

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF LAKE SUCCESS
Minutes of the Golf Commission Meeting
Wednesday, August 6, 2025
7:30 PM in the Board Room

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

Guests: Alan Golus

Absent: Michael Cohen
 Benjamin Wang

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

On motion of Gene Kaplan, seconded by Sue Goldman, the minutes of July 2, 2025, were approved with minor typographical corrections.

Commissioner Kaplan stated that the Golf Commission is working on Geese Control; one option would be a drone with a sound maker to run the perimeter of the water, and would cost anywhere from 2-6K. The concern is the decibels of noise makers and its proximity to homes. A second option would be a laser that keeps going around. One would cover Lake Success, and another would cover Lake Surprise. The concern there is the laser going into homes, also. Commissioner Kaplan asked if it could just be panned out instead of going around and around. There will be a presentation at 9:00 am on Thursday, August 7th, and we should have more information.

The Bunker Project continues again on Monday, August 18th; it will begin with building out the new 8th green. We mapped it out today with the architect, and we anticipate it to take a while as it has a lot of contours.

Commissioner Kaplan also stated that he, Jonathan Price, Golf Superintendent, and Robby worked out an aeration schedule. Jon will begin and do what he can after the Golf outing on Monday, August 18th (after 2:30 pm), and they will work again on Tuesday morning on the 19th and work until 12:00 pm. Then again, on Monday the 25th and Tuesday morning, the 26th. The course will open at 1:00 pm.

At today's meeting, construction boss Mike Tilleli, his head foreman Dan and architect Joel began setting up stakes and flags for the new green.

Golf Professional, Robby Mistretta, presented the 2025 July Rounds Count and stated that the rounds are down 469 and guests are down 134 compared to July 2024. 2024 was just an exceptional year. These are consistent with where we were in 2023, and the bad weather and construction have played a part this year.

Golf Professional Robby Mistretta reported he is heavily into Membership and already has fourteen (14) people. He will start by taking friends of members first and then move on to non-friends of members.

A discussion ensued regarding charging more guest fees on weekends in 2026. Robby spoke with four (4) different clubs and they all have a set fee for 7 days a week. Commissioner Kaplan asked members to continue to reach out to other clubs to form a consensus at our next meeting in September.

Commissioner Kaplan also asked members to present any potential candidates for the Golf Commission.

On motion by Commissioner Kaplan, seconded by Sue Goldman, Commissioner Kaplan closed the meeting at 8:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Santomauro
Golf Commission Secretary

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