

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, April 20, 2023 at the Lawrence Village Hall, 196 Central Avenue, Lawrence, New York 11559.

Those members present were: Mayor Alex H. Edelman
Deputy Mayor Jeff Landy (arrived at 7:25 p.m.)
Trustee Michael A. Fragin (left @ 8:55 p.m.)
Trustee Paris C. Popack
Trustee Eliezer Kutner (arrived at 8:26 p.m.)

Also present were: Ronald Goldman, Village Administrator
Lina Fusco, Deputy Village Treasurer
Village Attorney, Stephen Martir, Esq.
Alison Cohen, Secretary to the BOT

Absent were: Gerry Castro, Deputy Village Clerk

The Board convened in Work Session at 7:11 p.m. to discuss various agenda items.

WORK SESSION

Board Action: No Board action was taken.

Work Session ended at 8:08 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Edelman called the Regular Meeting to order at 8:11 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

April 20, 2023

Public Hearing #1 regarding the proposed 2023 – 2024 General Budget

Board Action: Mayor Edelman moved to open the Public Hearing regarding the proposed 2023 – 2024 General Budget. Deputy Mayor Landy seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion was passed unanimously.

Village Attorney Stephen Martir advised that each of the Board members had previously received copies of the 2023 – 2024 Tentative Budget and that copies had been made available to the public. There had been discussion during the Work Session among the Board of Trustees (BOT).

Trustee Fragin commented our Tentative Budget that was presented last month did present some challenges and thankfully, after some consideration, we've discussed modifications during our Work Session to bring our Budget down; the appropriations part of the Budget down, and to therefore keep it more in line with financial pressures of the times; which I think are considerable given inflation, etc. So, I think this is a prudent Budget, whereas the appropriations increase was going to be over 9%; it's now going to be under 6%. So I thank the newest members of the Board for seeing that through and hopefully this is a Budget that we all can support.

Board Action: Upon hearing no further comments, Deputy Mayor Landy moved to close the Public Hearing regarding the proposed 2023 – 2024 General Budget. Trustee Popack seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion was passed unanimously.

Village Attorney Stephen Martir read aloud the following three (3) changes to the 2023 – 2024 Tentative Budget:

- On line A1325 subtract/minus \$100,000.00 on the line 459 other contracts, which now will be zero
- On line A1420 Minus/subtract \$50,000.00 out of line 459 other contracts, which is now \$125,000.00
- On line A7110 Minus/subtract \$80,000.00 out of line 459 other contracts, which is now \$20,000.00.

That's a total of \$230,000.00 less on the budget.

Board Action: Trustee Fragin moved to approve the above changes to the 2023 – 2024 Tentative Budget. Deputy Mayor Landy seconded the motion. All in favor.

Adoption of the 2023 – 2024 General Budget (available at Village Hall and on the Village website)

Board Action: Trustee Fragin moved to adopt/approve, pursuant to section 5-508 of the NYS Village Law, the final 2023 – 2024 General Budget of estimated revenues and expenditures of the Village of Lawrence for the fiscal year June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024 (available on the Village website); and the same be approved and adopted as amended. Deputy Mayor Landy seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mayor Edelman, Village Administrator Ronald Goldman and the entire Board thanked Deputy Village Treasurer Lina Fusco for all of her efforts in the 2023 – 2024 Budget's preparation. The Mayor reiterated that she has done an outstanding job, as per her usual.

Set tax rate and authorize issuance of tax warrants

Board Action: Trustee Popack moved to adopt the following Resolution regarding the collection of taxes under the approved/adopted 2023 – 2024 Budget:

WHEREAS,

(a) A budget of estimated revenues and expenditures of the Village of Lawrence for the fiscal year June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024 was adopted by the Board of Trustees at this meeting following a Public Hearing thereon pursuant to Section 5-508 of the Village Law; and

(b) Taxes in the amount of \$3,186,539.00 are required for the purpose of meeting the proposed expenditures provided for in such budget; and

(c) It has been further determined that such taxes be apportioned against all of the taxable property in the Village of Lawrence as set forth on the 2023 assessment roll, at the rate of \$132 on each \$100 of assessed valuation thereon, except properties of the Long Island Railroad Company which shall be taxed in accordance with the provisions of the Real Property Tax Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 1420 of the Real Property Tax Law, the Village Clerk be and he hereby is authorized and directed to extend and carry out on such roll the amount to be collected from the owners of properties listed therein as hereinabove specified.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Edelman. All in favor. The motion passed/carried.

Board Action: Deputy Mayor Landy moved to adopt the following Resolution which would set the tax rate of \$132 (per \$100 of assessed valuation) as reflected in the 2023 – 2024 Tentative Budget:

RESOLVED,

(a) That pursuant to Section 1420 of the Real Property Tax Law, the following funds necessary to meet the obligations of the Village of Lawrence for the fiscal year June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024 be raised by levy of tax on all taxable property in the Village of Lawrence as set forth on the 2023 assessment roll of the Village (being the assessment roll completed on April 1, 2023):

Total amount of budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2023 to and including May 31, 2024 as adopted by the Board of Trustees following the Public Hearing thereon held April 20, 2023	\$ 7,179,500
LESS: Appropriated Surplus	\$ 1,000,748
LESS: Estimated Revenues for 2023/24	\$ 2,992,213
Leaving a balance to be raised by Tax Levy of	\$ 3,186,539

(b) That the tax rate for the collection of said Village Tax Levy be fixed at \$132 per \$100 of assessed valuation on such taxable property.

(c) That said taxes shall be collected in two equal installments pursuant to the provisions of Section 1434 of the Real Property Tax Law, the first installment to become due and payable June 1, 2023 and the second installment to become due and payable December 1, 2023; and

(d) That the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized to execute and deliver to the Village Clerk a warrant directing him/her to proceed with the collection of such taxes, as provided in Article 14 of the Real Property Tax Law. (Template attached hereto as "Exhibit A")

Mayor Edelman seconded the Motion. All in favor. The motion passed/carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING #2_- Public Hearing regarding the annual 2023 Stormwater Management Report

Village Counsel Stephen Martir explained that the 2023 Annual Stormwater Management Report is available for viewing on the Village's website and at Village Hall. He went on to explain that every year the Village is required to file an Annual Stormwater Management Report showing that it is meeting its goals as set forth in the SPDES Permit that was adopted in 2003. An annual Public Hearing is required prior to the annual filing of the aforementioned Report as well.

Board Action: Trustee Popack moved to open the Public Hearing regarding the annual 2023 Stormwater Management Report (MS4). Mayor Edelman seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion was passed unanimously.

Board Action: Upon hearing no further comment(s) or discussion, Deputy Mayor Landy moved to close the Public Hearing regarding the annual 2023 Stormwater Management Report (MS4). Trustee Popack seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion was passed unanimously.

Board Action: Deputy Mayor Landy moved to adopt the annual 2023 Stormwater Management Report (MS4) as presented to the Board by Deputy Village Administrator Gerry Castro and Assistant Superintendent of the Building Department James Elliott. Trustee Fragin seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Mayor and Board thanked Deputy Village Administrator Gerry Castro and Mr. Elliott.

Village Attorney Stephen Martir commented that the 2023 Annual Stormwater Management Report can now be filed as presented to the Board.

Public Hearing #3 regarding the proposed Local Law of 2023 to amend the Village Code for Zoning

Board Action: The Public Hearing regarding the proposed Local Law of 2023 to amend the Village Code for Zoning was adjourned until the next BOT meeting, on May 11, 2023.

Mayor Edelman brought Sal Leone up to the dais to receive the Proclamation for Gino's Pizza (attached hereto as Exhibit "B"), that is closing on Sunday, April 23rd, after doing business in the Village of Lawrence for thirty-five (35) years; a family-run business and a neighborhood institution. He thanked Mr. Leone for his and "Gino's" years of service and read the Proclamation aloud, wishing him good health and success in their future endeavors. They will be missed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Approval of minutes: BOT March 9, 2023

Board Action: Deputy Mayor Landy moved the approval of the March 9, 2023 BOT meeting minutes. Trustee Popack seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item #4 – LY&CC Status Report was taken out of order; see below.

Item #3 – Proclaim Arbor Day April 28th, 2023 was also taken out of order; see below.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 1 – Approve Abstracts #'s

General Fund	# 1163, 1164, 1165, 1166, 1167
Recreation Fund	# 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753
Payroll	# 031723, 033123, 041423

Board Action: Trustee Popack moved the approval of General Fund Abstracts #1163, #1164, #1165, #1166 and #1167; Recreation Fund Abstracts #742, #743, #744, #745, #746, #747, #748, #749, #750, #751, #752 and #753; and Payroll Fund Abstracts #031723, #033123 and #041423. Trustee Kutner seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item 2 – Approve Resolution to place “No Parking” sign on Broadway (west of Rockaway Turnpike)

Deputy Mayor Landy thanked Mayor Edelman, Village Administrator Ronald Goldman and Deputy Village Administrator Gerry Castro for their action on this matter. "There have been a number of accidents that have gone through the backyard of the Jedwab residence on Arrowhead Lane because of the parking in that area and reckless driving in that area. When the resident called and complained about this issue the turnaround time was so quick it would make your head spin. And the resident asked to express their appreciation and I personally want to express my appreciation for turning around this matter as quickly as they did." Village Administrator Ronald Goldman responded that it was their pleasure, in concurrence with the Mayor.

Board Action: Mayor Edelman moved to approve a Resolution to place a "No Parking" sign on Broadway (west of Rockaway Turnpike), attached hereto as Exhibit "C". Deputy Mayor Landy seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item 3 – Proclaim Arbor Day April 28th, 2023

Mayor Edelman announced the presence of Ed Gottlieb, Chairman of the VOL Tree Committee. The Mayor went on to read the Proclamation in honor of the Village's Arbor Day, being celebrated on April 28th, 2023, attached hereto as Exhibit "D".

Board Action: No Board Action was taken.

Item 4 – LY&CC Status Report

LY&CC General Manager Cory Menking introduced LY&CC Golf Course Superintendent Adam Thomas, Park Commission Chairperson Dr. Sheldon Genack and Park Commission Co-Chairperson Jacqueline Handel, who were present at tonight's meeting. Mr. Menking stated that the LY&CC Restoration Committee Task Force continues to coordinate with vendors on a daily basis to ensure property restoration remains on schedule. He then presented the LY&CC April 2023 GM Report (attached hereto as Exhibit "E").

Dr. Genack thanked Mayor Edelman and the Board for the support they've given to the LY&CC Golf Course. He goes out there frequently and when he looks at the work being done it is far exceeding any expectation of his; the hole that's being done now is going to be "spectacular". Dr. Genack added that he believes that this will definitely be a "draw" for new membership. He thanked the Mayor and Trustees for "making this happen". Dr. Genack brought up a chronic, recurrent problem at the Golf Course on Causeway, which was raised at the last Park Commission meeting. People, particularly on Sabbath/Shabbos and on holidays, think this is a public park. "They're wandering on to the Golf Course; they're strolling on the paths; they're walking in front of golfers hitting." Trustee Fragin added that it's not just Saturdays, and Dr. Genack agreed that it's every afternoon. He went on to say that "on Barrett Road there are little wooden/corral fences that look aesthetic for a golf course. We should be putting those on Causeway, on each side. I think it will make Causeway look nicer, help the golf aesthetics and keep the people from wandering. The signs definitely do not work."

Discussion ensued in this regard. Mayor Edelman responded that they Board will take it under advisement.

Board Action: Deputy Mayor Landy moved to approve the replacement of four (4) sections of protective netting lining the LY&CC Marina and golf course hole #17, by the lowest responsible bidder, in an amount not to exceed a maximum of \$23,000.00. Mayor Edelman seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item 5 – Report on LY&CC Snack Bars

LY&CC General Manager Cory Menking gave an update regarding the progress of the LY&CC snack bars, stating that the work is moving along.

Board Action: No Board action was taken.

Item 6 – Security Update – Cameras

Village Administrator Ronald Goldman stated that the cameras and remote monitoring are very close to being “up and running”; definitely before the next Board meeting on May 11th.

Board Action: No Board Action was taken.

Item 7 – Approval to add Breezy Way to 2023 Road Improvement list for bid

Board Action: Mayor Edelman moved to approve adding Breezy Way to the 2023 Road Improvement list previously approved to go out for bid. Trustee Popack seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item 8 – Resolution to appoint Election Inspectors

(1) That Inspectors of Election be employed at \$290.00 for Chair and \$240.00 for Inspectors for the Village Election to be held on June 20, 2023.

(2) That the following persons be and hereby are appointed as Inspectors of Election: Amil Virani, Mark A. Sarro, Myrveen Berlander and Stephen G. Krown, the last two of which will be Alternates

Board Action: Deputy Mayor Landy moved to approve the above Resolution regarding appointing Election Inspectors for the Village Election being held on June 20, 2023. Trustee Popack seconded the motion. All in favor.

Item 9 – To approve a Resolution that henceforth there is “no residency requirement” for members to serve on the LY&CC Park Commission

Board Action: Mayor Edelman moved to approve a “no residency requirement” for members of the LY&CC Park Commission. Deputy Mayor Landy seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Mayor Edelman – Aye

Deputy Mayor Landy – Aye

Trustee Fragin – Nay

Trustee Popack – Nay

Trustee Kutner – Aye

The motion carries/passes.

GOOD & WELFARE

- 1) Mayor Edelman welcomed Rochelle Kevelson back, who was absent from meetings going back several months.
- 2) Mayor Edelman announced that the Chometz burning ceremony for Passover went well and thanked the Highway Department/DPW, the Lawrence-Cedarhurst Fire Department and Highway Superintendent Frank Franzese.
- 3) Mayor Edelman announced that the pest control spraying will begin on April 24th, 2023 and that the black box bug/mosquito traps are being distributed to Village residents' homes.
- 4) Mayor Edelman announced that the 2023 Memorial Day Parade is on Sunday, May 28th; starting at Frost Lane in Lawrence, proceeding down Central Avenue to Cedarhurst Park. The Mayor asked everyone to join in.
- 5) Rochelle Kevelson of 21 Causeway, thanked Mayor Edelman and Village Administrator Ronald Goldman for their concern and phone calls. Ms. Kevelson noted that it was her first day out, and that Spring is coming, which prompted her to bring up the issue of gardeners and construction work being conducted on Saturdays and Sundays. Mayor Edelman responded that the Village would send out inspectors on Sunday to address the situation. In addition, she advocated for all Lawrence residents to vote in the school election, noting that the school district was raising the budget. Village Administrator Ronald Goldman responded that the school district's budget included many services whether the children attend the public or private schools; such as (i.e. speech, occupational) therapies, their busing and books for all of the children as well as servicing special needs and handicapped children in the Village. Ms. Kevelson thanked Mr. Goldman for the clarification.
- 6) Trustee Kutner noted that there was a lot of garbage in front of the stores in the business district, on Central Avenue in the morning and inquired if this was an item in the Village Code, to which Village Administrator Goldman responded affirmatively and stated that the inspectors would (and do) enforce the Code.

On motion by Deputy Mayor Landy, seconded by Mayor Edelman and unanimously approved, the Board adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

This is to certify that I, Ronald Goldman, read the preceding minutes, and they are in all respects a full and correct record of such proceedings.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ronald Goldman', is written over a horizontal line.

Ronald Goldman, Administrator,
Clerk/Treasurer

EXHIBIT A

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF LAWRENCE
TAX WARRANT
TO RONALD GOLDMAN, VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
RECEIVER OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to receive and collect from the several persons named in the tax roll hereunto annexed, the several sums stated in the last column hereof opposite their respective names, being a total of \$3,186,539.00 for Taxes.

YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED to receive and collect the first half of such sums without additional charge between the first day of June and the first day of July, 2023, both inclusive, and thereafter to collect with such of the sums as have not been theretofore collected, an additional charge of five percentum for the first month or fraction thereof and one percentum for each month or fraction thereof thereafter until paid.

YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED to receive and collect the second half of such sums without additional charge between the first day of December and the thirty first day of December, 2023, both inclusive, and thereafter to collect with such of the sums as have not been theretofore collected, an additional charge of five percentum for the first month or fraction thereof and one percentum for each month or fraction thereof thereafter until paid.

YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED to file tax roll and warrant in your office on or before the first day of February, 2024, and to deliver to the Board of Trustees at the same time an account of the taxes remaining due and unpaid, describing each parcel of real property upon which taxes are unpaid, showing the person or persons to whom the parcel is assessed and showing as to each parcel the amount of tax unpaid.

DATED _____ MAYOR _____

EXHIBIT B



EXHIBIT C

**VILLAGE OF LAWRENCE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION
To Place “No Parking” sign on Broadway**

WHEREAS, this Board has the exclusive jurisdiction to enact and amend vehicle and traffic regulations, including parking regulations, within the Village boundaries; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 200, Article I, Section 200-3(A), the Board of Trustees is empowered to amend the vehicle and traffic regulations appearing as Article VI, Schedules, of Chapter 200 via resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Board is desirous of amending such regulations related to Schedule XI, Parking Prohibited at All Times; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Lawrence, as follows:

Section 1. Schedule XI, entitled “Parking Prohibited at All Times,” of Chapter 200 of the Village Code, entitled “Vehicles and Traffic”, is hereby amended for “Broadway – North” by adding a third location as follows:

§200-50 Schedule XI: Parking Prohibited at All Times.

In accordance with the provisions of § 200-19, no person shall park a vehicle at any time upon any of the following described streets or parts of streets:

Name of Street	Side	Location
...
<u>Broadway</u>	<u>North</u>	From Lawrence Avenue for 125 feet
<u>Broadway</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>From a point 135 feet west of Rockaway Turnpike to the corner of Rockaway Turnpike</u>

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this action is determined to be a TYPE II action under the NY State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”).

EXHIBIT D

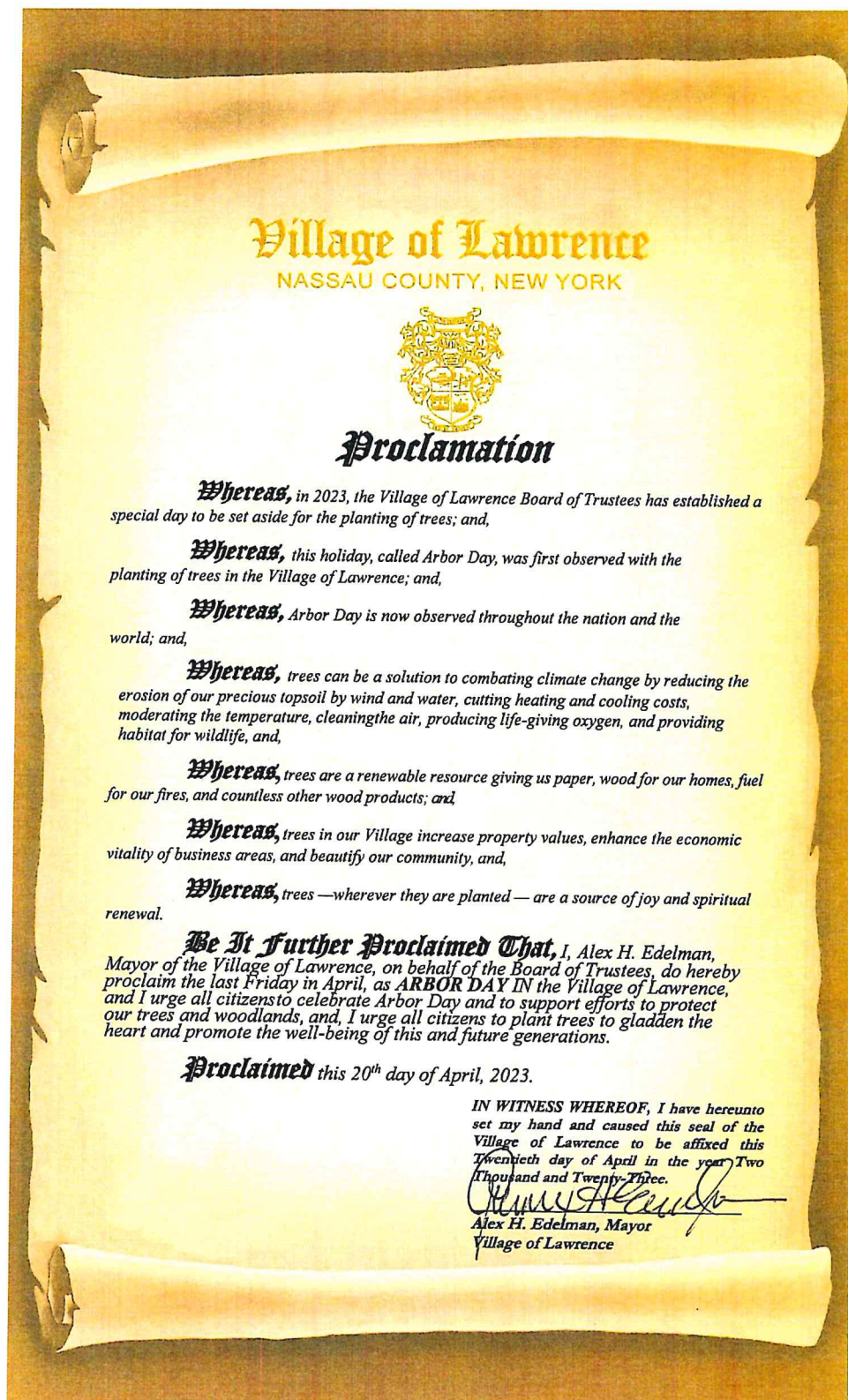


EXHIBIT E

Lawrence Yacht and Country Club April 2023 GM Report



To: Village of Lawrence Mayor Alex Edelman and Board of Trustees
From: Cory Menking, General Manager
Re: Lawrence Yacht and Country Club
Date: April 20, 2023

General Announcements and Park Recommendations

- The LYCC Restoration Committee Task Force continues to coordinate with vendors on a daily basis to ensure property restoration remains on schedule
 - Email communications to the membership have been very well received and appreciated
- **Action Item(s)**
 - Replace four (4) sections of protective netting lining marina and hole #17
 - Total budget: \$24,000

2023 Membership

- Total memberships as of April 1, 2023:

Golf						
Category	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Family	Junior
YTD	86	89	72	110	29	22
YTD PY	94	91	70	112	30	13
Variance	-8	-2	2	-2	-1	9

Tennis					
Category	Platinum	Gold	Bronze	Family	Junior
YTD	22	7	0	1	1
YTD PY	38	11	5	4	1
Variance	-16	-4	-5	-3	0

Marina	
YTD	72
YTD PY	83
Variance	-11

- Breakdown of Recreation Golf Permits

Recreation Golf	
Adult	24
Senior	9
Junior	7

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Breakdown of Resident and Non-Resident Full Active Members:

Category	Resident						Total
	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Family	Junior	
Golf	8	18	2	7	1	6	42
Tennis	5	7	0	0	1	1	14
Marina							23

Category	Non-Resident						Total
	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Family	Junior	
Golf	78	71	70	103	28	16	366
Tennis	17	0	0	0	0	0	17
Marina							49

Course & Grounds – Report by Adam Thomas

Greens have been aerated, cleaned, rolled, and topdressed. All holes have been filled with sand, lime applied to raise soil pH, and ammonium sulfate applied and watered in to promote recovery. We expect holes to be healed within three weeks, weather depending. Tees have also been aerated and cores cleaned up; we topdressed tees to smooth the surface.

Winterberry has put all irrigation mainline back in the ground. This includes the line on 7 as well as the pipe on 18. Sprinkler heads have been put back in 1 rough as well as 18 approach. Lateral irrigation lines have been re-installed on 7. The State's landscaping contractor, Bohemia, is due to till and sod 7 but they have not arrived as of Tuesday, April 18. When this is done, Winterberry will then come back and install sprinkler heads on 7 fairway.

McDonald & Sons is currently working on 6 green surrounds. As soon as they are done they will move to 7 tee, then the short game area, followed by the target greens, and closing on the new lesson tee. AllPro will also be hydro seeding the berm behind 6 green.

Golf

- Driving range cosmetic renovations are complete; exterior walls and floors have been painted
- New player safety dividers are in transit and will be installed upon arrival
- The new simulator facility is nearly complete, pending WiFi, furniture, and setup
- Professional golf staff is in place for the 2023 season
 - New PGA Teaching Professional, Mike Reilly, is on property
 - New PGA Intern, Anastasia Barnyach, will be starting on May 7
- Outside seasonal staff is being brought back as needed
- Shop merchandise is still being received and displayed
- Shop sales are up 109% YTD from last year
- Memorial Day Member tournament will be held on Monday, May 29; details to follow

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Tennis

- All nine (9) HarTru courts have been professionally resurfaced
 - Mohamed and staff are back on property maintaining and preparing courts, walkways, clubhouse, and patio for opening day, May 1
- Seeking quotes to restore the awning and resurface/fence the pickleball courts

Marina

- Water is on throughout the marina; ice machines are being connected this week
- All ice eaters have been removed; pressure washing and testing to follow
- Docks are being monitored for repair and cleared of debris

Clubhouse

- Post-banquet cleanup: hydroclean kitchen drain lines, dumpster area, mop catering hall
- One large window replaced in ballroom
- House and kosher kitchen oven hoods serviced
- New light fixtures installed in cart barn
- Water machine connected and installed outside golf shop

Image from behind the 6th green, captured April 20

