

**GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, March 1, 2016 ~ 8:00 am**  
**Waterview Golf Club**  
**9509 Waterview Parkway, Rowlett TX 75088**

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**PRESENT:** Jonathan Andron, Michael Daffin, Jerry Daniels, Brent Dorenbecker, Larry Glick, Barbara Holst, Guy Hunsaker, Brad Marshall, Becky Sebastian

**ABSENT:**

**STAFF:** Debby Bobbitt, City Council Liaison; Dru Bolen, General Manager Waterview Golf Course; Dan Boley, Regional Superintendent; Matthew Mays, Assistant General Manager Waterview Golf Course; Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Sr. Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Parks and Recreation Interim Director.

1. Larry Glick, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
2. Quorum present.
3. Consider action to approve February 2, 2016 minutes.
  - a. Brad Marshall motioned to approve.
  - b. Brent Dorenbecker seconded the motion.
  - c. Approved 5 - 0.
4. Housing subdivision next to Waterview - Brad Marshall.
  - a. Concerns were expressed in regards to a new subdivision being built and possible effects the construction may have on Old Princeton Road and access to the entrance of the golf course maintenance facility.
  - b. Angie Smith conveyed her findings from speaking with Marc Kurbansade, Director of Development Services, on the matter. His message is this development will not affect entry and exit to the maintenance shop and he is aware access is needed.
  - c. Another concern voiced is when the new multi-sport complex is built it appears from the drawings B. Marshall saw it looks like it is going to "T" shape into Princeton Road and when this is done it is difficult to understand how it will not affect access to Old Princeton Road.
  - d. L. Glick requested if city staff could be present at the next meeting with drawings to show members how the layout will happen and assure the road way access will not be blocked. He would like to be updated if the possibility of the second path of ingress/egress to Community Park is still an option or officially eliminated by Council.
5. The Open Carry Law and how it affects the golf course.
  - a. A. Smith consulted with the city attorney and informed members since we lease the course to American Golf they would be the entity to stipulate rules of no guns or not rather than City of Rowlett.
  - b. Dru Bolen consulted with American Golf's attorney on their policy. The policy reveals that for the safety of employees, patrons and guests, firearms are not permitted on Club premises. They will now post specific signage of this long standing policy at prominent entrances due to the new law as well as to continue to enforce the policy.

- c. Discussion of opinions and information sharing concluded that members of the GAB have varying opinions which may or may not be in accordance with the stance of American Golf.
6. Update on the status of the process for the new steps to the new tees.
    - a. A. Smith reported work on the project is complete and requested L. Glick to view the finished product. Sodding was not part of the contract for this project.
    - b. B. Marshall commented on feedback he received about the steps needing some contouring. City staff spoke with golfers playing course to obtain feedback and it was positive.
  7. Update on alternatives for water source.
    - a. A. Smith reported the Assistant City Manager continues to actively work with City of Dallas and he hopes to receive more information regarding by end of this week.
    - b. L. Glick noted his understanding is a letter was received by the City Manager from American Golf informing the City there is a concern regarding water sources for the upcoming summer and stating American Golf needs access to water to adequately care for the course.
  8. Signage for Waterview Golf Course - Dru Bolen
    - D. Bolen found a company to make granite signs and distributed a photo example of a sign. He explained there needs to be 6 sponsors/signs at a time for an order. Each sign is approximately \$1000 per year. For the first year the fee of approximately \$700 will cover the cost of the sign.
  9. Par 3 Master Plan - Brad Marshall
    - a. D. Bolen provided background on budgeting of a plan although there is not a detailed plan at this time.
    - b. B. Marshall covered information about the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole of the practice course and a safety issue of not being able to see a golfer playing first hole because of a hill. He added a Par 3 practice course should be for a person to work on scoring irons. He presented a proposed layout for a practice course and explained the drawing as well as possible expenses.
    - c. Brief discussion on practice course and playing the game. L. Glick encouraged members to really go out on course and look at this so members can provide feedback.
  10. Secure a date for the GAB 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament.
    - Decision made to schedule for late August or early September.
  11. Update on American' Golf's Waterview 2016 budget - Dru Bolen
    - No updates
  12. City Council joint meeting with Golf Advisory Board scheduled for May 17, 2016.
    - a. L. Glick encouraged all members to attend.
    - b. A. Smith explained points such as accomplishments, goals, board description and how does the board provide advisory services. Over the next two meetings members can work on presentation.
    - c. L. Glick requested members to think about upcoming projects or needs for the course and bring to the next meeting. Debby Bobbitt shared an idea of coordinating with Drew Rist of providing a brief and informative video for the presentation.

13. Discuss golf course conditions to include update on the ruts in the fairways, new sand for bunkers, and plans for the 12<sup>th</sup> green.
  - a. D. Bobbitt presented feedback she received from two golf players' experience playing at Waterview. Brief discussion.
  - b. D. Bolen announced Don Tennant is no longer employed with Waterview. Dan Boley currently Regional Superintendent and formally a Waterview Superintendent is actively seeking a replacement and hopes to have a replacement soon.
  - c. L. Glick summarized conditions reported in previous meetings about the course for D. Boley.
  - d. B. Marshall inquired if the city has a street roller and if there is one available can it be used to roll the ruts. A. Smith responded she will find out.
  - e. Barbara Holst described the greens as putting better now than at Firewheel which is different than she indicated last month.
  - f. B. Marshall mentioned the project done for 2<sup>nd</sup> hole drainage on left hand side of #1 and there was a spillway box on lake by #2 but when contractor installed the drainage box it wasn't installed correctly and it is floating in the lake. Due to this there is no spillway and it is supposed to be maintaining the level of the lake and it does not.
  
14. Discuss condition and overall rating of courses played other than Waterview, with emphasis on favorable and unfavorable comparisons to Waterview.
  - a. B. Dorenbecker visited and played other courses over the past month and felt there has been some improvement with the Waterview course as he indicated last month, although the bunkers can use some work.
  - b. Michael Daffin played the Old Brickyard Golf Course in Ferris and it was fun.
  - c. Jerry Daniels shared his experience at the Waste Management Phoenix Open in Arizona.
  
15. Public Announcements.
  - a. Becky Sebastian mentioned Rowlett's Easter Egg Hunt will be held March 19<sup>th</sup> and Pup-A-Palooza will be March 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. A. Smith added Scenic Point Park phase 1 is completed and as Terra Lago development is constructed the remainder of the trail will be built. Kids Kingdom had a final build day on February 20<sup>th</sup> and grading work is presently being done with hopes the surfacing will be done in early April. Two practice soccer fields are being added at Katy Railroad Park.
  - c. D. Bolen showed a picture of the new staff jersey's which will likely be worn on weekends.
  - d. D. Bolen mentioned Nicole Hage, Regional Tournament & Events Director, will still be employed by American Golf but she is moving to Atlanta. The local position will not be filled therefore D. Bolen and Matt Mayes will handle the tournaments and Chelsea, Waterview staff, to handle events. L. Glick noted concern of termination of this position since this helps to generate revenue which has been discussed as a need.
  
16. Any member may request topics for future agenda items for the next meeting.  
 Someone to explain further on the street layout plans in regards to the construction for the new volleyball complex and how it may effect access to Old Princeton Road.
17. Adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

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Larry Glick, Chairman

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Angela Smith, Parks and Recreation Interim Director