



**GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES  
CITY OF ROWLETT, TEXAS**

**Tuesday, December 1, 2009**

**City Hall Conference Room  
4000 Main Street**

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**PRESENT:** Larry Glick, Ronnie Howell, Vincent Leal, Steve Ritchey

**ABSENT:** Geoffrey Nichols, Brad Marshall, Mark Garcia

**STAFF:** Katie Corder, Assistant City Manager; Dan Haag, Waterview General Manager, Dan Boley, Waterview Superintendent; Dianne Zachary, Sr. Administrative Assistant

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1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.
2. Chairman Glick selected Steve Ritchey as a voting alternate.
3. The minutes of the November 3, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved following a motion by Ronnie Howell that was seconded by Steve Ritchey.
4. A discussion of golf course conditions included the following:

Dan Haag reported the fairways and native areas were sprayed with pre-emergent two weeks ago for cold weather weeds. Bermuda grass is going dormant. His staff re-seeded Par 3 tee boxes and the driving range. Mowing will be cut back to three times per week due to the colder weather. Waterview staff will double cut and double roll prior to the High School Tournaments in April 2010.

Katie reported that homeowners near Holes #13 and #14 have been complaining about with players not using the restrooms on the course. Dan Haag told one man identified that he would be banned from the course if it happens again. American Golf has agreed to post signs in the area notifying players of the actions that can occur for urination on the course.

Staff will do shaving on the front left side of #14 in the spring.
5. Discuss flooding issue on Par 3 course.

Dan Boley explained the blockage is in a long run from #2 green to behind the #3 green, and they would have to use a camera to find the entire blockage. It is useable now after pumping out water.
6. Update on the marking of sprinkler heads and placing of boundary and hazard stakes.

Dan Haag has been talking to two companies about definitely doing boundaries, and the front nine should be done by January and back nine in March. They will be marking boundaries and will put white stakes made of PVC pipe with caps on as markers. They will mark the course with the team coaches prior to tournaments. This will make the course look better too.



7. Regarding the cleanup of retention ponds, Dan Haag is awaiting closure of the other project before beginning the remainder of the cleanup of ponds #6 & #7. Homeowners that back up to #6 & #7 have complained about the fishing in those ponds. "No Fishing" signs have been placed on #6.

8. Discuss condition and overall rating of courses played other than Waterview.

Steve Ritchey played Eastern Hills and reported the greens were very nice; fairways were okay with no browning.

Dan Haag informed the board the North Texas Seniors will have tournaments in January and February at Waterview. They like the course.

Ronnie Howell used a divot repair tool at an Oklahoma University course and brought a sample to show the board. Use of the divot promotes better healing for ball marks and advertises the course as well. Dan Haag has signs in the Waterview Pro shop explaining how to correctly repair divots. He has talked with his superiors about using divots like the one Ronnie brought to the meeting, and local businesses here have noted interest in supplying them.

9. Update on dead trees on the golf course to be replaced by Fannin Tree Farm and new tree plantings during the winter.

Larry Glick met with Brian Jeffries from Fannin Tree Farm at Waterview. Brian has been assigned to golf courses only due to an increase in Fannin's business in that area. He and Larry marked trees that needed replacing. 7" caliper red oaks will be planted according to the tree plan.

Larry wants to get with staff who know where irrigation is located so the trees can be planted where they are now. They will fix the right side of #15 tree that is still alive but needs straightening.

Mistletoe will kill the trees if not removed. Waterview will purchase the one piece of equipment needed to remove the mistletoe, and Larry volunteered to cut it out of the trees.

10. Review of *Avid Golfer* magazine rating of public courses in the November 2009 Edition, Pages 52-53.

The snack area rating needs improvement, and Dan Haag would like to simplify the menu for a restaurant style area in hopes of improving that rating. Dan indicated his goal for next year is to be in the top 20 courses. These rating were done in March and April 2009 before the course was in such great shape.

Waterview is a neighborhood course, but is well-designed with some drainage issues. Mr. Glick suggested it is a 10 year old course and no changes have been made to significantly change the golf course. A new sand trap on #2 and a tee box on #11 could help change the course. New tees on #10 & #16 would dramatically change the course.

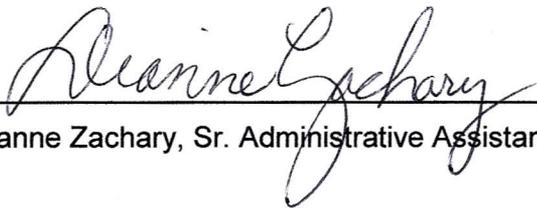
Dan Haag will invite the *Avid Golfer* folks to come out to help their perception. He will also have *Golf Digest* representatives rate our course through his connections to get another perspective.

Ronnie suggested that accessibility is an issue, and we should be able to pick up another 4 points when Highway 190 is completed.

Vincent suggested only comparing Waterview with other municipal courses.



11. After some discussion, it was decided that January's Golf Board meeting will be held as scheduled on January 5<sup>th</sup>.
12. 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 taken any action with regard to the announcements.
  - a. Tim Hightshoe, Parks Division Manager, is retiring December 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - b. An announcement of the new PARD Director should be made this week.
13. 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. Long term plan for Golf Course – Vince
  - b. Discuss the Avid Golfer list again.
14. Adjournment was at 9:05 am.

  
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Dianne Zachary, Sr. Administrative Assistant

  
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Larry Glick, Chairman