



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

**Tuesday, February 7th, 2012 * 8:00 a.m.
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75089**

PRESENT: Larry Glick, Brad Marshall, Geoffrey Nichols, Barbara Holst, Eric Hatch, Mark Garcia

ABSENT: Vincent Leal

STAFF: Brian Funderburk, Assistant City Manager, Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation, Sebrena Smith, Sr. Administrative Assistant, Parks and Recreation, Dan Boley, Waterview Superintendent

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m.
2. Eric and Mark will be regular voting members.
3. Geoffrey motioned to approve minutes with requested changes from January 3rd, 2012. Brad M. seconded motion, 5-0 in favor.
4. Discussion on golf course conditions, including updates on Lake Ray Hubbard and City of Rowlett water sources.
 - a. Larry informed the board about the recent cutting of the trees on the course and that he is very unhappy with the way these trees have been cut and has asked that Dan B. share what the reasoning was behind the decision to cut the trees back so drastically. Work has stopped at # 13 at this point.
 - b. Brad has noticed maintenance crew out doing a few things at the course such as cutting back the trees; putting in french drains in areas where it's been wet in the past; and there has been other work on drainage. The condition of the course per comments from others; the course is in good shape and it's playing very well. Brad shared that the view from the back of the club house is great.
 - c. Mark shared that the course is playing well, and that he noticed the trees and how this has opened up the course, especially at # 13. Mark believes this was needed for the health of the green in the future. Fans can only do so much for the greens. The course itself in comparison to others, it's really great. Greens are rolling great, and it's in phenomenal shape.
 - d. Brian gave an update on water sources. On Jan 24th & 25th we had a lot of rain and it brought Lake Lavon up and it's only down 6ft. At our last board meeting the district agreed to stay in stage 3, they were waiting to see what their January numbers were. They will have another customer-member meeting at the end of February. We are in much better shape now; but this situation is so fluid, if we don't have any better data, sometimes in late April or May City Council will have to act and implement a surcharge for water we can't sell. If



we over collect then it will be rebated back but we cannot afford to go bankrupt. There are a lot of issues going on with this right now, and we are not out of trouble yet. We need a long term solution such as a new pipeline to the treatment plant itself because of the zebra mussels. They cause millions of dollars worth of damage. The best thing that can happen to us is that we go stage 2 this summer. Larry asked about Lake Ray Hubbard water and if there are any restrictions. Brian stated that Lake Ray Hubbard water at this time has no restrictions.

- e. Brad shared about research he has done on retaining walls and has concluded that what was done on # 11 was a very expensive way to do it. If we apply the same technique to the wall at # 18 for the tee boxes we would spend \$200,000 to \$250,000. There is a product that the City now has gotten a quote for, on their Merritt Road project. This is concrete stack stones that have a stone look to them. They are very appropriate for building this wall. It would be around \$100,000 instead of the \$200,000 to \$250,000.

5. Status of recommendations to City Council and possible changes:


- a. This is on the agenda for tonight with council. Brian stated that he met with Craig K., Dan B., and Dan H. The city has concerns about adding the additional pond and adding other devices that would take water, granted at the time of the meeting we were concerned we couldn't pull water from Lake Ray Hubbard. We recommended against any projects that would take water. In addition, Craig stated he didn't want to add addition projects that would add staff time and money. He believes the pond would take more man hours and the additional bunkers would take more sand.
- b. Brian stated that American Golf is fine with items 1 and 2, which is the fountain and Bent Grass nursery. They are opposed to items 3, 4, and 5, which would be the additional pond on # 2 fairway, additional bunker on the green at hole # 8, and additional bunker on fairway at hole #18.
- c. Brian shared that staff recommended delaying any golf course projects that require additional water until the drought is over, or delay them to such a time that there is a certainty where the city doesn't have to use treated water. There is still such a level of uncertainty that we do not believe the time is right for these projects. American Golf must agree to move forward with this as well. Whoever would like to come to the work session tonight around 5:30 pm to voice this board's position would be greatly appreciated.
- d. Larry stated that we should stick with the nursery. We have talked about this multiple times, and as much as I want the lake, we do have an option to put in the bunkers on # 8 and # 18 and take out left bunker on #8 and the short bunker on # 4.
- e. Brad M. stated we really need the Bent Grass nursery and we need to get it started as soon as we can. Dan B. shared that the nursery would take the amount of water of a normal sized green.
- f. Motion brought forth by Brad Marshall to amend recommendations on golf course changes from the December 6th, 2011 meeting. Seconded by Geoffrey Nichols, 5-0 in favor of amendment. Recommendations are listed below:



- Install fountain and circulator on pond between holes # 13 and # 14, (estimated cost of \$8,000, and includes tax and contingency).
 - Add bent grass nursery (estimated cost of \$40,200, includes tax and contingency).
 - Remove two additional bunkers from # 4 and # 8 (estimated cost of \$10,000).
 - The removal of two bunkers on #4 and # 8 will be in exchange for two new bunkers to be added to green on #8 and to fairway on #18 (estimated cost will be \$9,924 for bunker #8 and \$12,359 for bunker on #18; includes tax and contingency).
6. Conditions and overall rating of courses played other than Waterview.
- a. Barbara played Highlands's course and Firewheel; Bridges course and the Lakes course. The Lakes course was severely flood and all the bunkers were washed out. They had armies of people working on them. Firewheel is in a flood plain and any rain at all floods them.
 - b. Mark played Lakes course and the old course before the rains. I played the Bridges course as well. They have two superintendants now and their quality has greatly improved.
 - c. Larry shared there was an article in the Dallas Morning News that states the Shores course is getting ready to come back. Club house opening in March or April and the course opening in June. They have to get permits they didn't expect to have to get.
7. Brian doesn't have any additional information on PGBT signs at this time.
- a. Eric shared a couple photos taken of the intersections at Liberty Grove to ask for recommendations for Waterview course signs.
 - b. Larry asked if Jermel or Brian would be involved with the additional signage. Dan H. stated he would pay for the additional signs. Brian stated that he would get the information to the correct person to put up recommended signs.
8. Brad stated that Liberty Grove is a huge mess and at this time it is not on any schedule to do anything with this road. They may hold off doing anything with this road until they start on the connector road. Brad shared that this is definitely a detriment to the golf course and we should recommend to the board to professionally cap this road. This is something we should push to make the course more appealing to get to.
- a. Brad M. motioned to make a recommendation to City Council to professionally cap Liberty Grove instead of doing the patching we are doing now. Seconded by Geoffrey N., 5-0 in approval.
9. Larry shared that the gator bags aren't need at this time; but will be available once they are needed. Fannin came out this past Friday and replaced three trees and they took out one dead tree that wasn't on the list. The live oaks they replaced were replaced with red oaks.
10. Geoffrey N. gave the board an update on the application process to Master Gardeners. They have a new application and I'm in the process of filing this out and we need to determine who the contact people will be.



- a. Master Gardeners would be designing a landscape plan in the orphan area adjacent to the 10th tee if accepted. This project would have to be nearly maintenance free. Brad stated that there is irrigation in this area right now.
11. Dan B. shared that Craig Kniffen will be visiting to initiate and evaluating the work that needs to be done for the sections of broken of cart path.
12. Dan B. stated they have started working on these sinks marks slowly.
13. 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 take any action with regard to the announcements.
14. 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.
15. Adjournment was at 9:31 am.



Larry Glik, Chairman



Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks & Recreation