



**GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, April 4, 2017 ~ 8:00 am**  
**Waterview Golf Club**  
**9509 Waterview Parkway, Rowlett TX 75088**

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

**ABSENT:**

**STAFF:** Scott Alford, Waterview Superintendent; David Sotelo, Waterview General Manager; Debby Bobbitt, City Council Liaison; 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 March 7, 2017 minutes.
  - A. Michael Daffin moved to approve the minutes as written.
  - B. Jerry Daniels seconded the motion.
  - C. Approved 5 - 0.
4. Update from Waterview General Manager and Superintendent.
  - A. Drains in the fairways, roughs and bunkers seem to be working good after the recent rains. Damage from last week's storm was minor. Clean up is in process.
  - B. Goose and crab grass pre-emerge was applied to the greens. Fairways were aerified and this will be repeated in June. The roughs, mounds, and traffic areas were aerified which will be ongoing. Brent Dorenbecker expressed appreciation to Waterview staff for the aerification of the fairways.
  - C. It was noted there has been an increase of tournaments being scheduled compared to last year. Some funneling of tournaments from Buffalo Creek to Waterview Golf are occurring. David Sotelo explained about these two facilities being considered "sister clubs" rather than competitors. There is a higher number of golfers playing in March 2017 compared to March 2016.
  - D. Golf course rates have recently been raised. The three options are Players Club, tournament, or public regular play. There is no longer a senior rate offered. Presently there are approximately 1100 Players Club members.
5. Audit Action Plan.
  - A. Angela Smith reported Waterview Golf Course is continuing to work on items identified in the audit action plan.
  - B. A meeting with Waterview Golf, American Golf and the City of Rowlett was held. Dan Cortese, American Golf Operations Manager, would like to meet with the Chair and Vice-Chair, which will be arranged. Some results from the meeting were shared with members as well as the positive

direction of the meeting. Larry Glick inquired if there was a discussion related to the \$50,000 of funds that were allocated to Waterview and as to why it was removed from the budget. A. Smith and D. Sotelo provided an explanation of unforeseen major circumstances at other American Golf courses. Their budget is contingent upon the other 67 American Golf courses and this was briefly discussed.

- C. A second audit is not currently scheduled but will possibly look at one for the late summer of 2017.
6. Discuss the future use of the \$30,000 allocated for FY2017 budget golf projects and make recommendation to City Council.
  - A. The options identified at last month's meeting were 1) Request additional funds to replace the retaining wall at hole #8; 2) Add a putting practice green; 3) Redo the greens on Par 3 putting greens. B. Marshall suggested a fourth option of using the funds to raise the lake 4 inches and it was approved, but there were no funds to get the job done. The storm water grate is the lake's spill way but the upgrade will create a way to prevent clogging of the grate, prevent dirt from being exposed and keep water out of the sand trap by the lake.
  - B. L. Glick obtained a quote from Professional Golf Services for a practice green. The cost is \$96,132. The cost is high due to the USGA specks. It would be up to D. Cortese if there is an option to not have to follow the USGA guidelines. The quote and issues related to the practice green was briefly discussed.
  - C. B. Marshall received an updated quote for the retaining wall at hole #8 and this cost is now \$127,000.
  - E. Members voiced the practice green is too expensive for the present allocated funds but interested in finding out from Waterview/American Golf if the USGA specks are required. This detail would affect the total cost. (Guy Hunsaker left the meeting)
  - F. Jerry Daniels moved to recommend the \$30,000 be rolled over to a golf line item fund for projects. Brent Dorenbecker seconded the motion. Approved 5 to 0.
7. Plan for the joint meeting with City Council scheduled for May 16, 2017. (Charles Alexander left the meeting)

Members identified accomplishments, projects for 2018 and long term future projects. The presentation will go through the final draft at the next meeting.
8. Follow up on dedication insignias and the funding for signage.

Waterview presented two examples of possible designs for dedication sign to be placed on the Tunnel wall. One sign costs \$1,000.00 and the other sign costs \$400.00. Michael Daffin moved to have this issue be placed on the presentation to City Council for funding. Brent Dorenbecker seconded the motion. Approved 4 to 0 (L. Glick abstained from voting).
9. Discuss rental of the enclosed pavilion.

Members voiced this is an operational issue therefore only want to emphasize the importance of the pavilion being utilized. Waterview is working on a tier for rentals.
10. Discuss possible cancellation or re-scheduling of the July 4, 2017 meeting.

The July meeting falls on Independence Day therefore it was discussed whether to cancel the meeting or re-schedule to a later date. Members agreed to cancel July 4, 2017 meeting.
11. Select possible dates for the GAB 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament.

Members decided the preferred month to hold the tournament is September. Shelly Monroe will contact Matthew Mays to determine if there are any scheduling conflicts for September 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, then follow up with board members.

12. Update from City Council liaison, Debby Bobbitt
  - A. Members were encouraged to attend City Council meetings.
  - B. The Citizens Academy began and appears to be successful.
13. Feedback on golf course conditions.
  - A. M. Daffin mentioned he has heard complaints about some of the bunkers being too deep. This was briefly discussed. He played the course twice and observed there is no longer goose grass on #12 and voiced the greens look super good.
  - B. B. Dorenbecker said the greens are much improved.
14. Discuss condition and overall rating of courses played other than Waterview, with emphasis on favorable and unfavorable comparisons to Waterview.
  - A. B. Dorenbecker played at Brookhaven Country Club in Farmers Branch and Hackberry Creek Country club in Irving. Both courses are private courses so can't compare to Waterview. Everything looked green.
15. Public input.

No public input.
16. Public Announcements.
  - A. Becky Sebastian stated the Rowlett Chamber of Commerce has their monthly membership luncheon on April 12, 2017 and it will include a local candidate roundtable forum.
  - B. Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 8<sup>th</sup> and Pup-A-Palooza on April 9<sup>th</sup>; Kid Fish and the Cardboard Boat Regatta will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup>; Fireworks on Main will be held July 4, 2017.
  - C. B. Sebastian said the Amateur Community Theatre of Rowlett will be holding auditions for their next show to be held in July. She added one does not need to have experience.
17. Members may request topics for future agenda items for the next meeting.
  - A. The most recent American Golf agreement and cap x funds.
  - B. Invite Bayside to a future meeting to develop a partnership.
  - C. Update on the water source.
  - D. Update on the patio cover.
18. Adjourned at 10:04 a.m.



Brad Marshall, Chairman



Angela Smith, Director Parks and Recreation