

**INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF LAKE SUCCESS**  
**Minutes of the Golf Commission Meeting**  
**Wednesday, December 3, 2025**  
**7:30 PM in the Board Room**

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

Also present: Alan Golus

Absent:        Scott Fishbein  
                 Anthony Baek  
                 Benjamin Wang

Commissioner Gene Kaplan called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

On motion of Commissioner Kaplan, seconded by Barbara Briamonte, the November 10, 2025, Minutes were approved.

Commissioner Kaplan reported that the Bunker Project budget is being closely monitored and is expected to remain under budget.

Commissioner Kaplan reported that the Village uses approximately 50,000 to 60,000 golf balls annually. The current supplier of recycled golf balls, which provides the lowest cost per ball, will be retiring. We have been researching alternative suppliers; however, none have been able to match the current pricing.

Commissioner Kaplan further reported that, after many years, work has begun at the back of the driving range. At the base of the hill, along the slope, at the top, and within the wooded area, there are tens of thousands of golf balls that were previously unretrievable. Four (4) trees on the right side were removed, and Jonathan will be adding earth and contouring the area so that machinery can now access the site to retrieve the golf balls.

Commissioner Kaplan also discussed potential revisions to the driving range. The Village is working with three (3) companies to explore the installation of taller poles, increasing the net height by 25 feet. A prior study indicated this would result in a total net height of approximately 75 feet. Estimated costs for these modifications range from zero dollars to \$300,000. The Village is evaluating the scope of work, overall cost, and the amount of work that should be completed during the winter season.

A discussion ensued regarding Markers. The brass markers are \$108, and the aluminum ones are \$90. The overall consensus was to go with the brass. Colors were also discussed. Robby will pick the proper hue with gold trim on the brass markers. In terms of adding the year, a suggestion of adding 1923 on the markers of the original four (4) Deep Dale holes and 1956 on the rest of the holes.

Golf Professional Robby Mistretta presented the 2025 Year-End Rounds Count, noting that overall play was down by approximately 400 rounds, not including the 1,000 rounds attributed to outings. He also reported that the Course Rating is scheduled to take place in late March or early April.

Robby commented that the staff this year was great and stated that he will begin interviewing in February for two (2) Ranger positions and two (2) Valet positions.

He further reported that the lease for Club Car Care is up this year. Robby noted that the new golf cart design is excellent and that product demonstrations will be held in the spring. He added that the decision between standard batteries and lithium batteries remains under discussion.

Commissioner Kaplan stated that in their search for an Assistant Golf Course Superintendent, they have increased the salary to be offered. Commissioner Kaplan stated they had two (2) interviews yesterday, one (1) today, and one (1) tomorrow.

Commissioner Kaplan would like the commission members to contemplate a 2027 Initiation Fee, along with larger guest fees on weekends.

On motion by Commissioner Kaplan, seconded by Sue Goldman, Commissioner Kaplan closed the meeting at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Santomauro  
Golf Commission Secretary