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RECREATION DEPARTMENT

August 12, 1980

Mr. James L. Sullivan
City Manager
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I have received copy of a complaint from Mr. Edward J. Murray against the Fresh Pond Golf Course which has been referred to the City Manager and the Recreation Commission for report.

His complaint was that the sprinklers are turned on when play is going on. I know that other Golf Courses have their sprays on while play is in progress, and the golfers (who play daily or very often) know that you can put a club into the spray to stop it from working when a golfer is ready to shoot.

With the extreme heat that we have had, it is necessary to keep the ground cool in the daytime, and so, it is watered in the early hours of the morning. Later on in the day, it is watered again, and then the evening takes care of it. It is not always feasible to spray in off-hours. Even though the weather has been so hot this summer, I know the course is in excellent condition.

I have spoken with the greenskeeper, and he feels that, if any complaints come in (where the course is in such good condition), it is done in harrassment. According to him and many, many golfers at this course, it is in better shape this year in July than in any of the past years because of the fertilizing, feeding, watering, etc., that the greenskeeper and his men have

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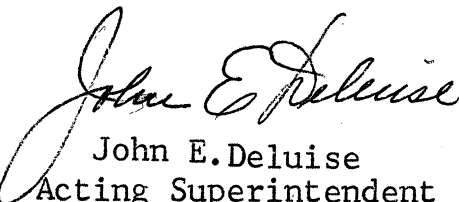
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been doing. You can also judge from the deposits that we have been sending to the Treasurer's Office that this has been a very good year. The members, both Resident and Non-resident, the daily and week-end players, the women golfers who play on Thursday, are all in agreement that the Course is in excellent condition this year.

In checking our records, Mr. Murray is not a Resident member or a Non-resident member; he may play daily for a fee of \$4.00 - which is a lower rate in comparison to other courses.

I hope this explanation is satisfactory.

Very truly yours,


John E. Deluise
Acting Superintendent
of Recreation

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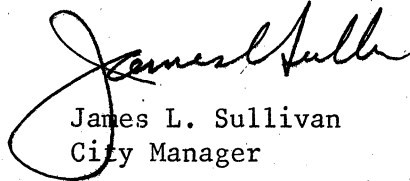
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

September 22, 1980

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With respect to Awaiting Report Item No. 23 relative to a complaint against the Fresh Pond Golf Course, enclosed please find copy of a report from John E. Deluise, Acting Superintendent of Recreation.

Very truly yours,



James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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Awaiting Report Item No. 23 relative to a
complaint against the Fresh Pond Golf
Course.

In City Council,

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