



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, March 5, 2019 ~ 8:00 am
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street, Rowlett TX 75088

PRESENT: Jerry Daniels, Brent Dorenbecker, Larry Glick, George Harris, Michael Daffin, Becky Sebastian, Barbara Holst, Jonathan Andron, Brad Marshall, Jeff Feyerherm

ABSENT: Scotty Lovett

VISITORS:

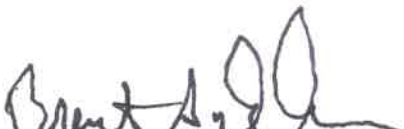
STAFF: Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Sr. Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation; Matt Grubisich, City Council liaison; Aaron Cleaver, Parks and Recreation Business Manager; Dru Bolen, Waterview General Manager; Trey Gainous, Waterview Assistant General Manager; Andy Bailey, Waterview Superintendent.

1. Brent Dorenbecker, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:00am.
2. Quorum present.
3. Consider action to approve February 5, 2019 minutes.
 - A. Jerry Daniels made a motion to approve the minutes as written.
 - B. Brad Marshall seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 5 - 0.
4. Updates from Waterview General Manager and Superintendent.
 - A. Dru Bolen said the crew is working on small projects lately due to the weather conditions.
 - B. Andy Bailey added they are cleaning the winter weeds. He explained the area around the trees were raised to better maintain the greens before spraying the pre-emergent. Waterview Golf has been working with a winter crew which is smaller than the summer crew. Once the weather improves then new hires will be added. Care of crape myrtle trees on the course were briefly discussed.
 - C. Larry Glick inquired about the scheduled maintenance on the course. Dru Bolen responded that the course is no longer closed for regular maintenance work. This was terminated in August/September 2018.
 - D. Trey Ganious is providing free clinics twice a week for Players Club members. Chris continues to provide golf lessons.
5. Renovation Projects Update.
 - A. Angela Smith reported the bids for the green replacement and retaining walls have been received. American Golf made a preliminary recommendation, but this needs to be presented to City Council on March 19, 2019 before shared with this board. There is no final timeline yet. It is possible the work on the retaining wall will begin around mid-June. Replacement of the

greens is estimated to cost \$568,000, which is the 2nd lowest bid. The retaining wall cost will be approximately \$480,000. Both are within the budget. Knight Erosion is the only bidder for the retaining wall. Matt Grubisich added that certain key components will be looked at with these bids and these projects will occur during summer 2019.

- B. Brad Marshall voiced concerns with the installation of the new retaining wall regarding the material of the wall and a need to establish that there is a certain level of water. Angela Smith requested for him to email his concerns to her, so the information will be handy when they review the bids. Brent Dorenbecker expressed concern that if the lake is drained for replacement of the wall then there isn't water for the new greens. Angela Smith and Matt Grubisich stated the city will have a professional golf construction person overseeing these projects.
6. Discuss the switching of the nines.
 - A. Brent Dorenbecker briefly explained the history and reasoning when the switching of the nines occurred in 2014.
 - B. Brad Marshall shared that having a putting green and chipping green to occupy golfers on the other side was beneficial.
 - B. Larry Glick inquired if there is a possibility to spend funds on a small putting green by hole #1 since the greens are going to be replaced because it would be the perfect time to make this change. Angela Smith replied that American Golf has some concerns about placing a putting green on that side, but she will have to present the information for a further discussion with American Golf and City Council.
 - C. After a brief discussion on the matter members decided it would be great to have a small putting green by hole #1 but to keep the hole numbers as they presently exist. Larry Glick made a motion to recommend leaving the nines as they currently are and to add a small putting green adjacent to hole #1. Brad Marshall seconded the motion. Approved 5 to 0.
 7. Ad hoc Bunker Committee.
 - A. Brent Dorenbecker explained the situation of the bunkers and the idea is to recommend whether to redesign, eliminate, or just fix existing bunkers. He inquired as to why there needs to be changes to the bunkers and concerns of changing the character of the course. Angela Smith mentioned that American Golf will submit recommendations on the bunkers to the City of Rowlett then City Council will review those recommendations, as well as Golf Board's recommendations. Angela Smith explained the assessment completed by Ron Matthews with Eagle View Golf and Todd Clark with CE Golf Design. Matt Grubisich further explained if this board wants to provide input on any changes with the bunkers then the information is worth the effort to meet with the design consultant and discuss. Paul Stephens added some insight regarding reducing bunkers and improving the course to make the course more appealing for golfers. Part of the agreement is for American Golf to spend funds to improve the bunkers during the summer. Discussed the elimination of bunkers for less maintenance and pace of play, course character, and where golf course layouts are today rather than when the course was first designed.
 - B. Possible dates for the committee to meet where mentioned. Angela Smith will connect with Todd Clark then Shelly Monroe will contact the committee to secure a date. Brent Dorenbecker appointed B. Holst, B. Sebastian, G. Harris, J. Feyerherm, L. Glick, M. Daffin, J. Daniels, and B. Marshall as committee members. Matt Grubisich stated he would like to be present for the walk through of the bunkers.
 8. Budget for the orphan area projects.
 - A. There is \$20,007.03 remaining for the projects and the monies will carry over.

- B. Most orphan areas have irrigation, but Waterview staff need to see if all the irrigation works. Members decided to postpone a decision on the projects until more is known about the possibility of placing a small putting green by hole #1.
9. Update from City Council liaison, Matt Grubisich.
Matt Grubisich had to exit the meeting during agenda item #8, therefore Angela Smith mentioned on March 19, 2019 City Council will have a short work session to discuss the new greens and retaining wall bids.
10. Feedback on golf course conditions from board members.
Brad Marshall stated the greens are fast and the detailed work being done on the course was noticeable.
11. 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 Pecan Hollow stating the greens were great, but no grass was on the fairway.
- B. Trey Gainous played at Firewheel Bridges and described the carts as being filthy, even though the carts are nice; there were no fairways, and the layout of course was neat.
- C. Jeff Feyerherm played at Wood Hollow Country Club and stated it has more poise greens and in awful shape. White Bluff Golf Club has temporary greens and course conditions were a bit tough due to the weather. Woodbridge is in pretty good shape, but the fairways are dormant due to weather; otherwise the course was in pretty good condition.
12. Boards and Commissions Volunteer Banquet.
The annual Boards and Commissions Volunteer Banquet will be held April 11, 2019 located at the Rowlett Community Centre beginning at 6:30pm. Invitations were mailed yesterday and there is an RSVP deadline of March 15, 2019.
13. Public Input.
No public input.
14. Public Announcements.
Larry Glick said the Garland Independent School Board district elections will be held May 4, 2019. Larry Glick is running for Place 1 but doesn't have an opponent. He shared a brief election story regarding the approval of Waterview Golf Course to be developed.
15. Members of the Board may request topics for future agenda meetings.
The Joint meeting with City Council in May.
16. Adjourned at 9:40 am.


Brent Dorenbecker, Chairman


Angela Smith, Director Parks and Recreation