

PARAMUS GOLF COMMISSION MINUTES
Wednesday January 8th 2025
Call to order 6:31 pm by Andy Schuckers, CGCS

Pledge of allegiance: 6:33pm

Roll call: 6:34pm

Present: Jeff Lepselter, Jack Brunner, Steve Waxman, Robert Bonino, Jim Luciano, Alfredo Nadera, John Carpentieri, Vando Cardoso (via mobile at 6:59pm).

Not Present: Chris Kim.

Also present: Andy Schuckers, Sean Callanan, Anthony Romeo.

Approval of minutes from December 18th meeting: Motion to approve: Jack Brunner
Second: Jeff Lepselter

Election of officers: Chairman Jeff Lepselter, Nomination by: Jack Brunner. Second: James Luciano. Vice Chairman Jack Brunner, Nominated by: Jeff Lepselter. Second: James Luciano.

- New Commission member John Carpentieri introduced.
- James Luciano was added to the construction committee
- Jeff thanked everyone for re-election. Stated objectives, goals and projects that have to get finished this coming year including the Pond expansion, updates on message boards and Mini Golf project with figurines started over 2 years ago. This would be part & parcel to any work on a new building and simulators. Additionally indicated that we should include the construction committee with an opportunity to attend any meetings related to any construction projects as well as the golf commission with any events or meetings related to the golf course so everyone has an opportunity to attend.

Next meeting: Scheduled for February 12th 2025 at 6:30 pm at Borough Hall Caucus room.

Neglia: Presented visual design renderings and reviewed structural layout options to the commission.

Correspondence, Letters & Incident Reports:

- Meeting with Lenny from the Library to discuss upcoming summer reading program with the Paramus Mini Golf Course in June and collaboration throughout the year. Resident children can register for a library card for free
- Summer golf camp for 2025 flyer is complete \$450 per student per week. \$400 for residents and siblings per week.
- Meeting schedule

Finance report: December sales were down 39.5% compared to the last 5 years. Pelucid research indicated these metrics were coming with the nation down 39% in December. Weather had a significant impact. December rounds closed out our year at

almost 55,000 rounds played and the best fiscal year to date. Ending the year up 24%. Steve requested to review the 2025 Budget.

General Manager / Superintendent Report:

- Landscape work, bunker work, lots of material moved around the course.
- League forms are out.
- Tree work along 13 in process.
- Boswell presentation by – John Dunlea
- Desired future of ADA accessible family fishing area over irrigation pond where it meets mini golf.
- Dumpster area relocated on other side of driveway to current area.
- Pond project was bonded 6.5 years ago.
- Mini golf features and upgrades will be researched and presented at a later meeting.
- Review of placement of material around course that is dug up during pond project.

Old Business:

- Pond expansion project- Boswell came and sent up drone to map out the course.
- Restaurant- not yet paid gas bill or rent.
- Updates of cart rental agreement print out are completed.
- Borough ordinances are under revision.
- Mayor and council approved the sale of used equipment on GovDeals.
- New increase in green's fee's proposed by Superintendent/General Manager Andy Schuckers, Golf PGA Professional Sean Callanan and Assistant Superintendent/General Manager Anthony Romeo. Passed around competitors rates/fees for comparison and reviewed what they are doing.
- Green's Fee increase proposed: \$46 weekday non-resident, \$43 Sr. and Jr. weekday non-resident, \$54 Sr. and Jr. weekend non-resident. \$30 weekday resident, \$36 weekend resident, \$26 Sr. and Jr. weekday resident, \$36 Sr. and Jr. weekend resident. \$55 weekday non-member resident and \$66 weekend non-member resident.
- Rental increase proposed: \$20 single rider golf cart, \$40 full golf cart rental, Back 9 Special & Evening league cart rental single \$10 and double \$20, range balls \$7 per bucket.
- Mini golf increases proposed: Adult \$12, child/Sr. \$8, Group outing \$250 + \$6 per person, birdie package \$120 + \$6 per person (over 12), eagle package 169 + \$6 per person (over 23).
- Proposed to charge non- member residents same as non- member out of town golfers. Only (9) rounds in 2024.

- Proposed matching our competition with eliminating senior discounts on Saturday and Sunday to drive more business during the week.
- Proposed reducing the membership cost in September \$30, October \$20, November \$10 and December \$10.
- Management staff feels they have found a sweet spot of affordability to the membership rate and suggested to the Commission that it not be increased and remain the same.
- Management staff would discount greens fees on days they feel will impact play with construction just as they did with the cart project in the past.
- Jeff recommended the commission take time to do research, discuss than vote on any increases at the next meeting in February.
- Jeff proposed \$10.00 increase in registration fee at \$60 stating that Registration has not been increased in at least 12-13 years. Easiest way to increase revenue as opposed to raising rates during construction.
- Steve Waxman raised the point that he doesn't think we should increase fee's and put the burden of construction on the players & residents. Suggests we increase after construction. Additionally, he would vote or put forth Simulator Fees ordinance and would request a review of any Pro-former and compare before a final decision is put forth.
- Steve also stated that there are three main concerns the commission should review. Paramus residents should enjoy some kind of discount no matter what category they fall under, Paramus resident rates should not be higher than out of town rates, senior rates currently in place should be left as they are.
- Jack Brunner expressed concerns over increase and disruption to course during construction.
- Golf Cart Rental Agreement slip now matches Borough Ordinance word for word.

New Business:

- Pace of play guidelines motion to approve: Bob B-Seconded- Steve W- Vote: All in favor.
- Ipads will be utilized for remote check-in/payments.
- New mini golf features will be durable and sustain weather/physical abuse.
- New PVC Member ID cards will be in the works. They will have the members photo on the card.

Meeting Open to Public at 8:20 pm 5 minutes maximum per person

- Nancy Vasile complimented on course conditions and suggested a vending machine in the pro shop or on property for public. Restaurant is not always open/available.

Motion to go into Closed at 8:25 pm: Jack Brunner, Seconded- Steve Waxman.

Motion to come out of closed at 8:34 PM: JL First, SW Seconded

Motion to close Golf Commission meeting at 8:35 PM- SW First JB Seconded