



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

**Tuesday, March 6th, 2012 * 8:00 a.m.
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street
Rowlett, TX 75089**

PRESENT: Larry Glick, Brad Marshall, Geoffrey Nichols, Barbara Holst, Vincent Leal

ABSENT: Eric Hatch, Mark Garcia

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. Barbara Holst, regular voting member.
3. Geoffrey motioned to approve minutes from the February 7th, 2012. Brad M. seconded motion, 4-0 in favor.
4. Discussion on golf course conditions, including updates on Lake Ray Hubbard and City of Rowlett water sources.
 - a. Barbara played the course yesterday. The course is in really good condition for this time of year. The grass is thin on the fairways.
 - b. Dan B. stated they double Verdi-cut, and also double mowed the greens recently.
 - c. Brian gave a report on the water conditions. The weather has been kind to us this spring. Even if the lakes were full they are not ready to back off from stage 3 water restrictions. Brian asked a question at a meeting he attended about the water restrictions and if this is going be a policy from here on with stage 3 water conditions. They responded that stage 3 is here for at least another 18 months.
5. Discuss status of revised February recommendations to City Council including: bunkers on #8 and #18, circulator at #11, pump and circulator at #13, Bent Grass Nursery, and removal of bunkers at #4 and #8.
 - a. Brian sent the information to Craig Kniffen and I heard back from him yesterday that he is meeting with Dan B. and Dan H. today, which was Monday. They may have an update that I do not have.
 - b. Dan H. stated that they were in agreement with everything proposed. There is something else we wanted to bring here. The \$10,000 that was allocated to remove the bunkers, if we were to use that for club house maintenance, this would be a compromise to leave these two bunkers? We need a roof for the



- club house and the money that was allocated for the bunker removal, if this could be used for the roof, we will leave the bunkers.
- c. Brad asked if the two bathroom roofs could be replaced as well.
 - d. Larry G. stated that he was fine with this option; however it will need to be discussed with Brian and City Council.
 - e. Vincent asked if insurance will be used. Dan H. stated this \$10,000 would be the deductible for the replacement of the roof. When our adjustor deems this to be hail damage the \$10,000 will help with the deductible.
 - f. Larry shared that the roof was put in at the end of 1999 and it's approximately 13 years old.
 - g. Brian stated that Council has conveyed that they are willing to update the course and to fix certain things; but they were not willing to spend for American Golf's responsibility. They did do the fans to save the trees and if you remember they wouldn't even get the mower. You can make the recommendations and I'm not the sole authority. It does have to go City Council. If we do the trade off with the roof we have to take this back to Council.
 - h. Brad brought forth the point that Larry was contributing \$35,000, and then Larry stated that he had retracted this point, because of the changes. Brian suggested that a recommendation be brought forth about the changes on the contribution from Larry and a recommendation should be made to contribute the \$10,000 to American Golf for the roof. A meeting will be scheduled next week on Tuesday, March 13th at 8:00 am. This will be a special work session.
 - i. Brian stated he could get this in front of Council on April 17th, 2012. All these items are less than \$50,000 so it would be a work session item. For the roof part it would be a work session item. We had told Council that there was a \$35,000 contribution and they need to know this is not in play.
 - j. Vincent asked Brian about reviewing the contract with American Golf and the City.
6. Discuss golf course committee presentation at council work session on February 7th, 2012.
- a. Brian shared that at this meeting is when Council did give consensus for all these projects. Staff had reservations about these projects that will require more water, but Council did decide to proceed with the fountain and circulator on #13 and #14, Bent Grass Nursery, removal of two bunkers on holes #4 and #8, and to add additional bunkers on #8 and #18. It was \$80,000 total for all these projects. This includes tax and contingency.
 - b. Brad shared that we all sat in front of Council and discussed the items. It was understood that we go ahead and start the projects and not actually put in the Bent Grass Nursery until we know that water will not be an issue. Larry stated that the compromise was to build the Bent Grass Nursery and not grass it if water is an issue. Larry wanted to know the time frame of putting in a Bent Grass Nursery. Dan B. stated that now is the best time and once it gets hot, it



will not grow. Larry asked if the middle of April would be okay to start it; Dan B. stated that it would be okay to start in April.

7. Conditions and overall rating of courses played other than Waterview.
 - a. No other courses played.
8. Discuss signage of Waterview Golf Course on the President George Bush Turnpike and on roads leading to the course.
 - a. Brian has talked to Director of Public Works and he has been in contact with NTTA and TXDOT. NTTA sent him the policy early last week just before he had a family emergency and he hasn't had time to follow. We are trying to following up with TXDOT for the City, such as the Community Centre, City Hall, and Wet Zone so we can have these signs pointing to these landmarks. Jim will work this out maybe there is something we can do to add the golf course with this. If not, the only other option we would have is to add signage to easements or property that we own to advertise the course.
9. Discuss orphan area adjacent to 10th tee.
 - a. Geoffrey shared a copy of the application; there are some things as a result of the water conditions. There is a unique situation with American Golf so they have presented us with a lot of questions. Master Gardeners is concerned about the responsibility of who is going to maintain it; if they are going to invest all of this volunteer time.
 - b. Larry has requested more information on how much plants would cost us.
10. Discuss potential new material for wall at the #18 tee.
 - a. Brad shared that he showed the material to Dan B. and Dan H. and they seemed very comfortable with it. This is a long term deal because we do not have any money right now to do this. With all the rain that we have had this wall has gone out another 6 inches to a foot in the last two months. It is leaning out more. The ground is saturated and the wall has already giving and we are probably two years away from total collapse of that wall.
 - b. Larry stated that Scott Peak looked at it with the same exact material that is on #11 and that cost is over \$200,000. Brad has found this material that looks the same and it will last quite a while and it will be a bunch cheaper. We are pretty close to being done with our projects right now until 2013.
 - c. Dan H. stated that once we get these projects out of the way then this needs to be a priority.
11. Discuss repairing broken sections of cart path.
 - a. Dan B. stated the repairs have been switched over to taking care of the critical parts of the cart paths. We are waiting for the bids on this project.
12. Brad stated that he hasn't heard anything on the billboards, but at this time they are all full except for the ones that are going the wrong way. We may be too late to obtain one.



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.
 - a. Geoffrey asked that we discuss the idea of a non-profit group at our next meeting.
15. Adjournment was at 9:15 am.



Larry Glick, Chairman



Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks & Recreation