

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF LAKE SUCCESS**  
**Minutes of the Golf Commission Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 7:30 PM**

Present: Gene Kaplan, Commissioner  
Meri Berger  
Barbara Briamonte  
Michael Cohen  
Paul Cohen  
Benjamin Wang

Scott Fishbein  
Sue Goldman  
Robby Mistretta, Golf Professional  
Jonathan Price, GC Superintendent  
Patricia Santomauro, Secretary

Guest: David Milner

Absent: Anthony Baek

Commissioner Gene Kaplan called the Zoom video conference meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

On motion of Sue Goldman, seconded by Paul Cohen, the Minutes of January 15, 2025, were approved.

Commissioner Kaplan moved to both the Men's and Ladies tournament schedules (attached hereto). Barbara Briamonte was concerned Men's Club schedule was taking up both days of three (3) weekend mornings. After a lengthy discussion, David Milner, President of the Men's Club assured the group that adding the Member/Member to the schedule did not add any additional dates with other changes that were made. Commissioner Kaplan stated the schedule would affect 13 of 44 days of play and Robby has been working on having three (3) Rangers out of the course instead of two (2) which would assist in the speed of play. Barbara Briamonte requested that the Ladies Met utilize the course on April 29 and May 1st. The course would be closed for two (2) hours until 11:00 am, it would consist of thirty (30) ladies in groups of two. Commissioner Kaplan made the motion, seconded by Sue Goldman, to approve the Tournament schedules of both the Men's and Ladies Club with the addition of April 29<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>. The vote was approved by all present.

Jonathan Price, Course Superintendent, was present to discuss the Course Report.

**Winter Project Update:**

- # 10 the sod was laid on the green yesterday
- 3 bunkers on #1
- #'s 11 through 17 are finished
- # 18 still needs a little work on the cart path
- 200 additional irrigation heads
- Electrical station is gone
- The 9<sup>th</sup> tee box will be a little wider and shifted to the left

January and February were lost to the cold. Work has begun again in March. A discussion needs to be had regarding starting the work on the eighth green. Six left would be moved up and come over on the right six. We would need to get sod on it right away to open in April next season. The more time we have in the fall, the better it is for next seasons opening. They would like to start the work on just this hole August 15 or September 1<sup>st</sup>. The markers will steer players a little more left. If there are any late August and early September outings, the construction will pause for that day. Robby has also informed anyone interested in an outing that the construction is going on. The overall opinion was to begin early on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

The cart GPS system has the old aerial of the grounds. Once we are ready, the company will send us a GPS unit where we hit record and walk around the perimeter of the bunkers, and that sends the signal to the satellite. This will be done once the work is completed.

Commissioner Kaplan stated we would open Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. The Grillroom will also be opening the same day. All tee's will be open.

A discussion ensued regarding Tee Markers. The colors would be black, blue, and white. The discussion was about changing the color of the 4<sup>th</sup> tee, so it is not designated as a ladies' tee. We would like some of our seniors to play on that tee without the distinction of it being a ladies' tee (Forward Tee). Green and silver seemed to be the most popular. It was determined that we have the whole season to contemplate Tee Marker colors and design.

Robby Mistretta, Golf Professional, mentioned the new irrigation has been working beautifully. Last week with the heavy rains, 18, 13, 14 and 12 which would normally puddle, had no standing water.

Robby also stated he put an ad out on Indeed for the shuttle service and some extra help. We had 71 responses, 40 were unhireable, 30 of which were good, and he interviewed 28 individuals – 2 were no shows. "I had it down to about eight (8) people. There are 12 shifts to cover, a morning shift and an afternoon shift and I should have it covered". We lost Tommy in the bag room, and we will have a replacement there. Nick is coming back and needs help and he found a nice guy named Tony. Tony will be here on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Membership: The pro stated he is still taking in calls for membership. We had 241 Non-Residents members last year, and I think we are going to around 250-252 this year. Residents we don't know about yet. I can still bring in a couple more Bronze and then shut it down. Gold, I have 59 and last year I had 54. Robby has 16 members that were contacted several times regarding whether they were joining this year without any response. There has been no contact at all. It was determined anyone that has been contacted and not yet responded prior to this meeting will be told we are full, and their place was filled, and they will be put on a waiting list.

Commissioner Kaplan stated we need to address 2026 Non-Resident Membership guidelines. In efforts to align ourselves with other clubs, we would need to determine by October if we could accommodate waiting list members or possibly lose them to other clubs. Commissioner Kaplan suggested starting the 2026 Non-Resident mailing on or around September 1<sup>st</sup> with a due date of October 1<sup>st</sup>. If no response is received by October 1<sup>st</sup>, and after a week's grace period, they will be notified their spot is in jeopardy.

Commissioner Kaplan, seconded by Sue Goldman, motioned to approve the 2026 new registration guidelines of mailing to go out on or about September 1<sup>st</sup>, a 25% non-refundable deposit will be required by October 1<sup>st</sup> to secure their spot with the balance due by January 31<sup>st</sup>. The motion was approved by all those present.

An Opening letter will be going out shortly providing details of the new arrival/departure process. Then around June or July a second letter will go out regarding the changes to Non-Resident registration in the fall.

David Milner reported that at the last Men's Club meeting, the club voted to approve the purchase of Golf Genius, an App that tracks scoring in real time, whether the Golf Commission participates or not. The App is an amenity for those that would like to utilize it, and all members would have access. The initial set up cost is \$500 and the first year of service is \$3900. It is a one-year commitment to determine if the App is successful or not. The Men's Club would raise dues to \$365 a year. The Men's Club is asking the Golf Commission to participate. If the Commission does participate, the Men's Club would not have to raise dues. The cost for the Commission would be \$1,950. After a lengthy discussion on the pros and cons, how the App works. Commissioner Kaplan motioned, seconded by Scott Fishbein, to split the cost of the Golf Genius App with the Men's Club in the amount of \$1,950. The motion was approved by all those present.

A suggestion for initiations will be revisited when determining 2026 rates in June or July.

Commissioner Kaplan closed the meeting at 9:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia Santomauro  
Golf Commission Secretary