



## GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

**Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 ~ 8:00 am**  
**Club House at Waterview Golf Course**  
**9509 Waterview Parkway, Rowlett TX 75088**

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

**ABSENT:**

**VISITORS:** Josh Peters, Vice President of Professional Golf Services, Craig Kniffen, Chief Maintenance Officer of American Golf

**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; Rick Sheffield, City Council Liaison

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1. The meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m.
2. Quorum present. Introductions of those present.
3. Discuss and consider approving the minutes from the June 3, 2014 meeting.  
Geoffrey Nichols made a motion to approve the June 3, 2014 minutes as corrected. Vince Leal seconded the motion. Approved 5 – 0.
4. Review tee box and bunker study by Josh Peters and make recommendations.
  - a. Josh Peters distributed copies of a design card and explained the information. He presented a summary of the findings of the study and these were reviewed. J. Peters also provided a map showing typical landing area of low handicap golfers and PGA "Tee It Forward" with suggested yardages based on drive distance. J. Peters concluded his presentation in saying that these are the different tools to utilize while considering the modifications for the golf course. J. Peters also suggested new tees be created for junior golfers since this is a recent trend in US and it appears to be beneficial. J. Peters apologized for the fact he was not aware the nines at Waterview had been reversed. Questions were asked and answers were provided.
  - b. Craig Kniffen mentioned there are some bunkers at holes 6, 14, 15, and 16 that are irrelevant to the play and expensive to maintain therefore he would like consideration to eliminate these in the future. C. Kniffen requested that further research be done on hole #16 in regards to the design parameters because of the proximity of the new tee to the green on #15.
  - c. Larry Glick began the discussion about the design for the lake at #2. C. Kniffen added that the design will need to go through all the specifications of an engineer for the scope of work. Brian Funderburk concurred. L. Glick provided a recap of steps taken to get to this point of the timeline and questioned why the need for an engineer hasn't been mentioned prior to today. C. Kniffen responded that with

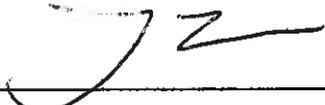


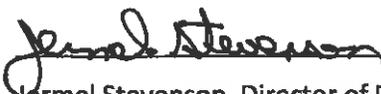
major projects such as the lake an engineer needs to provide certain information since the course is located in a neighborhood and make sure it is built properly. Brad Marshall asked if splitting the fairway would be an option. C. Kniffen said they would have to explore the idea. Dru Bolen and C. Kniffen said the lake project will need to be done in the winter. C. Kniffen voiced an engineer design will take approximately 4 - 5 weeks then bids will need to be posted. The next step for the lake project is to obtain a strong preliminary design that includes an architect and a civil engineer.

- d. Members agreed upon: holes #4 bunker addition; #6 tee addition; #9 one bunker addition on the back left and built into the existing mound; #10 bunker addition; #15 bunker addition; #16 tee addition. B. Holst made a motion to move forward with bunkers at holes 4, 9, 10 and 15 and with tees at holes 6 and 16. G. Nichols seconded the motion. Approved 5 – 0.
  - e. J. Peters asked if a price scope for these projects would be beneficial and the consensus was yes. C. Kniffen stated they will bid out the bunkers separately.
5. Update from the City Manager on the City Council work session and regular meeting on 7/01/14.
- a. B. Funderburk summarized what City Council approved regarding the restructuring of finances in relation to the proposal and debt bond. He mentioned that American Golf will remodel the kitchen area to match the update with the pavilion but the expansion of the dining area was removed from the plans.
  - b. B. Funderburk thanked L. Glick and B. Marshall for their time and assistance in providing input in preparation for the work session and meeting.
6. Update on the projected starting dates for 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, new tee boxes on holes #6 and #16.
- a. C. Kniffen shared that the development agreement should be signed this week therefore the next step is to contact the contractor in order to solidify cost and obtain a start date. Looking at mid-November as the start date.
  - b. B. Marshall requested there be coordination with him as the HOA representative in regards to the retaining wall at #18. C. Kniffen requested his contact information and said this can be done.
7. Water restrictions
- B. Funderburk explained he is waiting to see if this will be ongoing before sending a formal letter to Waterview Golf Course to present the restrictions but foresees this occurring within the next 1 to 2 weeks.
8. Discuss golf course conditions.
- L. Glick reminded that Waterview Golf Course is under the Gold Standard and this should be considered for all future maintenance such as fixing the ruts in the fairways, sand, cart path repairs, and the differentiation between the fairways and roughs.
9. Discuss condition and overall rating of courses played other than Waterview, with emphasis on favorable and unfavorable comparisons to Waterview.
- a. V. Leal played over 150 holes last week in Ohio.



- b. B. Holst played at FireWheel Bridges and nothing new to report. She played at Champion Circle in Fort Worth and mentioned some greens were in poor shape and some fairways were not so good. She played at Buffalo Creek in which the fairways were good but not the sand bunkers and the greens had been punched so she really couldn't play well. She played at Stone Creek Golf Club in Sherman and described liking the course.
10. Choose teams for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual GAB Golf Tournament on September 21, 2014.  
Members participated in a drawing to decide the teams. L. Glick suggested Brent Dorenbeck and Barbara Holst be the captains. Brent's team is V. Leal, M. Daffin, L. Glick and Barbara's team is C. Alexander, B. Marshall, G. Nichols; J. Daniels will play with Brent's team the first half of course and play with Barbara's team the remaining course.
11. Discuss cancellation of August meeting.  
B. Funderburk will bring back to City Council August 15<sup>th</sup> the recommendations. He can send information via email to members and at that point it can be decided if a special meeting is needed.
12. Annual Board and Commissions Volunteer Recruitment Fair July 24, 2014 at 7:00pm.  
Jermel Stevenson reminded members this is an opportunity to recruit new members and requested a couple volunteers to assist at the table for this board. A few members said they are available to be present.
13. The World Cup and golf in Brazil – a story from the Chairman.  
L. Glick shared information regarding his trip to Brazil and his observations and experience of golf in that area. He mentioned that golf is returning to the Olympics and will be held in Rio de Janeiro of Brazil. Golf hasn't been in the Olympics since 2004.
14. Public Announcements.
  - a. D. Bolen attended management training in California and was informed at that time there is a new CEO for American Golf. .
  - b. B. Funderburk announced there was a large turnout for the July 4<sup>th</sup> event and it was a great success. He shared the groundbreaking for the Homestead at Liberty Grove was held.
15. No topics for future agenda items requested by members for the next meeting.
16. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

  
Larry Glick, Chairman

  
Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks & Recreation