

**MINUTES OF THE GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE
OF THE CITY OF ROWLETT, TEXAS
HELD AT
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street, Rowlett, TX
April 1, 2008 - 8:00 AM**

PRESENT: Larry Glick, Brad Marshall, Ronnie Howell, Vincent Leal, Geoffrey Nichols, Steven Ritchey (Alternate), C.J. Brock (Alternate)

STAFF: Brady Houk, General Manager of Waterview Golf Course; Michael Keane, Waterview Golf Course Superintendent, Katie Corder, Staff Liaison; Tim Hightshoe, Parks Division Manager; Heath Olinger, Recreation Division Manager; Dianne Zachary, Sr. Administrative Assistant

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 8:03 AM.
2. A quorum was present.
3. Minutes from the February and March meetings were discussed and the following motions were made:
 - a. A motion was made by Brad Marshall and seconded by Geoff Nichols to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2008 meeting as presented. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.
 - b. A motion was made by Ronnie Howell and seconded by Brad Marshall to approve the minutes of March 4th with the following changes:
 - (1) #5, second paragraph, third line: "change to American Golf" to "change for American Golf"
 - (2) Section 9, second paragraph, should be "Bradly", not "Brad"
 - (3) Second page, item 6, add a period.
 - (4) Mr. Ritchey was not present.
4. Discussed golf course conditions.

Katie Corder introduced Tim Hightshoe, Parks Division Manager and Heath Olinger, Recreation Division Manager. Tim Hightshoe will be the liaison between the Golf Advisory Committee and the City. They gave a brief summary of their history with the Parks Department.

Michael Keane reported the course is beginning to become greener. Aerification of greens and grooming are taking place as well as staffing increases. His fairway strategy this year will be solid tining which increases turf quality. Johnson Construction plans to begin sprigging again at the end of May or the first of June. Fertilizing will take place in the next few weeks.

5. Discussed cleanup of retention ponds.

Brad Marshall reported the HOA contractor is about 2/3 finished on Pond #11 and new tee box using the dirt from Pond #11. The pond of Hole 14 may not be redone at this time due to lack of funds in the HOA. The City matching fund is non-existent.

Larry Glick asked if American Golf will maintain the ponds now that the HOA has cleaned them out. Michael Keane can keep the willows down with regular maintenance. He suggested placing "bubblers" in the ponds to keep them healthier.

C. J. Brock suggested a set of standards be set up with American Gold to be sure they are maintaining the ponds. Vincent Leal suggested an addendum to the contract for this purpose. Geoff Nichols stated the city was at fault for not keeping track of the contractual responsibilities for American Golf.

Michael Keane assured the committee that to the best of his ability, his staff will maintain the ponds to prevent algae growth and cut the willows in the early stages to prevent encroachment in the ponds. He also mentioned that he has money for plant materials to help the look of the ponds.

Larry Glick asked Tim Hightshoe to look at the pond on Hole 14 to determine if it can be cleaned out in front of the tee. Bradly Houk suggested a long arm tractor that side cuts could clean it, and Tim will look into it.

Brad Marshall told the Committee a circulating pump was found in the bottom of the pond on Hole 11, and the electrical cord has been cut. The HOA will try to get it working again. A 14' path was created during the work on the pond on Hole 11 between the pond and the homeowners' properties.

Vincent Leal shared his concern the new Tee Box may "slide", and Bradly Houk offered to have John Peters, the engineer on the project, come by to consider the possible problem. He thinks turf should control erosion. C. J. Brock asked if sod is available to place on the tee, and Michael agreed to use sod there.

6. Staff updates on golf course improvements.

Mr. Glick explained that the Committee had a commitment from Jim Browne for the City to help clean Pond's # 11 & 14. The Committee has tried multiple times to have the City follow through with its promise since Mr. Browne left the City, but each time the City Manager and the Assistant City Manager have come back and said, "No." The work is now getting done on #11 because of private resources. Mr. Glick asked that Tim Hightshoe look at #14 to see if we can now get it cleaned by the City.

Katie Corder remarked that she has a commitment from the Public Works Director that we can do Pond #14 next winter, but we can take a look and see if that is something another crew could do sooner. If not we can definitely take care of it next winter.

Mr. Glick disagreed that their word would be kept since they made a promise a year ago and did not keep that promise. He asked Tim Hightshoe to take a look at Pond #14.

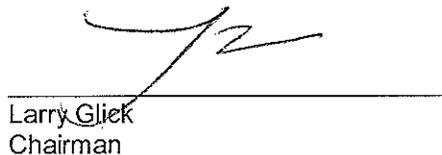
7. Discussed new bunkers on Hole #2. (Larry Glick) Tabled
8. Discussed the status of contract work in progress on the back nine.. (Larry Glick)
Bradly Houk informed the Committee there are three problem areas they will address to the contractor due to the rain last week. They took pictures and sent to American Golf's legal department. They closed down for almost 10 days due to heavy flooding, but they will check with the contractors to be sure the flooding occurred because of the rains, and not construction problems.
9. Discussed articles regarding Waterview Golf Course that appeared in Avid Golfer. (C J Brock)

The publisher of *Avid Golfer* should be told that Waterview is a city-owned, public golf course for a truer evaluation against other city-owned courses. This item is tabled until next month.

10. Members to discuss recent golf outings at any U. S. Open golf courses. (Larry Glick)
Geoff Nichols reported on his recent trip to play at Tory Pines where the U. S. Open will be played. He said Waterview actually looks better than Tory Pines, but the view is better there. The fee for the North Course for locals was \$42.00 and carts were \$48.00. T-boxes and ball washers were in bad shape on this part of the course.
11. Members of the board may request topics for future agenda meetings. No member of the board or commission may discuss any of the requested subjects until such matter has been properly placed on a posted agenda.
 - a. Bradly Houk will give the committee a blank SUV form and score sheet at the next meeting for information purposes.
 - b. Discuss articles regarding Waterview Golf Course that appeared in Avid Golfer. (C J Brock)
 - c. Bradly Houk will bring results of his research on resident vs. non-resident rates as requested by C. J. Brock.
 - d. Discuss comments from residents regarding cart shortage at Waterview. (C. J. Brock)

12. Adjournment was at 9:10 a.m.


Dianne Zachary
Sr. Administrative Assistant


Larry Glick
Chairman