



**GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, July 7, 2020 ~ 8:00 am**  
**Municipal Building**  
**4000 Main Street, Rowlett TX 75088**

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Due to the public health emergency and to conform with the social distancing requirements, the Golf Advisory Board meetings will be held via teleconferencing. The public was provided an opportunity to submit comments for a specific agenda item or general comment through citizen email address.

**PRESENT (Remotely):** Chair Brent Dorenbecker; Vice-Chair Brad Marshall; Members George Harris, Michael Daffin, Larry Glick, Barbara Holst, Jerry Daniels

**ABSENT:** Alternates: Becky Sebastian, Jonathan Andron, Jeff Feyerherm

**VISITORS:** Sandy Queen

**STAFF:** Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation; Aaron Cleaver, Parks and Recreation Business Manager; Shelly Monroe, Parks & Recreation Sr. Administrative Assistant; Paul Stevens, Deputy City Manager; Andy Bailey, Waterview Superintendent; Trey Gainous, Waterview General Manager

1. Brent Dorenbecker called the meeting to order at 8:02am.
2. Consider action to approve May 26, 2020 minutes.
  - A. Jerry Daniels made a motion to approve the minutes as written.
  - B. Larry Glick seconded the motion.
  - C. Approved 7 - 0.
3. Citizens Input  
No citizen input.
4. Updates from Waterview staff.
  - A. Trey Gainous reported Waterview Golf Course is operating fully and business has been busy. Since the reopening from the pandemic closure, three tournaments have been held in which modifications were made to follow the governor's pandemic safety requirements. Some of the safety measures include inside furniture and any touch point items removed. Trey Gainous announced starting in August there will be two new programs: 1) Women's league and 2) Couple's league to include a wine and cheese night.
  - B. Andy Bailey reports they have 7 full-time and 4 part-time staff, therefore more work can be done for the maintenance tasks. The greens are healthier with the top dressing. Next week wall to wall fertility will be applied and will help the greens too. Staff is waiting on some equipment that has been ordered.
  - C. Brad Marshall mentioned he noticed by hole #6 there is rope and it appears to be keeping golfers from driving the carts too close to the greens which helps the

- Andy Bailey added rope will also be placed at holes #5, #18, and #11 once the rope ordered is delivered and in process of building more stakes. Although the appearance of the rope and stakes are not aesthetic, but it will protect the turf.
- D. Brent Dorenbecker asked about the timeline of when the greens should be completely ready. Andy Bailey responded that the greens are 3 to 4 weeks away from being where they should be. The grass is cut at the same time, but the ground is not level therefore the grass length is different. Staff will look at aerification of the greens. Brent Dorenbecker inquired about the pond fountains not working. Andy Bailey shared that the weather trips a couple of the fountains and he needs to contact an electrician to troubleshoot the breakers for repairs. Brent Dorenbecker asked about cart path repairs and Angela Smith answered that American Golf is working on this.
  - E. Larry Glick inquired about the number of available golf carts in working condition. Trey Ganious replied there are 78 carts. Larry Glick clarified the inquiry is to make sure there will be enough carts for the Rowlett Chamber of Commerce's tournament if the pandemic situation requires only 1 person per a cart.
5. Maintenance Master Plan and Tree Plan update.
- A. Sandy Queen stated the trees on the golf course have been inventoried and there are over 1200 trees. An example of the document was shown, and information includes each hole with the number of trees, the tree size and identifies the type of tree. There are still trees that need to be added but these need to be identified. Part of this process is to label the trees that will need to be removed and in the Tree Plan indicate where to plant new trees. Communications with Todd Clark of CE Golf Design are occurring to assist with the development of the Tree Plan. Larry Glick inquired about T. Clark's role with the plan process. Sandy Queen stated said T. Clark is providing the technical drawings and providing his expertise on the strategic placement of trees from the design perspective and playability standpoint. Brad Marshall stated there are a couple cottonwood trees on the course that will soon reach their lifespan and will need to be removed. Brad Marshall commented the Willow trees near hole #2 were removed but looks like the trees are starting to grow again along the bank and will need to be considered for clean up.
  - B. Sandy Queen announced all the initial inventory items for the Maintenance Master Plan is done, although still obtaining information as to when some of items were purchased. These dates will help determine the replacement timelines.
  - C. Sandy Queen said he would like to have these plans completed by the end of this year. Sandy Queen feels it will be important to meet with this board in person on the course to review the plans and further discuss. Angela Smith added that as soon as city staff feels comfortable gathering everyone for an "in-person" meeting this can be arranged.
6. Discuss remediation plan.
- A. Angela Smith mentioned the remediation plan was emailed to board members last week so members had an opportunity to review the plan prior to this meeting.
  - B. Sandy Queen described the plan as a nice roadmap for Waterview staff to follow and the plan addresses some of the reconstruction items that have been needing attention.
  - C. Andy Bailey commented staff is raking bunkers everyday now and the main issue was there wasn't any staff to do the work. Waterview staff is trying to get things

caught up, but it is a process to get the greens back healthy as well as the transition areas. Brad Marshall asked if the new traps are easier to maintain and Andy Bailey replied with a yes, then explained the process. Brent Dorenbecker asked about the maintenance regarding the definition of fairways. Andy Bailey said some of the decline of the definition is due to do the cart path traffic and the specific dirt on the course. Andy Bailey is working with some vendors to figure out an efficient way to keep the fairways healthy and explained his vision. Sandy Queen mentioned the fertility levels were not where A. Bailey wanted it to be at the end of the renovation projects and now he believes there are funds to be able to do these tasks.

7. Sign renovation: Repainting of signs; Replacement sign for hole #18; Installation of sign on hole #1.
  - A. Brad Marshall reported all the signs have been repainted and polished, but waiting until August with dryer weather to seal the paint areas. Some of the signs weren't installed correctly and hopefully at some point the signs will be correctly re-installed. The sign at hole #18 is still missing. The sign for hole #1 is repainted and needs to be installed. Andy Bailey added the installation of this sign is on their task and likely will be done within 90 days.
  - B. Brent Dorenbecker elaborated how incredible the newly painted signs looks and expressed appreciation to Brad Marshall and his wife for all their efforts on this project, as well as donating the paint. Brent Dorenbecker suggested Brad Marshall to provide the paint information to Shelly Monroe so this information will be on file if needed in the future. Brent Dorenbecker inquired about the status of the fund request for sign replacement at hole #18. Angela Smith answered that funding for this is included on the 2021 budget list, but at this time there is no information on approval.
8. Feedback on golf course conditions from board members.
  - A. Jerry Daniels plays golf weekly and over the last month there have been noticeable improvements. Other than the wet spots on the greens, he hasn't heard complaints about the greens. Presently there are about 20 players for the senior golf program in which most are coming from the Mesquite area.
  - B. Michael Daffin played a couple times. About 2 weeks ago the greens were bouncy and rough, but last week the greens were fast and smooth. His concern is folks driving the carts on the greens and voiced his agreeance with the roping that was started and glad more will be done.
  - C. Brad Marshall said he hasn't noticed ball marks on the course, which normally is a problem, and described this as amazing progress.
  - D. Brent Dorenbecker has pictures of players walking across the greens with their pull carts and heard complaints about some motorized carts on the greens, so he supports the roping off on the course.
  - E. Barbara Holst played on the Par 3, but didn't play the course. The mowed turf was slow and bumpy a couple weeks ago. There was only 1 other person on the Par3 during the time she played.
9. Discuss condition and overall rating on courses played other than Waterview, with emphasis on favorable and unfavorable comparisons to Waterview.
  - A. Brad Marshall has been doing some work at Buffalo Creek since the owners have reacquired the course. Buffalo Creek staff has turned the course around in a short

amount of time. Their greens aren't in great shape, although the bunkers have been redone to Billy bunkers with brown sand. A nice touch is they now have a staff person in a golf cart greeting visitors upon arrival, so their customer service is outstanding.

- B. Barbara Holst indicated she made attempts to get a woman's group to play at Waterview but has been unsuccessful. This group has returned to Buffalo Creek. Brent Dorenbecker asked what the issue is about them playing at Waterview. Barbara Holst explained this group of ladies started at Buffalo Creek several years ago. They began traveling to different golf courses to play when the traps got bad, as well as, them not being treated good. The wet areas on the greens at Waterview are a problem and she explained about the female golfer's way of playing. The Buffalo Creek's new management is catering to this specific group of women. Barbara Holst played at Keeton Park describing the fairways as nice, the greens were shaggy and slow, but there had been quite a bit of rain.
- C. Brent Dorenbecker played at Coyote Ridge in Carrollton, Tx in which the rates are high, although the course was in great shape. Their customer service could improve. He played a Todd Clark designed course in Wisconsin and it was in stellar condition. He played a course at a Wisconsin resort in which this course was in immaculate condition and customer service was excellent. This course had several marshals all over the course. Brent Dorenbecker shared a story about trying to play at a city course where he grew up.

10. Public Announcements.

- A. Angela Smith announced that July is Parks and Recreation month. One way to celebrate this is offering a scavenger hunt through a Goosechase app and encouraged persons to play. Rowlett Community Center (RCC) and Wet Zone are open at reduced capacity.
- B. Golf passes are ready. Members can inform Shelly Monroe if golf passes should be mailed or if will pick up at RCC.

11. Member of the Board or Commission may request topics for future agenda meetings.  
Larry Glick inquired about golf board members playing together this month.

12. Adjourned at 9:33am.



Brent Dorenbecker, Chairman

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Angela Smith, Director Parks and Recreation