

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF LAKE SUCCESS**  
**Minutes of the Golf Commission Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 7:30 PM**  
**Held in the Board Room**

Present: Gene Kaplan, Commissioner                      Scott Fishbein  
             Sue Goldman    Anthony Baek  
             Barbara Briamonte                                      Meri Berger  
             Michael Cohen    Robby Mistretta, Golf Professional  
             Paul Cohen    Patricia Santomauro, Secretary

Guest: Alan Golus

Absent: Benjamin Wang  
             Jonathan Price, GC Superintendent

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

On motion of Scott Fishbein, seconded by Sue Goldman, the April 16, 2025 Minutes were approved.

Commissioner Kaplan reviewed the Superintendent's report submitted earlier in the day by Jonathan Price:

**Course Maintenance Overview**

The golf course is currently undergoing a range of changes across all playing surfaces as we adapt to evolving maintenance challenges. Managing multiple grass varieties throughout the property requires unique strategies, and our team continues to refine these approaches to meet the specific needs of each area.

In addition to these adjustments, we are also maintaining the other 9 holes under a different management style, further adding to the complexity of our operations. Recently, we completed aeration on greens, tees, and fairways, a necessary but labor-intensive process. This has temporarily set back our mowing schedules and delayed the completion of several routine tasks.

The weather has also played a significant role in our progress. Extended dry periods followed by heavy rainstorms have created inconsistent growing conditions, requiring constant adjustments to our maintenance plan. While not every area may currently be in ideal condition, please know that we are working diligently to catch up and provide the best possible playing experience. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to navigate these overlapping challenges.

**Project Update**

Beginning August 16th, we will initiate renovation work on the 8th green, followed by enhancements to the 9th green. This marks the start of the next phase of our long-term course improvement plan. These renovations have been developed in close coordination with Golf Course Architect Joel Weiman and Builder Mike Tilleli. Their collaboration has ensured that each project phase aligns with the overall design vision and performance goals for the course.

We look forward to continued progress and will share further updates as work advances.

Commissioner Kaplan asked the group to send notes if they had any questions, comments or concerns regarding the report.

Robby Mistretta, Golf Professional, reported on Rounds.

**The month of April comparison from 2024 & 2025**

	<u>Rounds</u>	<u>Guests</u>	<u>Daily</u>	
2024	1863	280	27	
2025	1641	206	28	-222 rounds/-74 guests

The rounds are down; the weather has not been cooperative with the rain and wind.

In terms of Membership, April has never been busier, and we are in good shape at 355 members. Robby will start the waitlist in August. The way it is looking right now, we might have about 40 on this waitlist.

Robby also mentioned that the drainage has been working very well. With over an inch of rain, we opened *with* carts.

The North Shore Country Club will be closing. It was sold to developers. Either this year or next will be the last season.

Commissioner Kaplan mentioned next month's meeting will have to be pushed from June 4<sup>th</sup> to June 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be pulling together lists on June 1<sup>st</sup> to begin proposed dues changes. The changes will be presented in June, worked on through July. We will vote on it at the July meeting, it will go to the Board for approval, and the mailing will go out September 1<sup>st</sup>.

On motion by Commissioner Kaplan, seconded by Meri Berger, Commissioner Kaplan closed the meeting at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Santomauro  
Golf Commission Secretary