

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF LAKE SUCCESS
Minutes of the Golf Commission Meeting
Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 7:30 PM
Held via Zoom Video Conference
Meeting ID: 863 4469 2581 Passcode: 430062

Present: Gene Kaplan, Commissioner
Meri Berger
Barbara Briamonte
Michael Cohen
Anthony Baek

Scott Fishbein
Sue Goldman
Robby Mistretta, Golf Professional
Patricia Santomauro, Secretary

Guest: Alan Golus
David Milner

Absent: Paul Cohen
Benjamin Wang
Jonathan Price, GC Superintendent

Commissioner Gene Kaplan called the Zoom video conference meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

On motion of Meri Berger, seconded by Sue Goldman, the Minutes of March 12, 2025, were approved.

Superintendent Jonathan Price provided the Commission with a Course Report before the meeting to review.

He presented the following report:

The bunker restoration project is still in progress, with work on the first hole nearing completion. We expect this phase to wrap up by the end of this week. As part of the process, there are roped and staked-off areas throughout the course where we are actively working to establish a stronger root system. These areas are critical as we prepare for the stress of the upcoming season, and we appreciate everyone's patience as the turf recovers.

In addition to managing the bunker project, my team and I are also in the midst of our spring aeration program.

- Greens aeration was completed last week and they are currently in the healing phase. We expect full recovery within the next 7–10 days.
- This week, we have begun aerating tee boxes and approaches, with plans to begin fairway aeration next week.

Other ongoing work includes addressing long-standing wet areas throughout the course that have impacted both playability and turf health over the years. We are committed to making lasting improvements in these problem spots.

We are out on the course every day, working hard to make it the best it can be. Thank you for your continued support

Robby Mistretta, Golf Professional, reported further that Jonathan has been mapping the GPS. All the work done last year really came in wonderful. He said he is going to take down the ropes late April, early May. 18 the Fairway is great. He aerified the approaches of all the new sod and he's going to sand it. As far as the course goes, everyone has been really enjoying it.

Commissioner Kaplan added the goal for the last few years and this project is to eliminate walking only days. We want to do carts with restrictions even after rainy days. Reports indicate all is great after rains and Jonathan is ready to roll carts on there and we have our ways out. The drainage has been so good that there is no need for cart restrictions on the 14th hole anymore. Jonathan does not want carts on new sod just yet. It needs time to take root.

Robby also reported the Membership goal was to get to 350. We have 340 paid members with approximately 15 members not paid, which will get us to 355. Golf Silver and Bronze members should be at about 360 when all is said and done. On the Non-resident side we have 87 Gold, 75 Silver and 71 Bronze. All the new members that came in will be joining the Men's Club. Ladies Club has lost 2 members to date. Many new members are not interested in Tournaments.

Robby further added, the very top of the Driving Range net that protects Lakeville Road has come away from the poles. It is still 80% of the way up but it is going to have to be addressed because there are trees growing back there into the net which is what is ripping into the net. The left side of the pole is fine. We are going to have to trim some trees away from the netting. We can zip tie them for a while, but it is not a permanent solution. Jonathan was reaching out to PSEG to see if they would trim the trees.

Alan Golus started the group off with a tribute to Sonny Shar. To know him was to love him, he was one of a kind and will be missed. Commissioner Kaplan agreed. He served as Commissioner twice and cared about all the members; we each had our own relationship with him. The group each shared their own memories of him and Gene thanked Alan for bringing it up, there are a lot of memories.

Anthony Baek addressed the group regarding Culinart Dining Minimum and the tracking system of balances or refills. Commissioner Kaplan mentioned that the issue is really a House Committee issue, but he would address some of it; Dan stopped the refills in September and was charging per meal. Another is the hours of operation. If there is a dining minimum, they should be open. There should be an accounting statement sent out monthly. It was suggested to bring the issues to the House Committee, but Gene will send a note to Dan after the meeting.

Robby will be creating videos on changes to the course.

On motion by Sue Goldman, seconded by Meri Berger, Commissioner Kaplan closed the meeting at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Santomauro
Golf Commission Secretary