



## **GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

**Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 ~ 8:00 am  
City Hall Conference Room  
4000 Main Street, Rowlett TX 75088**

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**PRESENT:** Brad Marshall, Barbara Holst, Geoffrey Nichols, Charles Alexander, Larry Glick, Jerry Daniels, Michael Daffin, Brent Dorenbecker, and Vincent Leal

**ABSENT:**

**VISITORS:**

**STAFF:** Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation; Don Tennant, Waterview Superintendent; Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant, Owen Northrup, Assistant General Manager of Waterview Golf Course; Debby Bobbitt, City Council Liaison.

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1. The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m.
2. Quorum present.
3. Discuss and consider approving the minutes from November 5, 2013 and the December 3, 2013 meetings.
  - a. Brad Marshall made a motion to accept the amended minutes for November 5, 2013 to include Debby Bobbitt's name to the staff list who attended that meeting. Geoffrey Nichols seconded the motion. Approved 5 – 0.
  - b. Geoffrey N. motioned to accept the December 3, 2013 minutes. Brad M. seconded the motion. Approved 5 – 0.
4. Discuss the status of plans regarding the design of the lake on hole #2.
  - a. Larry Glick informed members there is no progress at this time. He provided Brian Funderburk the prices from Scott Peck's design. Larry G. believes the city is waiting on the final cost of the pavilion.
  - b. Vincent Leal voiced concern regarding the high cost of \$88,000 for the pond. Michael Daffin reminded that this price also includes the pumps and bridge. Larry G. responded he doesn't disagree and other contractors can be searched but the process may be slower because another contractor will not be as familiar with the course.
5. Larry G. requested to delay the discussion of golf course conditions until Don Tennant arrives. All present agreed. Review and recommend plans for the redesign of the tournament pavilion.
  - a. Jermel Stevenson shared that the civil engineer piece that is needed should be ready by the end of this week.
  - b. Geoffrey N. asked if a special meeting will be needed. Larry G. noted once Brian F. has the information needed it still has to be brought to City Council and this process could take a month. He continued saying that although a special meeting is possible it is not probable.
  - c. Jermel S. said when Brian F. returns he will get with him to follow up on the status of this.



6. Discuss condition and overall rating of courses played other than Waterview, with emphasis on favorable and unfavorable comparisons to Waterview.
  - a. Barbara Holst played at Frisco Lakes and described the greens as being good. She liked the layout of the course such as the differences in elevations and enough water that it made playing interesting.
  - b. Jerry Daniels played at Pecan Hollow and described the greens as a little fast. He mentioned that Eastern Hills is trying to get their chapter 11 changed to chapter 7.
7. Discuss and recommend plans for drainage on the side of hole #10.
  - a. Larry G. reminded that this recommendation is on hold until all the numbers for the pavilion are received.
8. Discuss and recommend plans for wall replacement on #18, between City and HOA.
  - a. Larry G. reported he had more discussions with Josh Peters and decided it was better to allow Brad M. to speak with Josh P. about the project and the cost. Brad M. commented he had been out of town so he has not spoken with him.
  - b. Vincent L. asked if this board should be looking to solicit other firms. Brad M. replied that Craig Kniffien, American Golf, utilizes this contractor for their work. Geoffrey N. agrees another vendor could be considered. Don T. shared that he had a recent conversation with Josh P. and his interpretation is that the scope of the project and the type of materials require an engineer to be involved. Larry G. described that it was comfortable to use this contractor because of the quote provided as well as Craig K.'s approval but multiple bids may need to be obtained.
  - c. Larry G. asked if any members are aware of any other construction businesses for golf that may be contacted. Brad M. suggested asking Al Wilkinson with Rowlett HOA. Larry G. asked Owen N. if he can also look into other possible contractors.
9. Discuss golf course conditions.
  - a. Don T. mentioned they share equipment with Buffalo Creek so the clean up after the ice storm has been a little slow but they are at the last two holes for damage repair. The bunker machine has not been functioning therefore staff have been hand raking bunkers. He continued that the greens are looking good.
  - b. Larry G. recalled at the last meeting the possibility of the water supply being switched to Texas Municipal Water was mentioned. He asked if this happened. Don T. and Jermel S. both replied "No".
  - c. Jerry D. brought up the fact that there was water over the retaining wall. Brad M. explained about the drainage issue and suggested at some point a different mesh be placed on the drain.
  - d. Larry G. revealed that Don T. has been shaving areas around numerous holes and he thinks this is a wonderful idea. He notices a difference on #4. Don. T. said he plans to do this with more areas such as the back of #5 and on the right of #7. Jerry D. voiced he notices a difference on #12.
  - e. Brad M. handed out a design focused on hole #2 to make it more interesting but not as expensive as the lake project. Brad M. further explained he had a discussion with Dru B. to find out that Dru B. and Owen N. came up with an idea for hole #2. Members discussed aspects of the design.
10. Discuss strategic plan.



- a. Larry G. advised members to begin discussing a new project list even though present projects are not complete yet.
  - b. Geoffrey N. offered it was a good idea to discuss each hole and even consider the hole in the aspect of the numbers being switched around once the pavilion is completed.
  - c. No improvements needed for the following holes: 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14.
  - d. Hole #15: add one bunker and more trees on the left.
  - e. Hole #16: add a new tee box and make some elevation changes.
  - f. Hole #17: once the retaining wall is repaired at hole #18, the wall at this hole will need to be repaired.
  - g. Hole #18: retaining wall repairs and re-shape the tee box.
  - h. Hole #9: add a bunker but the location of this is undecided. This hole does not need to be made more difficult.
  - i. Hole #6: add a tee box
  - j. Hole #4: add a bunker
  - k. Hole #1: if this hole number is switched around then the project will need to be more focused on the driving range than the hole.
  - l. Brad M. reiterated concern about golfers starting at hole #10 if the numbers are switched around since it is a long hole. Barbara H. shared that since it is a wide open hole it helps that situation. Brent Dorenbecker is in favor of the number switching.
  - m. Brad M. advised it won't be long before the wall at #12 will need repairs too.
  - n. Larry G. offered the idea of the cart paths needing improvement even though it is an American Golf issue.
  - o. Don T. reminded that for the ruts he will begin planting sod to see if this will help fill in the ruts. He will begin with the two worst rut areas.
11. Discuss sending a letter to Fannie Tree Farm about the dead trees on golf course and one tree remains for planting.
- a. Since Dru Bolen, Waterview General Manager, is not present there is not confirmation if the letter has been sent.
12. Discuss Boards/Commission Volunteer Appreciation Banquet to be held January 16, 2014.  
Larry G. reminded members about the banquet and the start time is 6:30p.m. The location is in the Rowlett Community Centre on 5300 Main Street.
13. No public Announcements.
14. No topics for future agenda items were requested by members for the next meeting.
15. Barbara H. motioned to adjourn at 9:22 a.m. Brad M. seconded the motion. Approved 5 – 0.

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Larry Glick, Chairman

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Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks & Recreation