



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, May 1, 2018 ~ 8:00 am
Waterview Golf Club
9509 Waterview Parkway, Rowlett TX 75088

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

ABSENT: Michael Daffin

VISITORS:

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; Debby Bobbitt, City Council liaison; Aaron Cleaver, Parks and Recreation Business Manager.

1. Brad Marshall, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:00am.
2. Quorum present.
3. Consider action to approve April 3, 2018 minutes.
 - A. Jerry Daniels made a motion to approve April 3, 2018 minutes as written.
 - B. Larry Glick seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 4 - 0.
4. Updates from Waterview General Manager and Superintendent to include an update on the patio cover.
 - A. Scott Alford reported the results from samples taken at #9 and #17 greens have been received and the results were discussed. The water fountain from club house pond has been repaired and working again.
 - B. Scott Alford shared the various maintenance tasks completed this past month such as fertilizing and needling the greens, with exception that the aerification on the fairways and roughs will be completed this month.
 - C. David Sotelo stated he has received positive feedback from golf tournament players in relation to the golf course and the changes on bunker #6. He explained this is grass growing time so the greens are becoming healthier. The number of rounds at the course has increased since March. Brent Dorenbecker inquired about increasing the fees per a round and this was briefly discussed. Waterview is not interested in increasing fees at this time.

5. Discuss and develop a plan for the improvement projects for the orphan areas.
 - A. Angela Smith stated there is approximately \$18,000 remaining from the allocated budget for the orphan area projects.
 - B. A possible project to consider for one of the orphan areas is landscape and signage on the side of lake by pavilion near hole #18. An aluminum Waterview sign surrounded with rock and easy maintenance shrubs was suggested. Ginger Nichols, wife of Geoffrey Nichols who is a previous Golf Advisory Board member, is a master gardener. She could possibly help with this project therefore send out an invitation for her to attend the next week. Shelly Monroe will pull the drawings from last time this topic was discussed.
6. Update on the City Council Work Session held April 17, 2018.
 - A. Angela Smith reported City Council discussed the replacement of greens at Waterview Golf Course. The discussion involved various information including the soil tests on the greens, golf tour to Firewheel Golf and Waterview Golf, as well as other collected information from American Golf, Golf Advisory Board, and agronomist. City Council voted to go with TifEagle Bermuda as the replacement greens for Waterview if the 2018 Bond Election is passed in May. The replacement will be for 24 greens which includes 2 practice, 1 nursery, 3 short greens and 18-hole greens for a total of 165,000 square feet.
 - B. If the bond passes in May the retaining walls will be replaced before the green replacement because two of the walls hold up the greens. Green replacement project may need to wait until 2019 due timing of the wall project, weather and peak season. The timeline will be worked out once the bond election results are known. Replacing the two retaining walls may be a 3 to 4-month project so it is possible this could occur November through January. During the time this work is being done, two greens will be out of commission for approximately 9 months.
 - C. Larry Glick encouraged members to watch the video recording of this Joint Meeting and listen to the discussion.
7. Plan for the City Council joint meeting scheduled for May 15, 2018.

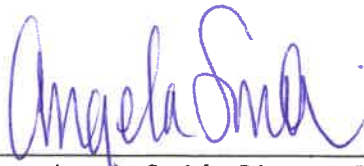
A draft of the presentation was reviewed. Members agreed upon the 2017-2018 accomplishments, goals for 2018-2019, budget requests and future concerns.
8. Update from City Council liaison, Debby Bobbitt.

Members were encouraged to vote on the bond election which ends May 5, 2018. Today is the last day of early voting.
9. Feedback on golf course conditions.
 - A. Brent Dorenbecker played the course and stated the greens are slow although expressed excitement about seeing the greens now growing. He said he spoke with several persons at the course and most of these players were from out of town and the reasons for playing at Waterview was due to the cheaper fees. The tee markers used to be metal "W" and some time over past five years they have disappeared and inquired about the markers. D. Sotelo nor S. Alford are aware of the locations of these markers. Bunker 6 is good although seems like it is too narrow and awkward and mentioned bunker 2 is in poor condition. Place of play was good. There were no carts on Saturday, therefore they had to wait. Once a cart became available and was in use it died. There were no score cards on the carts.
 - B. Members briefly talked about trees on the course.
 - C. Larry Glick questioned if there is marketing for the pavilion so it could bring in more revenue since the numbers of rentals has declined. Angela Smith responded there are discussions taking place on this particular matter.

- D. Brent Dorenbecker asked about the website having incorrect information and it being updated. David Sotelo responded that American Golf oversees the website and this has been reported to American Golf, as well as to Dan Cortese.
10. Discuss condition and overall rating of courses played other than Waterview, with emphasis on favorable and unfavorable comparisons to Waterview. (Larry Glick exited the meeting)
- A. Brent Dorenbecker played at Pecan Hollow. The fee was \$44 and worth the cost. The greens were well maintained and the bunkers were great, although Place of Play was not the greatest. He played at the Lantana Golf Club and the greens are TifEagle. After playing this course, he shared there is a real potential for Waterview. Lantana staff roll the greens every 3 days. The putting was good but made note that the greens are well established. Their number of rounds are lower because it is a semi-private golf club.
- B. Jerry Daniels played at Woodbridge and the greens were good.
11. Public input and questions.
No public input or questions.
12. Public Announcements.
- A. Becky Sebastian stated National Small Business week is this week and encouraged members to support small businesses in Rowlett.
- B. Becky Sebastian announced May 3, 2018 is National Prayer Day. There will be a breakfast from 7:00 am to 8:00 am at Rowlett Community Centre. Debby Bobbitt added there is a breakfast in Rockwall at same time.
- C. Becky Sebastian shared the Rowlett Chamber of Commerce is hosting a job fair on May 5, 2018 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm located at the Rowlett Community Centre.
- D. Angela Smith stated there is a sanctioned Pickleball Tournament this weekend at Herfurth Park and there are 250 players registered.
- E. Angela Smith announced Memorial Day event will be held May 26, 2018 at the Rowlett Community Centre.
13. Members may request topics for future agenda items for the next meeting.
No topics requested.
14. Adjourned at 9:23 am.



Brad Marshall, Chairman



Angela Smith, Director Parks and Recreation