino will be a grandfather. Jack Brunner will be a great grandfather.

Closed to the Public: None

Adjournment: 7:49 pm Motion: Chairman Seconded: Steve Waxman