

**MUNICIPAL COUNTRY CLUB COMMISSION a.k.a. FARMINGBURY
HILLS REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2012
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Note: These are summary minutes. A tape recording of this meeting is on file in Wolcott Town Hall, Commission Secretary's Office.

Chairman Larson called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance and attendance was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Larson, Greg Solocius and Chris Vastola

MEMBERS ABSENT: Anthony Marino, Michael Perrone

ALSO PRESENT: David Caisse, Craig Kealey, Golf Pro Consultant Craig Kealey, Golf Pro; Men's Association: Robert Crane and Paul Garland and the Women's Association: Mary Ponzillo, Sylvia Winters, Patricia Halpin, Sharon Stiles, Marcia Rogers and Debi Carozza.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- October 22, 2012 regular meeting

Upon **MOTION** by Greg Solocius, seconded by Chris Vastola, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2012 regular meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There were none.

PUBLIC REQUEST LIMITED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

There were none.

Chairman Larson stated that he is going to skip around so that they could have the Men's and Women's Association involved in what they are going to discuss. He noted that they had a discussion at the last meeting about diminishing play and membership. He added that this is not the first time that they have discussed this, but what they were hoping to do is try to find ways to increase play and membership.

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The commission members had a lengthy discussion on how they could increase the Men's and Women's association membership and play at the golf course.

GOLF PRO/CONSULTANT'S REPORT:

Mr. Kealey was present to report that they had the service done on the carts. He advised the commission that they replaced 10 windshields and 15 club car covers for the back of the carts. He noted that they still have a couple of carts that have missing windshields. He also mentioned that Club Cart fixed 4 carts at no charge. He pointed out if they were to purchase new windshields and covers the cost would be over \$3,000.00. He also added that Club Cart is great. He also mentioned that it is that time of year when they have their weather servicing done. He was curious on the total of repairs that were done at which time Mr. Vastola noted that they are under \$4,000.00 as of July 1st. Mr. Kealey noted that the fees for winterizing the carts are \$45.00 a cart and the total cost will be \$1,620.00.

The commission had a brief discussion regarding purchasing some new carts.

Chairman Larson said he hopes to finalize the rates tonight.

Mr. Kealey added that he has a three part proposal. He stated that he has three things that he would like to implement:

- 1) Make carts mandatory for Saturday and Sunday mornings and with the 18th hole tee times and Tuesday and Thursday leagues. He also said he thinks that they should do that for all leagues.
- 2) On Saturday and Sunday mornings and the Tuesday & Thursday leagues if a player is not on a team at their scheduled tee time the group that is there must tee off without any delay and the player will have to join them on the course. The exception would be if there is an open tee time immediately after the tee time.
- 3) If a group is behind on the course and they come around at the turn that they may be asked to step aside and let the group who is waiting behind them go through.

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Mr. Kealey added that walkers do slow down the play he has observed this.

Chairman Larson said when they get to the motion they will discuss that and they will decide what they're going to do.

No motion was made during the meeting. The subject will be carried over to a later meeting.

GOLF SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Caisse was present to inquire if they had decided on the new pump. He added that they are recommending Jeff Miller. He noted that there are a bunch of reasons for Jeff Miller. Obviously he lives in town; he is willing to work with the specs and he is offering an additional one year on his proposal, at which time Mr. Vastola said he is the highest.

Chairman Larson added that DAF Services and Watertronics bids offered a 30 hp pump and Jeff Miller offered 25 hp. He added that it makes sense because they have a 4 inch pipe and they cannot get any more water through with the 30 horse power then they can with the 25 horse power.

Chairman Larson informed the commission members that they had Paul Tiso pull out the old pump with the intent that they were placing it in the garage, and when they award the bid then they can work on it right there. Mr. Caisse said it depends if Jeff Miller is awarded the bid; he will do it there and DAF and Watertronics will probably take it with them.

Chairman Larson informed the commission that he had a long talk with Fred and he thinks for service wise and being local contractors it would benefit them. He indicated that everyone was contacted regarding the pump and service timing. He added that Jeff Miller is local and he can be here when they need him on a short notice, also is giving another year warranty, he is waiving some fees and he is within \$500.00 of the other bidders. He also mentioned that he spoke with Mrs. Bruce and she said they are going to lease it, rather than coming up with the full amount of money. He also added that she has two or three different lease companies in mind.

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After a brief discussion, the following motion was made:

Upon **MOTION** by Greg Solocius, seconded by Chris Vastola, it was unanimously voted for Jeff Miller "to be awarded the new pump system in the amount of \$39,610.00" (see attached).

Mr. Caisse informed the commission that they have a problem with the main on the 4th hole. He thinks that Cris Irrigation fixed it but they won't know until next year. He noted that they blew the system out last week.

He also added that they tarped the 5th. He also recommended that they close the course down but we don't see that happening. He pointed out that they are taking a chance with the snowmobiles if there is a snow storm.

Chairman Larson inquired if they could drag the snow fences out there and lay them down during a winter storm at which time Mr. Caisse said they can try.

Mr. Caisse advised the commission members that they did the detining. Also, he stated that Eddy will be working 10 hours a week. He noted that they are stilling cleaning up the golf course.

Chairman Larson inquired if they were going to do anything on the 4th tee at which time Mr. Caisse said not this year maybe in the spring time they will sod it and level it.

Chairman Larson inquired about the 5th tee at which time Mr. Caisse said the trees have to be cut down. He added that there is a lot of tree work that has to be done.

Chairman suggested that they should get in touch with the Public Works department to see if they could cut the trees down.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Review of Line Items.

Mr. Vastola stated that he has nothing out of the ordinary.

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Chairman Larson mentioned that he received the 2013-2014 budget sheets from Mrs. Bruce and he was inquiring when they would like to sit down and go over the new budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Carts

Was addressed in earlier segment.

- Expansion project

Chairman Larson noted that there is nothing new to report.

- Pump

Was addressed in earlier segment.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Rates

Chris Vastola recommended that they leave them as is at which time commission members agreed.

Chairman Larson advised the commission members that he will redo the season pass letter.

After a brief discussion, the following motions were made:

Upon **MOTION** by Greg Solocius, seconded by Chris Vastola, it was unanimously voted to retain the existing structure of the season pass rates as in year 2012 for "2013".

Upon **MOTION** by Chris Vastola, seconded by Greg Solocius, it was unanimously voted for the daily rates to remain the same, the \$20.00 special etc., with the exception of the Monday afternoon lunch included special which will go from \$19.95 to \$24.95.

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- Discuss association expansion

Was addressed already.

PUBLIC REQUESTS

There were none.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon **MOTION** by Chris Vastola, seconded by Greg Solocius, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

APPROVED:

**Chairman Robert Larson
FARMINGBURY HILLS COMMISSION**

**Dolores Distiso
COMMISSION SECRETARY**