



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, February 6, 2018 ~ 8:00 am
Waterview Golf Club
9509 Waterview Parkway, Rowlett TX 75088

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

ABSENT: None

VISITORS: None

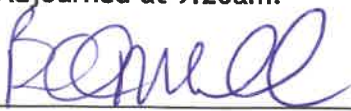
STAFF: Scott Alford, Waterview Superintendent; David Sotelo, Waterview General Manager; Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Sr. Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation

1. Brad Marshall, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:00am.
2. Quorum present.
3. Consider action to approve January 9, 2018 minutes.
 - A. Jerry Daniels made a motion to approve January 9, 2018 minutes as corrected.
 - B. Michael Daffin seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 5 - 0.
4. Update on the Golf Advisory Board budget requests.
 - A. Tunnel dedication signage \$1,500: The sign cannot be sand blasted onto the tunnel facing and an explanation was provided. A plaque will be mounted to the tunnel. Board members agreed to this second option. The plaque should be installed within a couple weeks.
 - B. Fountain replacement \$8,000: Scott Alford reported the fountain on #4 and #5 pond has been installed. The fountain doesn't spray as much water as the other fountains on the course but is similar to the one on #2 pond. His recommendation is if it is ever decided to add a fountain to #10 then this new one should be moved to #10 and purchase a little larger fountain for this pond.
 - C. Improvement to new steps by tee box \$3,500: Communications with Ron Matthews of Eagle View, Inc. indicated the improvement plans for steps should be able to be completed within this allocated dollar amount. Brad Marshall reiterated that Dan Cortese needs to be aware of the plans prior to the project starting and if American Golf approves then proceed with the project. Michael Daffin made a motion to move forward with the step improvement plan after American Golf approves the plan. Jerry Daniels seconded the motion. Approved 5 to 0.
 - D. No discussion on the improvement projects for the orphan areas.
5. Follow up on City Council's decision regarding CIP 2018 bond funding request for Waterview Golf Course.

- A. Angela Smith reported City Council met on January 18, 2018 to discuss the 2018 bond projects which included replacement of the greens at Waterview Golf Course. Council had a healthy discussion about the pros and cons, history, and based their decision making on what the city would do if the city was providing the maintenance of the course. City Council took a poll which resulted in 4 members for Bermuda Grass and 1 for Bentgrass while 2 members abstained. Acknowledgement was made that the maintenance standards need to be updated. Meetings will be scheduled with American Golf and Waterview. Angela Smith provided an explanation of all information gathered on this topic which includes one course using 007 Bentgrass has moisture meters installed for each hole, staff hand-water the greens and that superintendent voiced concern about the number of rounds played at Waterview and the maintenance of the Bentgrass greens being challenging. Council did inquire if the Par 3 needs greens replaced. Council will formalize the language of the bond at tonight's meeting.
 - B. Larry Glick shared a letter he sent to Mayor, City Council and City Manager with board members requesting consideration to change their opinion of wanting to replace the greens with Bermuda Grass. He expressed his feedback regarding the Council's decision to go against the Golf Board's recommendation to use 007 Bentgrass. Brent Dorenbecker added his feedback on the decision too and shared information from an article in Avid Golfer about Pecan Hollow who has Bermuda Grass.
 - C. Becky Sebastian plans to write a letter to City Council and has concerns related to a future partnership with Bayside.
 - D. Brad Marshall voiced his opinion that supports the decision to use Bermuda Grass due to the type of maintenance required for Bentgrass.
 - E. Michael Daffin stated the Par 3 is just as poor as the course greens and it only gets about 10-12,000 rounds. If the dynamic of the course doesn't change then nothing changes.
 - F. Through this discussion members acknowledged all have a passion about the course and want what is best for the course although City Council will make the final decision.
 - G. David Sotelo explained the high daily end round runs about \$100 and most golfers at this course start "feeling the pinch" at \$49. He doesn't foresee this changing for Waterview golfers.
6. Updates from Waterview General Manager and Superintendent.
 - A. Scott Alford stated he is waiting on the contractor to begin work on the two bunkers on #6 which should be approximately 2 weeks. It will take about 10 days to complete the project. The only item not included in the quote is the padding for the bunkers. It was requested for city funds to pay for the padding. Angela Smith reported there is some extra money due to not needing to use the full allocated amount to purchase the sign and fountain. Michael Daffin made motion to approve the purchase of two pads for the bunker repairs on #6 with the cost of approximately \$2,000 to come from the allotted \$30,000 of City funds set aside for golf course projects. Jerry Daniels seconded the motion. Approved 5 to 0.
 - B. Scott Alford shared some of the maintenance items over the past month involved fertilizer, pre-emerge, weed eating, needle tine on greens, rolled and top dress all greens, and painted yardage lines on the cart paths.
 - C. David Sotelo said the closing the course on Wednesdays is appearing to be helpful. He expressed appreciation to board members for their passion about the course and hears the concerns. This new method of closing one day a week for a public course is something that other public courses don't actually practice. The expectation is to provide the best that can be done and eager to see the improvements too.
 7. Feedback on golf course conditions.
 - A. Jonathan Andron played with two guests and reported poor greens and bunkers. He voiced the fee to play is not worth the type of golf experience and feels the facility needs a makeover. He encountered issues with having to telephone multiple times

before reaching staff, as well as, with the process of getting registered as far as there were no carts then when carts were brought around there were no score cards and no keys. The bathrooms are in good shape. He expressed concerns of being able to partner with Bayside. David Sotelo responded with encouraging members to email him or contact to share any feedback on the course when a member plays.

- B. B. Marshall asked about the Bentgrass bleeding into the collars. The collars have shrunk inward which contributes to this happening too. Scott Alford says this is what he will be working on when the course is closed.
 - C. L. Glick inquired about the sand that was to be replaced in the fairway bunkers. The auditor indicated this is not up to standards yet it appears little has been done to make the fix. He continued to state the issues seem to be recognized but the funding for repairs don't seem to exist.
 - D. B. Dorenbecker mentioned the funds spent on the pavilion may not have been the best use of funds and may should have been spent on course improvements. Some responses were the course was in better shape at that time than what it is today.
 - E. B. Marshall reminded members to keep a positive focus that replacing the greens has been included in the 2018 Bond Election and hopefully funds for the replacement of the greens will be passed, whether it is Bentgrass or Bermuda Grass.
8. Discuss condition and overall rating of courses played other than Waterview, with emphasis on favorable and unfavorable comparisons to Waterview.
- B. Dorenbecker played at the Brookhaven Country Club, the Masters course and described it as a challenging course. The greens are MiniVerde and were slow although their greens are known to be fast. Some construction was being done on a couple holes but overall it was a good experience. Stonebridge Ranch Country is a Dye course but does not recommend playing here. The greens were just replaced with MiniVerde and the greens were fast but it was too much of a challenge therefore the overall experience was not good. Pecan Hollow greens were grainy but looked good and maintained around the collars.
9. Update from City Council liaison, Debby Bobbitt.
Debby Bobbitt not present to provide an update.
10. Public input and questions.
None
11. Public Announcements.
- A. Angela Smith announced City Council meeting tonight will cover items such as the library, Paddle Point Park, Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and discuss the 2018 Bond Election language.
 - B. Angela Smith shared there is are community build days for Scentral Bark, a dog park, and volunteers are needed. The Grand opening is tentatively scheduled for March 3, 2018.
12. Members may request topics for future agenda items for the next meeting.
No new topics requested.
13. Adjourned at 9:26am.



Brad Marshall, Chairman



Angela Smith, Director Parks and Recreation