



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, June 4, 2019 ~ 8:00 am
Waterview Golf Club
9509 Waterview Parkway, Rowlett TX 75089

PRESENT: Larry Glick, George Harris, Becky Sebastian, Barbara Holst, Jeff Feyerherm, Brad Marshall, Jonathan Andron

ABSENT: Michael Daffin, Brent Dorenbecker, Jerry Daniels

VISITORS: Sandy Queen

STAFF: Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Sr. Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation; Dru Bolen, Waterview General Manager; Andy Bailey, Waterview Superintendent

1. Larry Glick, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:00am.
2. Becky Sebastian, George Harris and Jeff Feyerherm were appointed as voting members. Quorum present.
3. Consider action to approve May 7, 2019 minutes.
 - A. Brad Marshall made a motion to approve the minutes as written.
 - B. Becky Sebastian seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 5 - 0.
4. Updates from Waterview General Manager and Superintendent. (Jonathan Andron entered)
 - A. Dru Bolen stated the course is under construction. Andy Bailey commented that the stripping of the greens began on Tuesday, as well as, the work on the bunkers. Spiking of fairways and roughs will be done. A new fairway mower was delivered yesterday.
 - B. Larry Glick inquired if any work will be done on the tee boxes. Andy Bailey responded the tees will be aerified and the worst tees will be leveled by Waterview staff. The process for this was explained.
5. 2019 USGA rule changes.
 - A. Dru Bolen presented information on some of the most important changes with golf rules. Some of these included searching for a ball, embedded balls, club-length, drop ball from knee height, stance on wrong green, double hit, ball accidentally hitting a person or equipment, touching sand in bunker, loose impediments, unplayable in bunker, penalty areas, touching the ground or water, ball accidentally moves on the green by the player, repairing damage on the greens during play, no positioning the club for alignment purposes, and hitting the flag stick.
 - B. Jeff Feyerherm inquired if a backyard at Waterview is considered a penalty area rather than an out of bounds because this would speed up the game. There will be new score cards and it was suggested for this information to be on the cards.

- C. Dru Bolen mentioned Trey Gainous is level 3 certified and by the end of this year himself and T. Gainous should be Class A.
 - D. During the month of September Dru Bolen will call for the Waterview course to be re-rated due to all the renovations.
6. Renovation Projects Update.
- A. Angela Smith reminded the schedule of projects was emailed to board members. Both consultants, Sandy Queen and Todd Clark, have been on site and communicating with one another. Members were asked to refrain from going onto the course during construction. A tour of the construction on the course for members will be scheduled during S. Queen's visit at the end of June. Larry Glick inquired why board members are not allowed to be on the course if there is no instruction given to workers. Larry Glick also relayed B. Dorenbecker's comment about Todd Clark voicing board members would be able to go on the course and see the paint markers for the bunkers. George Harris added he sees persons are out on the cement trail riding bikes, etc. Angela Smith reiterated that the consultants are assigned to oversee the construction and things are being adhered to the approved projects for the city. Sandy Queen said the paint markers were visible, but the rain washed most of them away, therefore markers are being redone. Sandy Queen photographed the before of the bunkers and will also take photos during and after in which he sends them to T. Clark. Jeff Feyerherm voiced he has a drone and could snap pictures on the course for an aerial view and S. Queen commented these photos could make a good marketing piece. Angela Smith replied she will contact the city attorney on this matter and added that the city is putting information out for citizens but reminded members persons do not always read the information.
 - B. Sandy Queen reported high quality work is being done. Wall plans were delivered yesterday and a crew coming in mid-June. He explained his role and how he is working with all the players in this project. Larry Glick asked if the original slope for each green is being kept and S. Queen replied the general character of the green is being kept. He mentioned marketing needs should begin now to draw players for reopening of the course. Angela Smith voiced she has been in communications with Dan Cortese, American Golf, about the update of the website and clarified this isn't controlled by Waterview staff. Jonathan Andron asked about the cart path repairs with all the construction damage. Angie Smith stated she will follow up with D. Cortese to find out how this will be addressed. Brad Marshall asked about the plans if there are any irrigation issues during construction and is there a person who can be contacted to resolve the issue without delays. Angela Smith commented this should be covered. Sandy Queen said the wall renovations will start about mid-June but depends on weather. Andy Bailey shared the level of pond water at hole #3 will be dropped once Knight Erosion arrives on site. The dam is going to need to be built as deep as needed and they have been ensured water isn't going to be an issue. Brad Marshall voiced his concern is the coordination of the wall, water and sprigging.
7. Follow up from the City Council joint meeting held May 21, 2019.
- A. Matt Grubisich described the great joint meeting as going well and is happy about Sandy Queen's reports, although does have concern regarding the marketing of the grand re-opening. Brad Marshall stated he was proud of Brent Dorenbecker on his method of leading the meeting and engaging City Council members. Matt Grubisich stated he hopes members feel heard. Becky Sebastian shared she feels the board is being heard and agreed on the concern of the marketing portion.
 - B. Larry Glick commented he was unable to attend the meeting but inquired about American Golf declining the addition of a practice putting green. Angela Smith replied that American Golf's official stance is they do not want to take-on an additional green nor add more maintenance to the course at this time and want to focus on the existing renovations. Larry Glick stated

new signage on the course is needed because the existing signs are old. Angela Smith explained budget requests are presented during the joint meetings and then City Council will consider all requests at a later meeting then make decisions. No decisions made on the budget request items as of right now. Matt Grubisich said he recalls B. Dorenbecker mentioning he will look at the possibility of sandblasting the signs for potential cost savings compared to new ones and this is something this board can start looking into now.

8. Discuss if a July meeting is needed.

This board usually omits the July or August meeting but at this time there will be no official elimination of either meeting until more is known with Sandy Queen's schedule for a tour.

9. Update from City Council liaison, Matt Grubisich.

Matt Grubisich mentioned today is the last day of early voting and the election runoff is Saturday.

10. Feedback on golf course conditions from board members.

None due to course closure

11. Discuss condition and overall rating of courses played other than Waterview, with emphasis on favorable and unfavorable comparisons to Waterview.

A. Barbara Holst played at Firewheel Bridges stating the sand traps were washed out and the bunkers were in terrible shape. There appeared to be different sand in the traps, although not aware if the sand was just compacted. In some bunkers the liners could be seen. Large patches of poa on the green which this usual for the course.

B. Brad Marshall shared that Steven's Park Golf Course replaced their greens in 2011 with mini-Verde and now replacing the greens with champion. He used to enjoy playing this course because of the layout.

C. George Harris played Woodbridge and described the bunkers being muddy due to the rain, but the rest of the course was in good shape.

12. Jeff Feyerherm played at Bear Creek Golf Club and expressed disappointment with the bunkers and the overall condition. There were also dirt patches in the fairways. Public Input.

None

13. Public Announcements.

A. Angela Smith shared that Unite Rowlett - Love your City is doing volunteer projects throughout the City next week. On their website the various projects can be found.

B. Barks, Brews and Brats is a first-time dog park event to be held June 8, 2019 beginning at 6:30pm.

C. Larry Glick shared their will be a ground breaking for the GISD natatorium on June 6, 2019 from 8:30am - 9:30am. The location is by the Firewheel Parkway intersection and Pleasant Valley Road.

14. Members of the Board may request topics for future agenda meetings.

Grand Re-opening plans

Signage on the course - sandblasting option

Maintenance of fence lines

Tree plan

15. Adjourned at 9:22 am.


Larry Glick, Vice Chairman


Angela Smith, Director Parks and Recreation