



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, September 4, 2018 ~ 8:00 am
Waterview Golf Club
9509 Waterview Parkway, Rowlett TX 75088

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

ABSENT:

VISITORS: Elise Bowers

STAFF: Trey Gainous, Waterview Assistant General Manager; Dru Bolen, 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 May 29, 2018 minutes and August 7, 2018.
 - A. Jerry Daniels made a motion to approve the May 29, 2018 minutes as written. Michael Daffin seconded the motion. Approved 5 - 0.
 - B. Larry Glick made a motion to approve the August 7, 2018 minutes as written. Jerry Daniels seconded the motion. Approved 5 - 0.
4. Scarecrows on Main.
 - A. Elise Bowers introduced herself and announced the Citizen's City Academy starts September 6, 2018. The sessions will be held on Thursdays from 11:00am to 2:00pm for 12 weeks.
 - B. Rowlett's Neighborhood Life is hosting "Scarecrows on Main" starting in October. Photos of scarecrows from last year were shown to members. The type of spaces available were identified. This event is open to all the community non-profits, businesses and residents. The various boards/commissions are encouraged to participate. The registration information will be posted on city website and advertised on social media soon. The scarecrows can begin to be placed on October 7, 2018 with set up completed by October 13, 2018. The scarecrows will remain up throughout the month of October.
 - C. An educational series called Creating A Community will be starting soon and will last 6 weeks.
 - D. It was decided that Debbie Bobbitt and Becky Sebastian will set up a scarecrow for Golf Board. Shelly Monroe will inform Elise Bowers of the decision and send out information.
5. Updates from Waterview General Manager and Superintendent to include an update on the patio cover.

- A. Dru Bolen introduced himself and announced his return to Waterview as the General Manager. Trey Gainous is the new Assistant General Manager. A new superintendent will start on September 17, 2018.
 - B. Dru Bolen reported for approximately 3 weeks there has been a temporary crew working on leaks and tree trimming. Dru Bolen stated Scott Alford resigned but he left a list of work items that had been completed and/or is in progress. An irrigation audit was recently completed.
6. Further discuss plans for the improvement projects for the orphan areas.
- A. Angela Smith reported these projects are on hold. Ron with Eagle View, Inc. will visit the course today and this topic will be included in the discussion. Hopefully, there will be more information to bring to the next meeting. There is approximately \$12,000 remaining for these projects.
 - B. Brent Dorenbecker suggested a marketing sign be placed in the pond rather than in the grass area near the pond. He noticed while watching televised golf tournaments that this is how several have their course "sign/logo" displayed.
7. Update on the Notice of Deficiency.
- A. Angela Smith summarized that city staff met with American Golf on August 13, 2018. They agreed to the marketing plan, an action plan is due September 1, 2018 and some additional items are due December 1, 2018. City Council will be updated in an Executive Session and board members will be informed either by email and/or at the next meeting. The extra temporary staff on site is one of the results from the meeting.
 - B. Bloom & Associates Architects and Eagle View, Inc. are visiting the course today. Sandy Queen will continue to be involved in this process.
 - C. The replacement of the greens and retaining walls is not included in the Notice of Deficiency but was discussed and American Golf is supporting these changes. American Golf is working on a timeline so that bids will be obtained in an appropriate time to begin within the designated timeline.
 - D. Larry Glick inquired about Clyde Johnston auditing the course again. Angela Smith responded there are no plans for another audit and reminded members C. Johnston was asked to focus on Exhibit F. Larry Glick commented that he supports this decision.
8. Update from City Council liaison, Debby Bobbitt.
- A. Construction improvements for streets and alleys continue to be in process.
 - B. There was a Labor Day parade in Garland and there were several Rowlett residents who participated and/or attended the parade.
 - C. Next week City Council will be conducting interviews for Boards and Commissions next week.
 - D. The Farmer's Market is held every Thursday.
 - E. The opening of Schrade Bluebonnet Park and the dedication of the Spirit of Rowlett Sculpture was held August 25, 2018. Members were encouraged to go to the park to see the new amenities.
9. Feedback on golf course conditions.
- A. Brent Dorenbecker played on Waterview course and reports the greens are poor although much better than 2 months ago, although wouldn't want to pay to play the course. The definition in the fairways was noticed and described as being nice. Bunkers are in better condition than seen in a while, although it is scruffy around the bunkers. Observations of not many golfers playing for a holiday weekend was shared. Carpet inside the building looks clean.
 - B. Jerry Daniels commented grass is growing in bunkers, the greens are in better condition than from the beginning of summer. The visitors he brought to play the course stated they wouldn't pay to play the course.
 - C. Michael Daffin agreed with what B. Dorenbecker and J. Daniels reported about the greens.

- D. Debby Bobbitt voiced she came to the course over the weekend and there were friendly youth helping with the carts and was impressed with how clean the golf carts were. There was a smell in the pavilion which seemed like a musky mold smell.
 - E. Becky Sebastian mentioned she made attempts to get a couple persons to play the course for free, but the invitations were declined because those persons reported the last several times they played at Waterview they weren't impressed, although once changes are made they will consider trying the course again.
10. Discuss condition and overall rating of courses played other than Waterview, with emphasis on favorable and unfavorable comparisons to Waterview.
- A. Brent Dorenbecker played at Canyon Creek a couple times and reports the course was in good shape, although there were some water issues. He met the two qualifying rounds for the Dallas Open at Cedar Crest Golf Course then played a final tournament at Trinity Forest Golf Club. Trinity has Tiff Eagle Bermuda and was described as challenging yet fun. Trinity will be shut down for 2 months. He played in Wisconsin, shared his experience and explained how the course was built, as well as, commented the greens were Bermuda in which the balls rolled great but slow. He played in Florida and described the course as great and the greens as challenging.
 - B. Angie reported Thorntree Country Club in Desoto, Tx. will no longer be a private golf course.
11. Golf Advisory Board 6th Annual Golf Tournament.
Members discussed whether to hold the golf tournament this year. It was decided to hold it on Sunday, October 28, 2018 at 2:00pm. Discussed playing a scramble rather than a shamble. The tradition of having the tournament at the end of the year will likely be moved to the start of a new year such as October. This will allow new board members for an opportunity to play the course which better prepares members for agenda items. Team selections will be done at the October meeting.
12. Public input and questions.
No public input or questions.
13. Public Announcements.
- A. Angela Smith report the International Festival will be held October 6, 2018 located downtown and Main Street Festival will be held December 1, 2018.
 - B. A pickleball tournament will be held October 5th - 7th, 2018 at Herfurth Park.
 - C. Becky Sebastian announced Movies on Main begins September 7, 2018 located downtown.
 - D. Becky Sebastian said the Chamber Golf Tournament will be held September 27, 2018 and looking for teams to participate.
 - E. Debby Bobbitt shared that the Relay for Life will be held October 13, 2018 in Rowlett.
14. Members may request topics for future agenda items for the next meeting.
Larry Glick asked for the topic of the golf course's water source related to droughts and the green replacement.
15. Adjourned at 9:16 am.

Brad Marshall, Chairman

Angela Smith, Director Parks and Recreation