



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

**Tuesday, August 7th, 2012 * 8:00 a.m.
Waterview Golf Course Clubhouse
9409 Waterview Parkway
Rowlett, TX 75089**

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

ABSENT: Vincent Leal, Eric Hatch

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.
2. Quorum present.
3. Geoffrey N. motioned to approve minutes with changes from June, 2012 regular meeting. 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. Brad shared that he was out at the practice putting area this morning and the grass conditions are outstanding. Haven't been out on the course except on # 15 and its in great shape. Brad stated that #13 green maybe suspect and Barbara shared she was on # 13 and it's much better now than it was the last time played. It's not good but it is doing better. Dan H. shared that with # 13 that they have done soil composition testing and they are trying different products on it now.
 - b. Larry shared that a couple of weeks ago that he attended the volunteer fair that was held at the Community Centre. There were a couple of people taking interest in the board.
 - c. Larry stated that several of our board member's terms are expiring in September and those that have terms that are expiring will receive an email from Sebrena in a couple of days letting them know they will have to re-apply for membership. They will have the option to re-apply online or they may print the application and hand deliver to Stacey at City Hall.
 - d. Larry asked if we are getting close to using 1 million gallons of water per day yet. Dan H. shared that we are doing okay, and yes. We definitely are in much better shape than we thought we would be in at this time.
5. Discuss status of 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. Dan H. stated that the bunkers will begin in late August. American Golf will be giving us approval at this point to start all pending projects. A lot of these projects are short term so it will not take long to complete. Dixon is pretty busy at this point; their check is ready, we are waiting for them. Dan will be giving them a call today. Dan shared that once they get here it will be just a matter of days because everything else is complete.
 - b. Brad asked if anyone has seen the 2 ½ to 3 foot trench they dug by hand from the front of the street, they did an amazing job and you can't even tell they cut into the ground, it's perfect.
 - c. Larry asked about the nursery and Dan shared it should be about mid September before it is started.
6. Discuss opening of new tee on # 11:
- a. Dan H. shared that unfortunately there are patches that have not taken. Under the warranty work that Scott Peak is going to do; he is going to come back and re-sod it again. It will take several weeks for it to settle, but it should be open by mid-September.
7. Conditions and overall rating of courses played other than Waterview.
- a. Barbara shared that Firewheel Bridges is really interesting; the Champions course on # 1 and # 5 greens are bad, it's always bad, it's like our # 13. The Master's course greens are the best I have ever seen. Traditions is struggling with the greens, the roots aren't mature enough, with the heat and it doesn't get much play. Other than one and five on Champions it's really good. They are taking out a lot of bunkers because of maintenance and pace of play. Most of the fairways are in pretty decent shape.
 - b. Barbara played Buffalo Creek and their greens were very bumpy, she played twice, and until it gets better I'm not going back. She also played Hurricane Creek in Anna and they have always got great greens. She shared that this is a Country Club and they probably only have about half of the play that Waterview does.
8. Discuss board members thoughts on the establishment of a non-profit golf course group.
- a. Larry stated that we have already talked this at our last meeting and would like everyone's thoughts on this matter.
 - b. Geoffrey shared that this is a good place to start with the information given, but he doesn't agree that this is where we need to go long term. We should have the structure of a real non-profit organization so we can process money.
 - c. Brad asked if this is something we should bring to the HOA meeting and introduce the thought of forming a non-profit club to support the golf course. There are 80-100 people that show up to the meetings and we should think about this.
9. Report from Brian F. on current funding sources.
- a. Brian shared that tonight we present the proposed budget for fiscal year 2013. We are still 8 days from knowing what our reset rate will be on the 1997 variable rate bonds. It's 30 base points higher than last year; we should have



about 180,000 to 210,000 next year. \$180,000 will be if it were about 30 base points higher. Brian asked the board to consider the projects they would like to see done in the next fiscal year and begin to prioritize these projects. Larry stated he would put this on the next agenda and has asked everyone to consider what they would like to see done and be ready to discuss this at the next meeting.

10. Committee adjourned meeting to take a short visit to the 18th tee to view the status of the retaining wall along tee boxes and also to discuss suggestions for the area to the right of the 18th fairway.
 - a. The board visited # 18 and visualized and talked about a few solutions to change the hole. This hole has a gas pipeline that has to be flagged before putting in trees.
11. 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.
12. 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. Discuss and prioritize futures projects for the golf course.
 - b. Discuss volunteer fair.
13. Adjournment was at 8:38 am.



Larry Glick, Chairman



Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks & Recreation