



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, January 7, 2020 ~ 8:00 am
Waterview Golf Club
9509 Waterview Parkway, Rowlett TX 75089

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

ABSENT: Barbara Holst

VISITORS: Brian Galuardi, Sandy Queen

STAFF: Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation; Trey Ganious, Waterview General Manager; Aaron Cleaver, Parks and Recreation Business Manager; Trevon Ferguson, Waterview Assistant Superintendent

1. Brent Dorenbecker, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:00am.
2. Quorum present. Becky Sebastian appointed as a voting member.
3. Consider action to approve December 3, 2019 minutes.
 - A. Brad Marshall made a motion to approve the minutes as written.
 - B. Larry Glick seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 6 - 0.
4. Citizens' Input.

Brian Galuardi is a new alternate with the Community Investment Advisory Board, therefore wants to become more knowledgeable about this board. He has played the course four times since it reopened and shared a few things noted during this play: a) Issues with the water holding on the course; b) Areas around the greens are being damaged and needs repair; c) There are a number of missing markers, as well as no yardage markers on the tee boxes. He voiced that he would like to see improvements to help get the course in better playing condition.
5. Update from Waterview General Manager and Superintendent to include an update on the Ambassador Program.
 - A. Trey Ganious reports January shows a good start with 140 to 160 rounds. A new tee system will be installed today, and it includes a marketing scheme which will be beneficial. The changes being made on the Waterview Golf Club website was briefly explained.
 - B. Andy Bailey wants to bring quality to the greens for the putting surface. The warm October and source of water has helped to accomplish this. The water around the greens is a hinderance and explained why a cover will cause more issues than help the situation. Staff is looking at a wetting agent to possibly resolve the problem

- but protecting what we have is important. There is no organic agent to use. The pre-emergent purchased will be used in mid-February.
- C. Larry Glick inquired about the mistletoe in the trees. Andy Bailey shared that he has no plans to deal with the mistletoe right now, although he needs to study the trees and find out which trees are causing problems. The sun study process was explained.
 - D. There is more funding for payroll than previously but need to find the people to hire and will look to purchase new equipment. Cart Path repairs is a corporate expense and doesn't come out of the Waterview Operation budget.
6. Update from City Council liaison, Matt Grubisich.
Matt Grubisich says the Mayor's State of the City presentation will be tonight and presented again tomorrow during the Chamber Luncheon. A Townhall meeting will be held at the Rowlett Community Center on Jan 28, 2020 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.
7. Update from the staff liaison, Angela Smith.
- A. Copies of the cart path repair map developed by Sandy Queen was distributed to members. The information is not exactly what this board is asking but indicates areas needing replacement over a period of time. Sandy Queen commented there are 5 or 6 repair items that could be embarrassing to not be repaired prior to the grand opening. An inquiry has been made to American Golf requesting their cart repair plan. The goal is for the worst of the worst to be repaired first. Thoughts are that some cart repairs will happen before the grand opening.
 - B. The proposed Exhibit F from American Golf is expected to be received this month but has not been received by the city yet. Sandy Queen mentioned the agronomist is still interested in keeping this golf in good condition. There is an irrigation issue and it impacts the response in regard to opening the golf course.
 - C. The recommendation for new carts with fences was presented to American Golf and they are not interested in moving in this direction. Michael Daffin asked if the new carts can have USB connections. Angela Smith said the types of carts is determined by American Golf.
 - D. Michael Daffin mentioned participating in the Holiday Parade was a fun experience. Angela Smith expressed special thanks to all those who participated in the parade.
8. Further discussion on developing a vision recommendation for the Maintenance Master Plan.
- A. Angela Smith stated the contract outlines who is responsible for what and the Maintenance Master plan only identifies what needs to be done. Such a plan allows city staff to better prepare for keeping the assets for the long term. City of Rowlett will partner with a company or person to create a draft plan. The draft plan will be presented to this board for review the Board will make a recommendation. This will be followed with the draft plan and this board's recommendation going to City Council for full acceptance. Matt Grubisich reiterated by sharing some examples. The rewriting of Exhibit F will be well defined to keep the course at a certain level which is a better plan to maintain the course.
 - B. Brad Marshall asserted this tool is a proactive mode rather than a reactive mode. The Waterview HOA does a study every 3 years to project their needs.
 - C. Sandy Queen has submitted a proposal to the city, and it includes work sessions with this board.

- D. Andy Bailey provided an additional example such as irrigation reaches its life span but can't expect to spend funds on replacing the entire irrigation system due to the cost. The irrigation replacements may need to be repaired in sections. Angela Smith concurred that Waterview and American Golf will be involved in this process.
 - E. Larry Glick remarked the difference between the Waterview HOA and the City of Rowlett is the HOA has control of the money. He suggested the city attorney should be involved. Angela Smith said the plan is an all-inclusive plan so identifying who is responsible is not the focus and the city attorney will review the plan. Larry Glick's example of concern is that it was stated the cart path repairs would be done once the construction was completed yet there is still no specific repair plan in place and construction has been done for over 2 months. Sandy Queen advised that once the items are identified in this plan it brings the topic to the forefront. Larry Glick stated this board and City of Rowlett have no control over American Golf as to timeline of project completions.
9. Follow up on making a recommendation for signage on the golf course.
- A. Larry Glick reported there is a safety concern with Garland Independent School District students going to the course on a repeated basis to work on the signs. In order for GISD students to work on the signs, the signs would need to be brought to the students. Due to the heavy weight of the signs this is not an ideal idea.
 - B. Brent Dorenbecker researched renovating the existing and found that in using the epoxy-based paint the sign will need to be laid flat. Members can paint experiment with a broken sign. In order to refurbish the other signs, the sign would need to be removed, laid flat, painted then relevel. Andy Bailey said he would like for all the signs to be moved and placed in consecutive spots. Need to test at least one sign before making any other arrangements. Brent explained how some of the painting has to be done.
 - C. Brad Marshall suggests on picking one sign and he will purchase the epoxy-based paint. Weather limited. Signs are very heavy. The temperature needs to at least be 60 to 70 degrees.
 - D. Angela Smith needs to consult with American Golf then will inform members of the result. Sandy Queen said there is a specific paint to use and will attempt to find out for members. Larry Glick asked if there is an easier way to get us the tools and paint. The biggest issue identified is the pulling signs out and resetting.
10. Discuss tournament ideas.
- A. Angela Smith stated there is 1 charity tournament with no charge to the city in conjunction with the Rowlett Chamber of Commerce tournament. In addition, there can be 2 more tournaments. This board can host a tournament and pay the course per a golfer. Waterview Golf Club needs at least 180 day notice for one of these tournaments. Since Barbara Holst requested this topic to be placed on the agenda and unable to be present, members agreed to place the topic on the next agenda.
 - B. The Grand Opening is a separate event and not a part of the tournament clause.
 - C. Brent Dorenbecker said he likes the idea of looking at holding a tournament and see if it can be linked to the Grand Opening, although admitted he doesn't have knowledge of what it takes to put a tournament together, as well as if the results of a tournament are worth the time. Becky Sebastian suggested to speak with Chamber of Commerce for such information and to also check dates as far as other tournaments being scheduled. Becky Sebastian will compile a list of tournament

dates. Jeff Feyerherm commented that a championship person is needed, and requirements can be set up and would be good for our area. Trey Ganius advised there could be have a championship tournament and a fundraising tournament, but the hardest work is getting persons to play in the tournaments. Trey Ganius expressed support of holding the tournaments but informed members from his experience the first 3 years may not be greatly successful, but tournaments can be much fun. Larry Glick voiced there is lot of work in preparing for a tournament and usually it begins approximately 6 months in advance. Hosting a tournament will require board members to be extremely involved. Angela Smith mentioned she will try to find a “cheat sheet on how to set up a tournament”.

11. Follow up on making a recommendation for maintaining fence lines.

- A. Angela Smith reviewed the American Golf contract then spoke with the City Manager. This resulted in finding that the homeowner fence lines were never a part of the settlement. Waterview Golf Club mows and weed eats the course and in the past, there spraying the weeds did occur. If this board makes a recommendation, it will go to the Waterview HOA and the City Attorney for review. There has to be a good conversation before a recommendation can be made.
- B. George Harris shared that his neighbor recently had a property survey done and his fence is right on the property line, therefore there may be inconsistency as to where fences were placed, and some folks have access gates to the back. He feels just work with Waterview. Andy Bailey says they will not spray the weeds and staff can mow but cannot commit to weed eating on a consistent basis. Brent Jeff Feyerherm explained there should be a definition going forward because superintendents change over the years. Sandy Queen reassured this will come up on the infrastructure portion of the Master Maintenance Plan. Brent Dorenbecker asked if the fence line could be defined on the new Exhibit F and Angela Smith replied that Exhibit F is only being modified with up-to-date requirements. Brad Marshall reiterated the issue about homeowners who need to paint their fence are unable to complete the task without going onto the course to paint the entire fence from just the inside yet not allowed to go onto the golf course property. In addition, since Waterview Golf Club needs to stay 1 foot away from the fence, so the mower won't damage the fence then weed eating also become a problem for the homeowner for the same reason. Brent Dorenbecker remarked this appears to be a minor issue compared to the other issues being dealt with at this time then inquired if any member would like to make a recommendation to move forward. Trey Ganius inserted that about 98% of calls received regarding this issue are pleasant and Waterview staff try to take care of all the issues. Members agreed for the same process of handling this issue to continue and no recommendations made.

12. Plan for the Grand Re-Opening.

- A. There is no specific date set yet. April 1st is the earliest but considering a date in May. The conversation resulted to tentatively hold May 16th at 8:00am for this event.
- B. Trey Ganius asked if there are any other specific folks to invite to the grand opening. He is working with Avid Golfer and shared other names on the invite list. Trey Ganius inquired about the cost. Angela Smith responded this will not be free

golf besides maybe for special guests for a few free holes. The city can use some of their free golf passes and the other will include a tour.

13. Feedback on golf course conditions from board members.

- A. Michael Daffin noted the sand traps were fantastic even after the rain. The only issue was the built-up water as previously mentioned.
- B. Jerry Daniels said the greens are in good shape. He expressed that \$1 for a cup of water is on the expensive side.
- C. Brent Dorenbecker voiced the greens are awesome where they are in the growing phase, although hard to play competitive golf with the water issue. The new tee markers looked great and the location of the markers were good. Liked seeing staff come out on the course. He had a great experience but suggests telling golfers up front about the water on the greens. Trey Ganious said they are trying to focus on Place of Play and a short discussion on water and ice was held.

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

Jeff Feyerherm played at Mesquite Golf Club and stated the greens were slightly fast.

15. Public Announcements. Members of the Board or Commission and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events. No member of the board or commission may discuss nor take any action with regard to the announcements.

Angela Smith said the Little Sweetheart Dance is Feb 1, 2020. Other special events do not occur until the month of April.

16. Members of the Board or Commission may request topics for future agenda meetings. No member of the board or commission may discuss any of the requested subjects until such matter has been properly placed on a posted agenda.

Larry Glick requested information from Public Works on a water plan for the golf course in the event Lake Ray Hubbard water levels drop.

17. Adjourned at 9:59am.



Brent Dorenbecker, Chairman



Angela Smith, Director Parks and Recreation