



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, July 23rd, 2013 ~ 8:00 am
Waterview Golf Course Club House
9509 Waterview Parkway, Rowlett TX 75089

PRESENT: Brad Marshall, Barbara Holst, Geoffrey Nichols, Charles Alexander, Brent Dorenbecker, Vincent Leal, Larry Glick

ABSENT: Jerry Daniels

STAFF: Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation; Don Tennant, Waterview Superintendent; Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreations Sr. Administrative Assistant, Dan Haag, General Manager of the Tribute Golf Course

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m.
2. Quorum is present.
3. Geoffrey N. made a motion to approve the June 4, 2013 minutes with three changes and Brad M. seconded the motion. Approved 5 – 0.
4. Review and make recommendations on the plans for the enclosure of the pavilion. Kelly McCarthy with McCarthy Architecture was present.
 - a. All members moved outside for viewing of the pavilion while Kelly M. described the outlay of the plans.
 - b. Kelly M. voiced the goal is to utilize the pavilion with great frequency whether this be for golf tournament activities or outside events. The main focus is phase one which involves enclosing the pavilion, drop the ceiling with added lighting, add air condition, put in a bay of windows between columns where the outer door is projected to be. The windows will come about 2ft from the floor. Phase 2 is expanding the walk way to open up the present room for more dining. Phase 3 is an outdoor patio area with shading and possibly a fire pit. Considering the patio to be approximately 1100-1200 sq. ft. with a steel trellis. Moving forward from one phase to another depends on the budget.
 - c. Brad M. inquired about storage area for tables and chairs to accommodate catering needs, etc. Dan H. stated there is some storage across the way in another building. This led to discussions of how to open up the walk way and look at possible extra storage room.
 - d. Members returned inside to review the draft plans. Question, answers, and ideas continued for better understanding of the design plans. Pavilion area can accommodate approximately 10 round tables and/or about 125 people.
 - e. Larry G. asked Brian F. what the next step is. Brian F. would like a recommendation from members. This recommendation will be brought to City Council but he believes a cost estimate is needed prior to presenting to the council. Kelly M. does not have an estimated cost yet but will work on obtaining one.



- f. Brad M. made a motion to accept the plan as is and wait for the construction cost report. Vincent L. seconded the motion. Approved 5 – 0.
5. Review and make recommendations on the plans for the lake on #2. A conference call was held with Steve Wolfard of Weibring-Wolfard Design to discuss their two designs. Steve W. reviewed the plans with members. He mentioned that \$35,000 is allowed for this project and this cannot be built within this budgeted amount.
- a. Steve W. expressed concerns of influence the water will have on the right side next to residential property. There is 175 feet between the two and he doesn't have a good comfort level about the set up. Brian F. clarified that it is about the approach to the green rather than about the tee off so he is not clear this is the same level of danger. Several members nodded in agreement. Brad M. reminded that there are several trees on the right side to offer some protection and continued that it is meant to be a "thinking" hole.
 - b. Steve W. shared he is not comfortable with people playing golf between the lake and the houses. Vincent L. confirmed the distance between the property fence line and the center of the fairway is 175 ft. Don T. asked if there is a problem with the lake going on the right side but Larry G. reminded there is a slope on the right side so there really is not enough room.
 - c. The differences between the two designs were discussed and it was decided the elevation difference between the two lakes is not significant enough to go with the option of a second lake. Brad M. asked about placing a fountain in the single lake and if this would help the view but Steve W. shared he is not fond of fountains because it isn't a natural look. Steve W. suggests placing flags to visually see the layout of the lake. Larry G. said we can schedule this for the September meeting since there is no meeting in August. Brian F. questioned if more trees were planted on the right side would this help. Larry G. answered with a yes.
 - d. Geoffrey N. commented several years ago it was discussed about putting a bunker in to help sway golfers to hit towards the left.
 - e. Larry G. is pleased with the size of the lake and theoretically we believe it will work. Dan H. stated if you have a still lake then we will need to look at the maintenance of this because due to no water circulating.
6. Golf Course Conditions
- a. Vince L. shared his observations of the following: #1 pond has large amount of algae and pumps were not working on Sunday; #2 tree roots exposed on left side of cart path about 50 yards from tee box; #3 cart path is broken; most of the holes except for #17 the sand in traps is heavy and standing water in holes #3 and #4. Vince L. added #12 is parched; #13 has much fungus; there are dead trees at #5, #7, #16, and #18; #11 pump is not working; #15 on left side looks neglected with weeds, dry, rough patches, and dead tree; #17 cart path has broken concrete; and on #18 the wall has separated and it appears there are exposed nails. He does feel this is a safety issue.
 - b. Don T. shared the pump at #11 is on a timer but thought it was working but on #14 there is no pump. He continued with there is a company that deals with the pumps and it has been a slow process for the repairs and this company presently has that pump to work on it. Don T. said there are a couple bunkers that drain slow and need sand. He acknowledged on #13 and some on #12 the low was holding water and it was cooking the grass and on #13 there is some poa but greens are good.
 - c. Brad M. informed that for this time of year the greens are incredibly firm, in great shape, and putt well. He asked if tickling on the greens has been done. Don T. put some pipes to help



the greens breathe which for a couple days the greens will be soft. Brad M. added that it looks like much emphasis has been placed on the 50 yards up to the greens. Don T. believes it just has to do with mowing height.

7. Discuss condition and overall rating of courses played other than Waterview, with emphasis on favorable and unfavorable comparisons to Waterview
 - a. Barbara H. played at Tribute twice and it was in excellent condition. She played at Pecan Hollow and it was in good condition, as well as River Chase in Coppell which was in really good condition. Barbara H. played at Firewheel old course and the fairways were lush in which she has never seen this before at this course therefore enjoyed it this time.
 - b. Brent D. played at Woodbridge which he was surprised that the greens were slow. Greens were slower than the greens at Waterview. Fairways were in good condition but sand was inconsistent. He played at Plantation Golf Club in Frisco and describes the course as mediocre yet the greens were slow.

8. Continue discussion of next year's fiscal golf projects status: Lake on #2, enclosure of pavilion, new trees, and reconfiguration of Hole 18 tee.

Brian F. informed members that the rates have dropped which is good so there may be more than \$200,000 rather than \$180,000 by August 15th. With the information received today on the projects this will be helpful. Larry G. said we will at least obtain the phase 1 cost for the enclosed pavilion. Brian F. will follow up with Steven W. about being present for September's meeting.

9. Review the first annual GAB invitational golf tournament.

All members mentioned they had a good time. Larry G. confirmed with members that the format was good therefore the same format will likely be used for next year. Dan H. did bring the prizes for members.

10. Discuss applications for board membership which are now online on city website.

Larry G. asked if all members needing to apply have completed a new application. Various members nodded heads indicating yes.

11. Review GAB participation in the 4th Annual Boards and Commission Fair on July 25th.
 - a. Brad M., Vince L, Barbara H., and Larry G. verified they will be present.
 - b. Each will bring items for tables such as score cards, books, and Waterview membership information.

12. Discuss exhibit F of the American Golf contract.
 - a. Larry G. reminded members this contract is the classification of a Gold standard so the course is supposed to be in near tournament condition.
 - b. Geoffrey N. stated when reporting issues during these meetings information should be compiled in relation to the standards in this contract.
 - c. Brian F. asked Dan H. if he has reviewed with Waterview staff about the gold standard contract. Dan H. responded that the standards are similar to the AGC guidelines and those guidelines are incorporated. Man Power Studies are done each week with staff. Brian F. advised that Don T. needs to be provided with a copy of exhibit F.



- d. Don T. feels he is close to the gold standard even though he was not clear about the course being a gold standard. He continued in sharing he has six men working 5:00am – 2:00pm and he has two part-time weekend help. Brian F. asked if he could contract out when short-handed with staff but Don T. said he only has 1 full time position open and does not think it is necessary at this time. There is a big focus on the weeds on holes #15 and #16.
13. Discuss US Open at Merion, David Graham and George Burns. Larry G. shared a story about him playing in an amateur golf tournament in college in which he played the semi-finals against George Burns. George B. won the tournament and since then he has won four pro-tournaments. The Marion Open was in 1981 in which George B. played and lost to David Graham. David G. helped design Waterview Golf Course.
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.
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.
- a. Brad M. would like to discuss the re-design of the driving range.
 - b. Vince L. wants to make a recommendation to develop visible signage in regards to golfers being responsible for damage to home owner's property.
16. Adjournment was at 9:33 a.m.

Larry Glick, Chairman

Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks & Recreation