

PARAMUS GOLF COMMISSION MINUTES
Wednesday March 12th 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, Robert Bonino, Jim Luciano, Alfredo Nadera, John Carpentieri, Vando Cardoso, Chris Kim.

Not Present: Steve Waxman

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

Approval of minutes from January 8th meeting: Motion to approve: Jeff Lepselter
Second: Jack Brunner. February minutes will be reviewed at following meeting.

Next meeting: Scheduled for April 9th 2025 at 6:30 pm at Borough Hall Caucus room.

Correspondence, Letters & Incident Reports:

- Boswell engineering assisted with submitting paperwork for water allocation permit.
- Mayor & Council authorized bid for irrigation design services – crucial to pump house completion.
- Residents received Spring library program with golf reading challenge included.
- Restaurant received our email with all points discussed and replied happy and willing to address. They will be introducing happy hour pricing available to pgc members 7 days a week. Looking forward to moving in the right direction.
- Sold used equipment – good value vs. money spent.
- Damage on course from “electric bicycle”. Evidence showed wide tire width tracks across the greens and bunkers.

Finance report: February weather impacted significantly. Still up in income for the month due to membership sales and league registrations. Down 1% compared to the last 5 year average.

General Manager / Superintendent Report:

- Leagues are sold out.
- Above 90 applications for each day of lottery.
- Course conditions: in a drought. Pond is down 5-6 feet from last fall. Has not yet recovered. Irrigation will begin Monday.
- Found tree stump growing through drain pipe in bathroom on 8.
- Irrigation work and sod/tee box expansion will be done on back of 16th green.
- Autonomous robotic mowers are in use. Demo of equipment has begun. Eventual purchase will be made when brand is determined.
- Borough Administrator approved the commission to introduce new “autonomous mower” with “pending commission hearing” language

guidelines. **Motion by:** Jeff Lepselter to approve autonomous mower guidelines **Second:** Bob Bonino.

- Andy Schuckers - Previously reviewed fees in past meetings and wanted to make clear that he did not indicate any intention of driving seniors away and was stating what our competition was doing; leaving it up to the Commission to decide if we should do the same.
 - Jeffery disagreed and felt that would be up to how it was interpreted.

Old Business:

- Restaurant rent paid and up to date. Halfway house will be open in the morning.
- Simulator Update – Jeff read aloud some notes previously relayed to him from Steve; indicating that Steve and Neglia met with trackman on Feb 28th where further requirements were ironed out. Modifications were made by architect and engineer should be complete by March 17th-18th and out to bid by March 24th.
- PGA Junior league is moving along.
- Mini golf features and upgrades will be discussed at the following meeting.
- 12 and 17 tee box opening date is still unknown, up to mother nature.
- Pond Project Construction meeting on Feb 28th: Question to Boswell about what was specifically included in the previous quote. Determine if removal of fill was included. Additional funds may need to be acquired for current size and scope of project. Estimated an additional \$300,000 may be needed.

New Business:

- Utility statement provided indicates:
 - Golf Course paid bond for Parkway school. \$176,000 remaining that should be for Golf.
- Money Bonded Currently:
 - \$59,000 for Golf Course improvements
 - \$997,000 – For simulator Building
 - Pond Project funds are not indicated on Statement.
 - Pump Station funds do not come from Pond Project funds.
 - 2006-07 – Bond needs to be reanalyzed.
- Irrigation design must be completed to get things moving towards the May starting timeline.
- If we can't fill pond, might incur additional expense.
- Trophies will be handed out by Mayor and Council at lottery.
- Members playing under times reserved by others are warned and documented. New ID cards will eliminate and track this more efficiently.

Meeting Open to Public at 7:50 pm 5 minutes maximum per person

- Nancy Vasile – Happy to see Sean participate in meeting.

**Motion to close Golf Commission meeting at 7:51 PM- First: Jack Brunner
Seconded: John Carpentieri**