

**MUNICIPAL COUNTRY CLUB COMMISSION a.k.a. FARMINGBURY
HILLS REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, JULY 14, 2014
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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 6:05 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance and attendance was taken.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Chairman Greg Solocius, Lou Polzella, Chairman Robert Larson and Paul Garland (arrived at 6:10pm)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joan Kane

ALSO PRESENT: Craig Kealey, Golf Pro

ALSO ABSENT: Jim Cullen, Facilities Administrator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- June 23, 2014 Regular Meeting

Upon **MOTION** by Lou Polzella, seconded by Greg Solocius, it was unanimously voted to **approve** the minutes of the June 23, 2014 regular meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There were none.

PUBLIC REQUEST LIMITED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

There were none.

GOLF PRO/CONSULTANT'S REPORT:

Mr. Kealey was present and came forward to state that he prepared a report for extending the luncheon specials, at which time he noted that they finished off June and it was very good. They are having a good July and now it is fading out a little bit. He informed the commission that they took in \$2,300.00 on Saturday and Sunday they did \$2,500.00.

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- Luncheon Specials

Mr. Kealey handed out report that he prepared. He explained that he averaged out the days that were good (see attached). He noted that there has been some talk about wanting to extend the luncheon specials. He noted that specials are running Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. He noted that Thursday is the day that has been impacted by rain. On Friday they are doing well and the numbers are great without the special and they have their own special for \$20.00 and Saturdays and Sundays are great. He added that father's day has become the biggest day money wise. He said Thursday is not carrying its weight compared to the other days.

Chairman Larson said they will discuss this. He noted that he has no problem with extending the special into Thursday but he has a problem taking it into Friday.

Mr. Kealey said he thinks it is been a marvelous promotion and when they look at Thursday compared to the other days. He added that the special is very good and it has brought people out.

Mr. Polzella said he agrees with what Chairman Larson said and why do it into Friday because it is a great day for them. He agrees to Thursday.

Mr. Kealey inquired if they could run some ads again.

After a brief discussion, the following motion was made:

Upon **MOTION** by Paul Garland, seconded by Greg Solocius, it was unanimously voted that they **extend the special to Thursdays for the restaurant.**

FACILITIES ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Chairman Larson noted that Mr. Cullen is not here tonight at which time he read his report into the read (see attached).

To update them on the following:

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- 1) June 26 Ron Romieka Logging Co. completed the tree removal work on the 15th tee area. The site is prepared for town crew to do their work.
- 2) June 30th – They have begun some tee work, leveling and slitting the lower 4th tee box and the lower and middle of the 17th tee box. This area will be closed temporarily. Some wash out has occurred from thunderstorms. May need to be done again.
- 3) July 3rd – They had a cart rollover accident on the 4th cart path. Two (2) people in cart. They had some scrapes and scratches. Ambulance was called, also received a police report. The two (2) gentlemen refused further treatment at hospital. I will be looking into getting some stenciling to mark the 4th cart path to let people know to “**drive slowly**”.
- 4) July 8th - In regards to the break-in last month our new replacement window have been installed in the maintenance building.

Mr. Garland noted that he spoke with Mr. Golden and he is going to make up a stencil for them.

Chairman Larson added that he spoke with Mr. Golden the other day and he asked for the following:

- 1) Place stencils on the cart path itself that say “slow down below:
- 2) A stop sign placed on the bottom.

Mr. Solocius recommended that they place two at the following location:

- 1) One at the start
- 2) One down where the cutoff is to go over to the 15th.

Chairman Larson pointed out that he spoke with Mr. Cullen about the cart path on 3. He is going to see if they could fix it and place millings or crushed stone there.

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Mr. Polzella said it has gotten worse over the years, at which time Chairman Larson indicated that it has been repair from time to time and it washes out there.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Review of Line Items.

- Groupon on

Mr. Garland informed the commission that they sold a total of 258 Groupons. He noted that the total that they have done in business is \$7,500.00. He indicated that they have been paid to date \$6,000.00 and they have an excellent customer approval rating. He added that they received six or seven compliments that they posted on their site.

He noted that they discussed the entertainment program before and they have a book that goes out to the schools. He explained that they have an application on their cellphone. He noted that it is no charge to them and he ran it by Chairman Larson and what they are offering is that they buy three green fees and get one free.

After a brief discussion, the following motion was made:

Upon **MOTION** by Paul Garland, seconded by Lou Polzella, it was unanimously voted that they go forward with the **entertainment program**.

Mr. Garland indicated that the new budget is out. He advised the commission members that he had to write up thirteen blank purchase orders to different vendors.

Chairman Larson informed the commission that the town received a grant from the State to hire kids for a 6 week program and they have two at the golf course.

Mr. Garland pointed out that he forgot to mention the alarm system.

Chairman Larson stated that they spoke at their last meeting about the alarm, video, which consists of updating the one in the main building and installing cameras around their building and the maintenance building. The cost for that is a little over \$5,000.00. He noted that he spoke with the Mayor

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and it is on the capital list. Also, he spoke about purchasing the sprayer and the utility vehicle and they are on the list.

Mr. Garland stated that he has the estimate on the security system.

Chairman Larson noted that for the security system the cost is \$5,145.00 and for other two pieces of equipment is \$22,900.00 and the other one is \$31,800.00.

He also informed the commission members that he received a text message from Mr. DiNunzio about cleaning out the room at the restaurant and he said he would do it.

Mr. Polzella stated that he thinks it's time for him to get his own cart to carry around his beverages and they don't profit from that. He added that he is going a great job from them. He feels that the commission should look into it.

Chairman Larson said what they have done is let him use the red cart or one of the utility body carts, not their brand new carts, so he will talk to him about it.

Mr. Kealey pointed out that the red cart is used up and they use that late in the day and they secure that inside.

Chairman Larson said if he buys his own cart they have no place for him to put it. They are tight now with their carts.

Mr. Garland noted that he could place it in the outside pen.

Chairman Larson pointed out that he wants to use it a couple of hours on the weekend and they agreed for him to use it. He added that when they started the girl was using the utility vehicle.

Mr. Garland noted that they don't want them to use it because they are getting up on age.

Chairman Larson said they will have to look into, at which time Mr. Garland said there are carts for sale on Woodtick road.

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Mr. Polzella said he's only seen him use it two or three times. Mr. Polzella inquired if they can run it by him.

Chairman Larson said he will speak with Mr. DiNunzio about the cart.

OLD BUSINESS

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS:

There were none.

PUBLIC REQUESTS

There were none.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA:

There were none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Upon **MOTION** by Lou Polzella, seconded by Greg Solocius, it was unanimously voted to enter into **executive session** to discuss contractual matters at 6:50 p.m., with Robert Larson, Greg Solocius, Lou Polzella and Paul Garland in attendance.

Chairman Larson called the meeting back to order at 7:10 pm.

Upon **MOTION** by Paul Garland, seconded by Greg Solocius, it was unanimously voted to authorize a raise of a \$1.00 for Ed Pruchnicki.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Upon **MOTION** by Lou Polzella, seconded by Greg Solocius, it was unanimously voted to **adjourn** the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

APPROVED:

**Chairman Robert Larson
FARMINGBURY HILLS COMMISSION**

**Dolores Distiso
COMMISSION SECRETARY**