



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, April 1st, 2014 ~ 8:00 am
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street, Rowlett TX 75088

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

ABSENT: Charles Alexander

VISITORS:

STAFF: Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation; Brian Funderburk, City Manager; Don Tennant, Waterview Superintendent; Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreations Administrative Assistant; Dru Bolen, General Manager of Waterview Golf Course; Debby Bobbitt, City Council Liaison.

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m.
2. Quorum present.
3. Discuss and consider approving the minutes from the March 4, 2014 meeting.
Brad Marshall made a motion to approve the March 4, 2014 minutes as corrected. Geoffrey Nichols seconded the motion. Approved 5 – 0.
4. Update on the City Council work session regarding the enclosure of the tournament pavilion, design of the lake on hole #2, drainage on the side of hole #10, replacement of the retaining wall at #18, and five new bunkers throughout the golf course.
 - a. Brian Funderburk presented a brief overview of the work session. City Council is in consensus to move forward with the board's recommendations therefore items will be brought formally to the City Council soon.
 - b. B. Funderburk met with Craig Kniffen to discuss the different projects. C. Kniffen appears to be open to the projects but he would like a final design developed. C. Kniffen has contacted Josh Peters for this design even though a different contractor will complete the construction. A timeline will be established then shared with board members.
 - c. B. Funderburk met with C. Kniffen to discuss the ruts, cart paths, and sand traps. The rut repair work will begin on holes #1 and #2. Additional sand will be placed this month. Larry Glick asked if the differentiation between the rough and the fairway was discussed. B. Funderburk responded that it was not discussed but another meeting is scheduled next week in which he can address the topic.
 - d. A plan of action for these repairs will be provided to the City Manager. B. Funderburk added that when it comes time to discuss the location of the bunkers he will ask for representation from the board to be a part of this discussion.
 - e. L. Glick thanked members who attended the work session.



5. Continue the discussion of the strategic plan including new tee boxes on holes #6 and #16. Make recommendation.
 - a. L. Glick showed a packet that was distributed to City Council during the work session. The quote for the tee boxes to be completed is \$9,000.
 - b. Don Tennant suggested when these tee boxes are completed that a new variety of grass be used as a testing ground.
 - c. B. Marshall motioned to move forward with this project. G. Nichols seconded the motion. Approved 5 -0.
 - d. B. Funderburk will provide this recommendation to City Council. City Council will need to decide if this project will be added to the list of other projects that were presented during the work session.

6. Update from the City Manager on meetings held with American Golf.

B. Funderburk met with corporate staff of American Golf which included Jeff Perry, Regional Director. It was confirmed that American Golf was acquired by Fortress Investments. There was a conversation about the future of Waterview Golf Course and Fortress's role with this course. He will inform City Council of the conversation content at the meeting this evening.

7. Discuss upcoming high school tournaments and how to publicize them on the City website.
 - a. Dru Bolen mentioned the tournaments have already occurred and provided a brief overview.
 - b. A discussion was held on possible advertisement for such events.

8. Discuss golf course conditions.
 - a. D. Tennant reported aerification was recently completed on the course. He stated the bunkers are now better since their machine is fixed. He feels the course is in pretty good condition.
 - b. D. Tennant informed members the new sand has arrived but he is waiting on the machine that will be able to distribute the sand and he hopes to have most of it completed by the end of April.
 - c. D. Tennant shared the most cost effective way to repair the ruts is to place darker soil as a top dress, fertilize and plant Bermuda. The goal is to begin with holes #1 and #2 at the beginning of May.
 - d. D. Tennant stated he will provide the plan of action for the repairs to B. Funderburk.
 - e. D. Bolen voiced Fannin Tree Farm is supposed to come out this date to replace the dead trees.

9. 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 Ridgeview Ranch in which she was impressed with the greens. She played at Keaton Park and it was hard to putt on their greens but overall the condition of the course was fair. She played at Firewheel Bridges and the greens were as good as she has ever seen and the fairways were in pretty good condition. B. Holst walked the Mesquite Golf Course and expressed several positive comments about the changes to this course. She played at Woodbridge and described the greens as decent and having fun. She also played at Buffalo Creek and some greens were in poor shape.



- b. Jerry Daniels played at Watters Creek and described the course as in good shape but it was difficult to judge the speed of the greens.
 - c. Michael Daffin played at the old Firewheel Course and in his opinion the golf course was in poor condition. He played Firewheel Bridges in which the greens were outstanding and reported work is being done on cart paths.
 - d. Brent Dorenbecker played at Firewheel Bridges and he felt the course was in great condition.
10. Discuss absentee policy.
- a. L. Glick requested the attendance policy from the Boards and Commission Handbook be reviewed. The attendance policy covered is found in Section 3: Responsibilities of Boards and Commissions 3.1 and Section 6: Code of Ethics for Certain Officers Sec. 2-465.
 - b. Jermel Stevenson and B. Funderburk explained that it is at the discretion of the particular board and department as to the application of the provided guidelines regarding an excused absence versus unexcused absence.
 - c. L. Glick instructed Shelly Monroe to continue to track the attendance and if there becomes a concern it can be addressed at that time. If a member needs to miss a meeting L. Glick or S. Monroe should be notified.
11. Public Announcements.
- J. Stevenson reminded members the Lakeside Park clean-up day is Saturday, April 5, 2014. Volunteers are needed at 10:00 a.m. to help with planting and restoring the playground area. Food will be provided.
12. No topics for future agenda items requested by members for the next meeting.
13. Meeting adjourned at 8:59 a.m.



Larry Glick, Chairman



Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks & Recreation