



Golf Advisory Board Minutes
Tuesday, January 3, 2017
8:00 a.m.

Waterview Golf Club
9509 Waterview Parkway, Rowlett TX 75088

PRESENT: Charles Alexander, Jonathan Andron, Michael Daffin, Jerry Daniels, Brent Dorenbecker, Larry Glick, Brad Marshall, Becky Sebastian

ABSENT: Guy Hunsaker

VISITORS:

STAFF: Scott Alford, Waterview Superintendent; Matthew Mays, Assistant General Manager of Waterview Golf Course; Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Sr. Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation

1. Brad Marshall, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
2. Quorum present.
3. Consider action to approve December 6, 2016 minutes.
 - A. Larry Glick motioned to approve the minutes as written.
 - B. Brent Dorenbecker seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 5 - 0.
4. Updates from Waterview General Manager and Superintendent.
 - A. Scott Alford provided updates: Bids are being obtained for the shingles for restrooms by hole #5 and for repairing the pump house; finish painting and repairing ball washers, finished removing approximately 60 stumps; adding sand in greenside bunkers where no drainage is a problem; tree trimming is on hold while working on the bunkers. A 2017 aerification schedule plan was provided to members.
 - B. L. Glick asked about the status of a covering above the outdoor patio. M. Mayes stated they tried a tarp but it didn't look appropriate; therefore they are in search of some other form of shade, although a decision was made to not use foliage.
 - C. B. Marshall inquired about the greens. S. Alford shared they are presently doing patch work due to the weather and holidays.
 - D. B. Marshall mentioned his knowledge of a major project to replace bent grass at Tribute in June is planned and wonders if that grass can be used on this course. S. Alford responded this would take some man power but will consider the suggestion.
 - E. Charles Alexander asked if new batteries will be considered for the carts in the near future. M. Mays said they are getting some new batteries.
 - F. B. Marshall said he has noticed much clean up occurring during the "off season".



5. Follow up from City Council meeting held December 13, 2016 related to the Audit Action Plan.
 - A. A. Smith explained the Audit Action Plan becomes a part of the city Work Plan which enables city staff to stay updated with the plan. She believes we are on a path to be in compliance with the maintenance plan. There is a possibility of another audit this coming summer. The drainage issue was discussed and in agreement that replacement sand should only go in the bunkers where there is no drainage issues. When American Golf accepted the agreement for Waterview they accepted the responsibility for maintenance on the golf course. A list is being compiled identifying the areas having drainage issues. A letter with the list of identified drainage areas in reference to the maintenance agreement will be sent to American Golf.
 - B. L. Glick said he listened to the recording of the meeting about the city's position related to the course such as A. Smith explained. This possibly leads to a future agenda item regarding the \$30,000 City of Rowlett allocated to be spent on the retaining wall. A. Smith's recommendation she will seek confirmation from American Golf of their decision to not budget funds towards the replacement of retaining wall, then discuss with this board before returning to Council in requesting a re-allocation of these funds.

6. Update on the water source project.
 - A. A. Smith summarized information from last meeting and updated that City of Rowlett met with Dallas Water Utilities and both are in agreement of what needs to be done. There are some legalities to be worked out. Shawn Poe is of the belief it will take approximately 45 days to get the new contract signed. This places a date of March 1, 2017 for contract to be signed with a 3 year agreement including renewals. This will allow water from Lake Ray Hubbard to be used.
 - B. B. Marshall expressed gratitude towards A. Smith and S. Poe for their efforts in heading things in the right direction and feels things are in a good position.

7. Discussion on dedication procedures.
 - A. Several golf courses were contacted about dedication procedures and none of those contacted carry such procedures/policy, although they do allow tree dedications. The department has a sponsorship program but a new one will need to be drafted then presented to American Golf for feedback.
 - B. At this point no decision is being made in regards to using the tunnel as location to place a plaque or to have something carved on inside of tunnel.
 - C. C. Alexander mentioned that on hole #8 there is a plaque. Members and Waterview staff present acknowledged this plaque was just placed out there by someone.

8. Update from City Council liaison, Debby Bobbitt.

City Council meets tonight and there is a full agenda. D. Bobbitt recommends members to listen and/or watch the session.

9. Feedback on golf course conditions from board members.
 - A. Michael Daffin played twice in last week and reports the greens were fast although his only concern is there is too many places where there is rope and the grass is going bare. A question asked if there is a possibility to relocate the ropes. S. Alford agrees with the noted observation and recommends for the ropes to be removed at least for the winter time. B. Marshall voiced an opinion when the aerification is done this will help the bare spots improve.



- B. L. Glick asked about the greens being replaced at course. Waterview staff said there is some discussion but there are no known plans at this time. The audit mentions it should be done every 17 years and Waterview is about to fall upon this time mark.
10. Discuss condition and overall rating of courses played other than Waterview, with emphasis on favorable and unfavorable comparisons to Waterview.
Jerry Daniels played at Duck Creek Golf Course and described the course as tough with great greens. This was much to his surprise considering mixed reviews received about the course. The course has Bermuda grass.
11. No Public input and questions.
12. Public Announcements
 - A. The Amateur Community Theatre will have performances January 27-29 and February 3-5: Jokers Fired Twice.
 - B. Monday, January 16th City Offices are closed due to observance of Martin Luther King Day.
 - C. Little Sweetheart Dance will be held January 28th at Rowlett Community Center.
 - D. Schrade Bluebonnet Park is an undeveloped park that will be designed in phases for the tornado memorial to include sidewalk, trees, benches and an art sculpture. Phase one may be completed by April 2017. This will be a joint project of Parks staff as well as some contracted work. This location was deemed appropriate since it was in the path of the tornado.
13. No members requested topics for future agenda items for the next meeting.
14. Adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

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Brad Marshall, Chairman

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Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation