

GOLF COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, March 20, 2023

4:30pm, Zoom Meeting

Present: Jeff Gallant, Mike Budwick, David Noyes, Aleksander Dernalowicz, Ann Twohig

In Attendance: Bill Frank, Dan Berry

Minute Taker: Christine Meagher

Jeff Gallant called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM. Gallant makes it known that the meeting is being recording will be posted to the City of Gardner's You Tube account.

Gallant states the first item on the agenda is the meeting minutes from the January 30th meeting. Gallant asks if there are any changes or modifications. Aleksander Dernalowicz states the voting needs to be updated from 4-0 to 5-0, other than that the minutes look good. Dernalowicz moves to accept the minutes with the revision of the votes. Motion seconded by Ann Twohig. *4-0 vote granted.*

Gallant moves forward to the minutes for the February 27th meeting. Dernalowicz states he moves to accept them as presented with the modification of changing the vote count. Motion seconded by Ann Twohig. *4-0 vote granted, motion carries.*

Old Business: Gallant states the policies will be reviewed at the next meeting.

New Business: none.

Dan Berry Update: Dan Berry states he does not have much of an update, but shop hours are going to get posted regularly. Berry states he is back to work as of last Monday. There have been some membership purchases. Berry goes on to say he emailed with Deb Pond (Director of Human Resources) about the AED machine in the Pro shop. The AED needs a new battery and new pads. Berry states that he would also like to get some of his employees trained on the AED. There may be a cost for the training but Berry states he hopes the Golf Course would pay for it. Gallant immediately agreed on behalf of the Golf Course. Gallant asks about the status of the computer system's installation time. Berry responds that he has been in contact with them, and they are behind in installations, like everyone else. Berry states that the computer system will not be up and running for the start of the golf season, but it will not effect the members. Berry states he will be out of the state and once he gets back, he will be able to work on the new system. Gallant asks Berry if he has been in touch with Yamaha, he responds no and asks if Gallant has been in touch with them. Gallant states no and thinks that getting in touch with Easy go and Club Cuts for bids would be beneficial. Gallant states that the lease with Yamaha is for 5 years. Berry states he will work on getting in touch with Yamaha. Gallant thanks Berry for his updates.

Bill Frank Update: Bill Frank states that since last meeting we have gotten three and a half feet of snow, so he does not have much to update. Frank states we are all waiting for warm nights to help the grass grow. Gallant asks if there is any damage to the course. Frank assuringly states that him and his crew have been out picking up and it is nothing that can't be handled in house. Gallant says sounds good, thank you.

Correspondence: Gallant states that there is correspondence from James LeBlanc. Gallant reads the letter LeBlanc constructed. The letter requests a tribute to a long-time member and employee of the Gardner Municipal Golf Course, Mike Hermanson. The letter asks for a formal acknowledgement of Mike Hermanson and naming the Grass Center, the Mike Hermanson Turf & Grass Center. Gallant opens the meeting to the commissioners, asking what everyone is feeling about this idea. Dave Noyes agrees that Hermanson gave close to 40 years to the golf course and agrees that it would be a good idea to honor him in some way. Mike Budwick and Ann Twohig ask if there is any prior presidency of doing something like this in the past and if there is anything to consider from the city. Gallant states that Mike Eagan was honored with an engraved stone and there were no issues with the city. Aleksander Dernalowicz agrees that doing something would be nice to honor him. Discussion continues about different ideas and places to get a sign created.

Commission Members Comments and Reports: Gallant asks Ann Twohig if she has any comments. Twohig asks if Todd is going to be back in the restaurant. Gallant states that Todd is on board and is doing multiple things to get ready for the season. Aleksander Dernalowicz states that he sent the policy updates to Christine Meagher the minute recorder. Mike Budwick and David Noyes have nothing to report. Meagher asks about voting totals, and that the chairman does not count in the voting tally. Gallant states he will look into the answer.

Financials: Gallant begins to talk about the financials. The receipts journal through March 9th shows a total of \$515,926. Gallant states he is unsure how that compares to other years. He then states that memberships are coming in. Total expenses of \$689,584 and total receipts of \$566,000 which is a slight deficit but will turn around once the course opens. Hopefully we will have a healthy reserve going forward. Gallant asks Frank about his equipment being delivered. Frank states he has received three pieces of equipment and is still waiting on the last piece. Gallant states the money for the equipment is still encumbered. Gallant asks if there are any questions on the financials. No questions asked. Mike Budwick makes a motion to accept the financials. Aleksander Dernalowicz seconded, *4-0 vote granted, motion carries.*

The next meeting scheduled for April 3, 2023, at 4:30 PM in the Mayor's Conference room, to go over the policies. Hopefully the golf course will be opening the following week.

Aleksander Dernalowicz moves to adjourn the meeting and Mike Budwick seconded. *4-0 vote granted, motion carries.*

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Christine Meagher

Administrative Coordinator