



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, February 5th, 2013 * 8:00 a.m.
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett TX 75088

PRESENT: Larry Glick, Brad Marshall, Barbara Holst, Geoffrey Nichols, Vincent Leal, Jerry Daniels, Brent Dorenbecker

ABSENT: Charles Alexander

STAFF: Dan Haag, Waterview General Manager; Shelly Monroe, Dept. Administrative Assistant; Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation; Brian Funderburk, Assistant City Manager.

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m.
2. Quorum is present.
3. Brad M. made a motion to approve the January minutes after two noted changes and Geoffrey N. seconded the motion. Approved 4 – 0.
4. Discuss condition and overall rating of courses played other than Waterview.
 - a. Brent D. shared he played at Watters Creek and he liked the new layout of the course. Overall the experience was great. He played at Plantation Golf Course but it rained so not much to comment. He played at Thorn Creek and greens are in good shape.
 - b. Jerry D. played at Pecan Hollow and Firewheel Golf Park Lakes Course. The greens were good at Firewheel.
5. Discuss golf conditions.
 - a. Brent D. commented that some of the yardage markers are broken. He shared that it was brought to his attention that most of the holes are straight shots except for hole #18 but those who played golf with him had positive comments about the course.
 - b. Barbara H. stated that she thought things were in good shape although there were a couple dead patches but is to be expected.
 - c. Geoffrey N. voiced he thought the greens were great although the appearance of the greens were not but he keeps in mind it is also winter and expected.
 - d. Vince L. expressed concern of pedestrian traffic (mostly youth during the hours of 2:30pm – 3:30pm) cutting through on the course and fairway. Geoffrey N. asked if a notation could be made in the HOA newsletter and Brad M. responded this is done periodically.
6. Discuss status of recommendations to City Council including: Lake on #2, enclosure of pavilion, new trees, and reconfiguration of Hole 18 tee.



- a. Brian F. had conversation with Dan H. and Waterview recommends using McCarthy Architecture for the pavilion project therefore the city will be looking at this closer. He will get with the Purchasing Department to see about proceeding which may mean in about 2 weeks. Dan H. stated that the first window frame to begin on the pavilion has passed and the second window is from mid July through August.
- b. Brian F. voiced that the project of the trees can move forward. Larry G. mentioned the cost of the trees are priced about \$50,000. Larry G. will contact Josh Peters and will flag trees.
- c. Brian F. stated he spoke with Josh Peters about the lake project. Mr. Peters expressed concern of not being able to see the lake until a player is at the hole so he would like the lake to be larger. If this feature is added it would require some additional work. Brian will spend some time speaking with American Golf and Mr. Peters. He needs to obtain more information before proceeding on this project.
- d. Reconfiguration of hole #18: Brad M. shared in the idea, after he spoke with Scott Peck and Josh Peters, to lower the retaining wall to about 4ft and slope the tee boxes toward the lake. The wall could be ready rock material which is easy to install. Scott Peck is providing the numbers and looks like it would be about \$65,000 which includes re-sculpting the tee areas. Brian F. said the budget approved for this is only \$8,000. Dan H. commented that they will use material (prefab concrete) then will re-orient the tee which will not affect the cart paths. Larry G. stated the options are to hold off on using the allocated monies for this project until next year or go ahead and re-align the tee boxes. Dan H. feels the trees will help as well as re-aligning the tee boxes. Dan H. and Brad M. concurred that in regards to the wall there is now a quote for future reference.

7. Review contract between City of Rowlett and American Golf.

- a. Brian F. will send an electronic copy of the contract to members since it is so long. Basically the contract is a long term lease for thirty years (yr 2029) with a ten year option (yr 2039). Discussed it being a true turnkey project, bonds that paid for the construction, criteria for standards (exhibit F in the contract), etc. He shared that American Golf submits an annual report to the city.
- b. Larry G. asked who decides on the option of the extra ten years. Brian F. responded it is joint between the city and American Golf.

8. Discussion drainage issues on the left side of hole #10

- a. Jermel S. has not received information from Public Works on this issue. Jermel S. said he will request the information, will send it out and can be discussed at the next meeting.
- b. Brad M. questioned the funding and thought 50% would be from the golf fund and 50% from the drainage funds. Brian F. stated the drainage fund will not have enough money due to other projects now and if the drainage issue is on the golf course then the drainage fund cannot be used unless it is on the city side. Brad M. suggested a cost should still be obtained to fix the drainage issue.

9. Discuss changing/refurbishing monument signs on golf course.

- a. Larry G. mentioned he found an individual to go out within the next two weeks to look at the signs. Larry G. will contact Dan H. when a date/time is scheduled.



- b. Dan H. said he had a person go out to look at the signs and waiting on a cost quote but he would like a second quote too.
10. Discuss upcoming high school district playoffs at Waterview.
 - a. Dan H. shared the exciting concept of having junior tournaments. It gives the message that we are family friendly. Four or Five districts will be involved with the 3 high school tournaments in February then there will be 4 preview tournaments in March. Probably about 120 players per day along with spectators. Dan H. shared there is a new website waterviewgc.com.
 - b. Geoffrey N. asked if City of Rowlett is interested in promoting this event. Brian F. responded this would be a possibility except for the fact in regards to advertising planned in advanced therefore there is not adequate time to set this up. He suggested Parks and Recreation may be able to assist. Geoffrey N. was asked if information could be placed on the Waterview website. Jermel S. said he will obtain the detailed information from Dan H. to assist with advertisement for the events.
11. Review 2012 Waterview rounds played with a comparison to prior years - Dan H. said there were over 40,000 rounds and it is up 12% from the previous year.
12. Discuss the recent approval of subdivisions in the vicinity of Waterview Golf Course.
 - a. Brad M. asked if the property development north of Muddy Creek has been approved.
 - b. Brian F. said it has not been approved to his knowledge. Brad M. expressed concern about the access to the golf course from Princeton Road being blocked. Jermel S. voiced he will speak with Erin Jones about possibly speaking at a future board meeting.
13. Discuss having GAB members play Waterview in 2 foursomes - Larry G. asked if members would be interested in gathering for this. Members were in favor. Larry G. will send out some possible dates to see if the majority of members will be able to participate.
14. Public Announcement. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events. No member of the board or commission may discuss nor take any action with regard to the announcements.
 - a. Larry G. mentioned the Garland School Board made a decision yesterday that affects public education in regards to funding. If interested you may want to review information and/or follow the news story.
15. 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.
16. Adjournment was at 9:10 am.

Larry Glick, Chairman

Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks & Recreation