

**Minutes of a Golf Commission
Held in the Board Room
318 Lakeville Road, Great Neck, NY 11020
On June 5, 2019 at 7:30 pm**

Present:

**Gene Kaplan, Commissioner
David Milner, Deputy Commissioner
Larry Baily
Meri Berger
Barbara Briamonte
Sue Goldman
Fred Handsman
Jeffrey Kahn
Kiwon Shin
Jin Song
Bill Zimmerman
Alexander Ma, alternate member
Robby Mistretta
Jonathan Price, Golf Course Superintendent**

Absent:

Bradley Rudman

Commissioner Kaplan called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

On motion of Bill Zimmerman, seconded by Fred Handsman the minutes of the May 8, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

Jonathan Price gave a course report. Beginning on June 17 the broken cart paths will be repaired. Final fairway top dressing is scheduled to be applied. The greens height is being raised, rough fertilizer is being applied and this year's record breaking rainfall has the grass growing in nicely. Although many projects are still to be done, Mr. Price feels the course is prepared to handle the summer heat. The greens drainage project is expected to begin again mid-October.

Deputy Commissioner David Milner gave a financial report. The fiscal year ended May 31 with the raw numbers showing us slightly over budget but it is expected that we will end up even.

Membership comparison was discussed. Although there has been a slight decrease on Resident Membership, the increase in rates has offset the difference. Robby Mistretta said in comparison to 2018, this current season has shown an increase in both rounds and guests. The Full Under Forty category has shown growth, possibly as a result of other courses eliminating their youth programs.

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Larry Baily updated the commission on Marketing and Advertising. Videos of the golf course will be taken starting July 1. Pictures showing the property in all four seasons will be taken for the website. The photographer has already taken some spring pictures of the beautiful tulips on property. Once the website is updated with this new content a mailing will be sent to the east side of Manhattan. Robby Mistretta has noticed that traffic has increased tremendously on our website. Mr. Mistretta has been contacted via email many times with inquiries by prospective golfers. The decision on whether to rebrand is still being considered. It would be a big undertaking to change both name and logo with the cost being one of the deciding factors.

Robby Mistretta gave an update on the rangers and spotters. There was some difficulty in hiring spotters this year. Four spotters have been hired and three more applicants are interested in the position. The spotters will be scheduled accordingly with the two rangers on the weekends and for tournaments.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Marie Simeoli, Secretary