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Minutes of the E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Commission; April 21, 2020

Present were: R. Tyska, T. Birkett, M. Briscoe, A. Brantner, R. Judge.

Absent: None.

Staff: L. Albano, H. Nagashima, A. Aulenti, V. Levin, B. Ukperaj.

Public: J. Chagaris (President Stamford Women's Golf Association).

Meeting was held by teleconference due to restrictions set in response to COVID-19. Chairman Tyska called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Briscoe made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Birkett.
Motion passed unanimous.

Reading of the Minutes

Mr. Birkett made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 18, 2020 meeting, seconded by Mr. Briscoe, **Motion passed unanimous.**

Comments from the Public

Ms. Chagaris stated she was present for the meeting as President of the Stamford Women's Golf Association to listen on potential opening of the golf course.

Monthly Report

Mr. Ukperaj gave a fiscal report for the month of March. Rounds were up significantly for the month. Fiscal and Calendar year updates were given on rounds and player revenue. Mr. Ukperaj also reported briefly on impact of golf course being closed due to COVID-19.

Supt. of Greens Report

Mr. Nagashima reported on golf course work. Tree work along golf course fence line is ongoing. Fairways have been re-contoured and areas targeted for seeding. New Green Tee Markers put in place for Forward Tees. Mr. Nagashima gave an update on the re-routing project. Curbing complete, cart path paved and sod installed along 9th tee and 18th green. A leak was found underneath the new cart path that has since been fixed. Upcoming projects are drainage by the 12th tee and completing work on outdoor stairs. Mr. Nagashima stated that while the golf course has been closed projects have been completed such as aeration on greens and tees, along with pre-emergent spraying to be started soon. Mr. Nagashima also noted that seasonal labor has been reduced drastically and no overtime hours are being used in response to the golf course being closed.

Greens Committee

Nothing to report.

Personnel Committee

Nothing to report.

Finance Committee

Nothing to report.

House Committee

Zody's 19th Hole opened for takeout only beginning on April 20th.

Pro-Shop Committee

Mr. Levin reported that tournaments have all rescheduled for future dates in response to COVID-19 with possibility of further rescheduling or changes to shotgun format. Ms. Aulenti stated that depending on CDC guidelines the City Amateur Golf Championship may have to be moved or cancelled. Ms. Aulenti expressed that the staff at Brennan did an unbelievable job keeping the course clean, getting golfers out and keeping them safe. Furthermore, the staff did more than any other course to keep everyone safe. This statement was echoed by other members of the Commission. Mr. Tyska clarified to all that the course was not shut down because of anything staff was not doing or was that the driving point behind the Mayor's decision.

Union Business

Nothing to report.

Correspondence

Nothing to report.

Request for use of the Golf Course

Nothing to report.

Outing Request

Nothing to report.

League Requests

Nothing to report.

Old Business

Course improvements were discussed earlier. A brief discussion on status of golf course fund was held. Specifically the impact of course being closed and past two years of unplayable golf weather.

COVID-19 – Mr. Tyska reported on future meeting with Commissioner from Sterling Farms to present a plan to re-open the Stamford Golf Courses. Discussion was held on further precautions the course can make for further safety. Precautions included tee time intervals, advising the arrival of groups for check-in, the closure of the practice green to all except for groups playing who are on deck, carts remaining in staging area, the wearing of masks and gloves, and more.

New Business

Nothing to report.

Mr. Tyska stated that next month's meeting is to be held Tuesday May 19, 2020 at 6 pm possibly by teleconference again. Seeing no further business, Mr. Birkett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Brantner. **Motion passed unanimous.**

Meeting ended 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted



Bekim Ukperaj
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