



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, November 7, 2017 ~ 8:00 am
Waterview Golf Club
9509 Waterview Parkway, Rowlett TX 75088

PRESENT: Larry Glick, Scott Lovett, Brad Marshall, Becky Sebastian, Jerry Daniels

ABSENT: Jonathan Andron, Michael Daffin, Brent Dorenbecker

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 8:01am.
2. Becky Sebastian and Scott Lovett appointed as voting members. Quorum present.
3. Consider action to approve October 3, 2017 minutes.
 - A. Larry Glick made a motion to approve the minutes as written.
 - B. Jerry Daniels seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 4 - 0.
4. Updates from Waterview General Manager and Superintendent.
 - A. Scott Alford reported pre-emerging was done around collar of greens, fertilized the course, pre and post emerged fairways.
 - B. Winter projects will focus on painting and repairing water coolers, adding sand to fairway bunkers, trim trees, and work on the fairway and rough drains. They are also looking at building a bridge from hole #2 green to hole #3 tee box on Par 3 course.
 - C. Sod on holes #2 and #8 were replaced. The sod was taken from the nursery.
 - D. David Sotelo voiced there is positive changes with the course. There was another irrigation problem on the back side of the course by hole #15 which took approximately 7 days to repair. Fewer golfers were seen on Waterview course for October and acknowledgement made that it was likely due to the condition the course was in. A side note made that Buffalo Creek had an increase in golfers for October, therefore it appears members are starting to grasp these two courses are "sister" courses.
 - E. D. Sotelo continued sharing there is consideration of Waterview and Buffalo Creek starting a new practice in 2018. This new practice involves choosing one day a week to close the course in order to do maintenance work. Each course will be assigned a different day of the week to be closed for maintenance work which will enable golfers to play at the other course when one is closed. This process is mostly to make the life span of the greens to last longer.
 - F. Waterview has a wish list of projects to enhance the golf course but it will always depend on availability of funds/budget.

5. Discuss the 2017 Audit of the golf course.
 - A. Angela Smith stated her and the City Manager have reviewed the audit. There are a couple issues of concern regarding the longevity of the course and this is being looking into further.
 - B. City of Rowlett recently received Waterview's response to the audit and this is being reviewed.
 - C. Two golf projects were presented to the Community Investment Advisory Board (CIAB). CIAB is in the process of deciding on their recommendations for the upcoming bond projects. Presently, it appears their list includes the greens and retaining walls. CIAB's recommendations will be presented to City Council on December 13, 2017.
 - D. Board members shared comments about the audit. L. Glick made mention that nowhere in the audit does it reference the course as being a high end daily fee which is stated in the agreement with American Golf. A brief discussion was held as to why the auditor did not reflect the issues with the greens since his visit occurred during the period of time the course was in bad shape. D. Sotelo explained his assumption as to the reason is because the auditor was aware there had been an irrigation issue and work was being done to correct it, therefore the issue was specific and it was not due to lack of neglect. Auditors usually rate the greens in its entirety. Members stated the auditor could have at least noted the issue in the report but include a reason.
 - E. The audit reports all the bunkers need complete renovations. Waterview staff believe an approximate cost for this project is \$650,000. Based on the funds being requested for the upcoming bond election for the greens and retaining walls the bunker project will have to be considered for the 2021 bond election. There are a few bunker repairs that can't wait that long so city staff will include this information in a letter to American Golf.

6. Golf Advisory Board budget requests.
 - A. Updates on the requests were provided:
 - a. Tunnel dedication signage \$1,500: Once a decision is made on the wording for the sign a quote can be obtained.
 - b. Fountain replacement \$8,000: S. Alford contacted a company who installs water fountains. He explained there is already power to the fountain so the cost will be based on the size of the fountain and the type of spray for the fountain. Approximate cost will range from \$2,500 to \$10,000. The fountain should replicate fountains already on the course. An actual quote needs to be obtained. Jerry Daniels made a motion to spend funds on the fountain but not to exceed \$5,000. Becky Sebastian seconded the motion. Approved 5 to 0.
 - c. Improvement to new steps by tee box \$3,500: This project will likely need to be done in the Spring because the sod will need to be replaced. In the meantime, a meeting needs to be scheduled to go out to the step space on the course and further discuss the possible ideas on making sure the steps are natural looking. The preference is to schedule this when Dan Cortese visits Waterview. A. Smith will be contacting Mr. Cortese to follow up.
 - B. The other projects listed for consideration are an audit for \$4,500 and improvement of orphan areas such as behind lakes, not maintained by course other than rough cuts, not in golf play for \$12,500. These were not discussed today but only noted.

7. Discuss bunkers.
 - A. Brad Marshall addressed the mixed opinions regarding the pros and cons of having a new style of bunker. A proposal was made to renovate one hole in this new style. By making changes to one hole it will provide the opportunity to see how this works, as well as obtaining feedback from golfers. This was described as a proof of concept to visually see this style of bunker. Considerations to use the bunkers at hole #6 or #7 were suggested. The shape and height of bunkers will remain the same. The renovating of the bunker will be from bottom upwards.
 - B. After a discussion, members were in consensus to choose the bunker at hole #6 on green side and the fairway bunker on #6. An inquiry will be made for American Golf to fund this project.

Becky Sebastian made a motion to move forward with the proof of concept renovating the last fairway bunker on hole #6 and the bunker on greenside on hole #6. The motion was amended to include "at the expense of American Golf". Scott Lovett seconded the motion.
Approved 5 to 0.

8. Update from City Council liaison, Debby Bobbitt
 - A. Members were reminded to vote today.
 - B. The CIAB meeting was held last night and she expressed being proud of the direction the city is heading.
 - C. Veteran's Day Ceremony will be held Nov 11th at 11am located at the Rowlett Community Centre. There will also be flags placed along the two-mile bridge.
 - D. City Council meets November 7, 2018.

9. Feedback on golf course conditions.
 - A. Brad Marshall expressed there are several things on the golf course looking much better and much improved since last month's meeting. The greens are really looking healthy around holes #6 and #7. For the first time during his recollection, there is lush fairways while heading into the winter.
 - B. Brief discussion held on the use of the nursery.

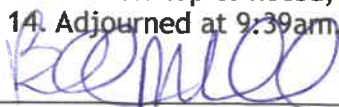
10. Discuss condition and overall rating of courses played other than Waterview, with emphasis on favorable and unfavorable comparisons to Waterview.
 - A. Jerry Daniels played at Buffalo Creek, Mesquite Golf Club and Watters Creek. The greens were fast. Mesquite and Watters Creek have mini-verde.
 - B. B. Marshall advised members to inquire and gain knowledge about the different grasses at courses played. This information will be imperative for this board when it comes time to make recommendations for the replacement of Waterview course greens.
 - C. Scott Lovett played at Rockwall Golf & Athletic Club. This course is semi-private and the greens were very fast and in great shape but there wasn't much "stick".

11. Public input and questions.
No public input or questions.

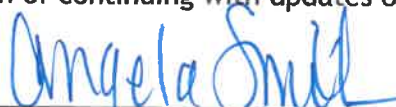
12. Public Announcements.
 - A. Shelly Monroe announced the Boards and Commission Volunteer Banquet will be held December 7, 2017 starting at 6:30pm located at the Rowlett Community Centre.
 - B. Angela Smith stated a Vietnam veteran will be honored at City Council meeting tonight. Also, there are several employees who will be recognized for Above and Beyond during this same meeting.
 - C. Brad Marshall mentioned Waterview HOA had a National Night Out "replay" since the weather played a role in not having the original event. Several City Council members attended and approximately 250 individuals.

13. Members may request topics for future agenda items for the next meeting.
No new topics noted, except the mention of continuing with updates on the budget request items.

14. Adjourned at 9:39am



Brad Marshall, Chairman



Angela Smith, Director Parks and Recreation