



## ***Parks & Recreation Committee - Board of Representatives***

Dennis Mahoney, Co-Chair      Marion McGarry, Co-Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Tuesday, December 18, 2018

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** Republican Caucus Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Government Center,  
888 Washington Boulevard

The Parks & Recreation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chair Mahoney and Committee Member Reps. de la Cruz, Matherne, Wallace and Watkins. Absent or excused were Co-Chair McGarry and Committee Member Reps. Aquila, Giordano and Stella. Also present were Andrea Brantner, Tom Birkett, Michael Briscoe and Robert Tyska, EG Brennan Golf Commission; Paul Grillo and Alex Lionetti, Stamford Golf Authority; Michael Sullivan, Vance Levin, E. Gaynor Brennan Golf Course; and Laurie Albano, Superintendent of Recreation.

Co-Chair Mahoney called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. <a href="#">PR30.015</a>	RESOLUTION <u>and approval of public hearing</u> ; Increasing the Golf Permit Fee rate. 11/30/18 – Submitted by Mayor Martin	<b>No Action Taken</b>

Ms. Albano, Mr. Sullivan and the members of the Authority and the Commission explained that this is a request to increase the annual golf permit fee.

- The Commission and Authority have both discussed this.
- The permit fee has not been raised in some time.
- It is a revenue generator for the golf courses.
- The average savings per resident when a permit is purchased is \$17. Golf courses in surrounding towns are significantly more expensive.
- You need to buy a permit in order to get the resident rate.
- The \$15 increase will be recouped in fewer than 3 rounds.
- This is the only revenue item shared between the two courses under an agreement made several years ago.
- The goal is to make the permit fee the same for everyone and to eliminate the early bird fee, which did not provide as much benefit as anticipated.
- The senior and non-resident permits are increasing as well from \$35 to \$50
- It would increase revenue by approximately \$30,000, which works out to less than \$1 per round; they do not anticipate other fee increases this year
- Revenue is very weather dependent and the last two years have been bad
- E. Gaynor Brennan has debt from refurbishing of the golf course 10 years ago and rent to the City strike this out
- Permit revenue is not weather dependent
- E Gaynor Brennan is an enterprise fund and pays \$100,000 back to the City to use City services out of golf revenue

There not being a quorum present, there was no action taken.

2. [PR30.009](#) RESOLUTION and approval of public hearing; **No Action Taken**  
Approving Fees for Use of Ballfields.  
04/30/18 – Submitted by Laurie Albano  
05/14/18 – Moved to Pending

Ms. Albano explained that these fee increases are for both fee rentals and tournament fees:

- Fields are only rented to sanctioned users – resident adult leagues; currently no fees are charged to youth leagues; these are all Stamford-based
- The current charge is \$50 for a 2 hours block of time
- The [Fee Comparables chart](#) detail the anticipated revenue increase from the new fees
- The [proposed new fees](#) include a deposit (this deposit is non-refundable and goes toward the fee); lights are add-on fees for night use; an additional 1 hour of fee use has an additional fee (this is based on the honor system, in general)
- Tournaments bring commerce into the City
- The league fees for 2 hours blocks are currently bringing in \$23,000 per year and this will double; the tournament fees are for 8 hour blocks
- Tournaments do often last more than 8 hours and have not been charged for that extra time in the past;
- They do about 7 charity tournaments and about 14 profit tournaments per year (last year almost all were competitive tournaments); it would not be significant if the charity tournament price remained the same

There not being a quorum present, there was no action taken.

3. [PR30.012](#) REVIEW; Stamford Park Police Status and **HELD**  
Contract.  
08/08/18 – Submitted by Reps. McGarry,  
Matherne, Aquila, Roqueta, Pratt and  
Sherwood  
08/21/18 – Report Made & Held in Committee  
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09/17/18 – Report Made & Held in Committee  
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10/25/18 – Report Made and Held  
11/20/18 – Report Made & Held
4. PR30.016 REVIEW; Status of the Closing of Kosciuszko **HELD**  
Park.  
12/05/18 – Submitted by Rep. McGarry

Co-Chair Mahoney adjourned the meeting at 8:17.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis Mahoney, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).