

PARAMUS GOLF COMMISSION MINUTES
Wednesday February 12th 2025
Call to order 6:31 pm by Andy Schuckers, CGCS

Pledge of allegiance: 6:31pm

Roll call: 6:31pm

Present: Jeff Lepselter, Jack Brunner, Steve Waxman, Robert Bonino, Jim Luciano, Alfredo Nadera, John Carpentieri, Vando Cardoso, Chris Kim

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

Approval of minutes from January 8th meeting: Not approved.

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

Correspondence, Letters & Incident Reports:

- Knights of Columbus thanked us for our donation to their annual outing at knickerbocker golf course.

Finance report: 412 Rounds for January. Not the best January on record. Restaurant rent paid. Anthony situated the online membership renewal for members to renew through website. Increase in membership signups compared to previous years. Lottery and league signups began.

General Manager / Superintendent Report

- Tree work continued throughout course.
- Ground is frozen, mined soil out of pond on 8.
- Rebuilt tee on 8 with quality soil dug in church property we purchased.
- Rain shelter removal went along pretty well. Lumber will be used to make bird and bat houses to control bugs across the property.
- Maintenance staff is generating the Borough additional income through use of our reel grinding equipment to service for other golf courses equipment.
- We will have an excess of material from pond project that will be utilized around the course to enhance features and increase player safety. Updated map will be provided.
- Course will be looking further into the use of autonomous equipment. Superintendent conference held a seminar which brought more insight into the future direction of the equipment and how it can be best utilized on our golf course.

Old Business:

- Mini golf features and display monitors presentation requested.
- Lights and music left on at restaurant consistently. Rent and utilities not yet paid for Feb.
- Waiting to meet with/hear back from Boswell.
 - Return to Old Business 7:35pm to discuss fee's
- Golf Course management provided the Commission documents pertaining to membership registration, greens fees, rental fees and mini golf fees. Documents included metrics and data over the previous years along with current competition metrics for comparison.
- Discussion about amenities included with the membership: Restaurant open? Full service Driving Range?
- Discussion about fee's including tax on all taxable items.
- Discussion on impact of changing the senior age along with our cash business.
- Majority Passed Motion and voted on the following:
 - Membership fee: \$60
 - Pro rated September \$30, October \$20, November \$10, December \$10.
 - Mini Golf
 - Adult: \$12 | Child: \$ 8 | Senior: \$8
 - Birdie: \$120 (\$6 additional player) | Eagle: \$170 (\$6 additional player)
 - Group Outing: \$250 (\$6 additional player)
 - Greens Fee Weekday/Weekend
 - Non-Resident Non-Member: \$55 / \$66
 - Non-Resident Non-Member Jr.: \$51 / \$63
 - Non-Resident Non-Member Sr.: \$51 / \$63
 - Non-Resident Member: \$47 / \$56
 - Non-Resident Member Jr.: \$43 / \$53
 - Non-Resident Member Sr.: \$43 / \$53
 - Resident Non-Member: \$52 / \$62
 - Resident Non-Member Jr.: \$48 / \$58
 - Resident Non-Member Sr.: \$48 / \$58
 - Resident Member: \$30 / \$35
 - Resident Member Jr.: \$26 / \$32
 - Resident Member Sr.: \$26 / \$32
 - Rentals
 - Golf Cart: \$40 (\$20 Single)
 - Range Balls: \$7

New Business:

- Steve: Golf simulator bid is ready and clerk has bid package drafted. Resolution to advertise for bid on golf simulator was passed at Mayor & Council meeting.
- Steve: Reviewed each page of bid package details. Goal is at least 5 bidders. Hoping to be under construction in late spring.
- Window for mini golf service and a retractable door was discussed to be added on right side area of new simulator building.
- Trophies would be great to hand out at the lottery by Mayor and Council. Great opportunity with 300 golfers attending.
- Discussion about cell tower on property to improve service. Andy will discuss with Borough Administrator.
- Andy: Passed around 2025 fiscal budget as requested from previous meeting. Reviewed and discussed each category. Reviewed bonded and capital outlay funded old business discussed-projects.
- Steve point of information: Money borough holds in bonds, upon six years, where's the interest that the borough has been enjoying go? Andy: we don't know, not visible on our reports.
- Steve point of information: Asked about credit card fee's budgeted vs spent and why such a large difference. Andy/Anthony: We are looking into it, our system indicated much differently.
- Sean: PGA Hope will continue as it did previous year. Will be instituting a PGA junior league. It's a different type of format where we give lessons, but then also the kids play in a scramble format and another introduction to try to get more kids here on the property. Registrants are age 13 and under, recruited and paid through the PGA along with ourselves. 14-17 age groups will be included too, more information will follow.
- Sunrise Rotary inquired about their annual outing in May.

Meeting Open to Public at 9:20 pm 5 minutes maximum per person

- Nancy Vasile: Didn't think anyone would mind a \$60 membership fee but would be upset if senior discount went away. Verified no conflict with Jr. Camp and Pioneer

Motion to go into Closed at 9:23 PM: Jeffery Lepselter Seconded: Jack Brunner