



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, September 1, 2020 ~ 8:00 am
Municipal Building
4000 Main Street, Rowlett TX 75088

PRESENT (Remotely): Chair Brent Dorenbecker; Vice-Chair Brad Marshall; Members Michael Daffin, Larry Glick, Barbara Holst, Jerry Daniels. Alternates: Jonathan Andron

ABSENT: Alternate: Becky Sebastian, George Harris, 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; Matt Grubisich, City Council liaison

1. Brent Dorenbecker called the meeting to order at 8:00am. Quorum Present.
2. Consider action to approve August 4, 2020 minutes and August 12, 2020 minutes.
 - A. Brad Marshall made a motion to approve the minutes as written for August 4, 2020.
 - B. Larry Glick seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 6 - 0.
 - D. Brad Marshall made a motion to approve the minutes as written for August 12, 2020.
 - E. Michael Daffin seconded the motion.
 - F. Approved 6 - 0.
3. Citizens Input
No citizen input.
4. Updates from Waterview staff.
 - A. Andy Bailey reported aerification is now complete. They raised the height on mowing. Staff has been spot-spraying, working on irrigation, and on equipment. Equipment parts were ordered and most have now been delivered. Waiting on a new Toro. about status of equipment of . Still short of staff and available to hire but just not finding folks but updated the pay scale. Discussed the maintenance of the bunkers such as the edging process and what Waterview staff have been doing, what they can't do, and what they will be doing. Sandy Queen added that there is progress and he has made several contacts and one being with Carl who is with American Golf and he will be coming on site soon. Sandy Queen commented things are heading in the right direction.
5. Maintenance Master Plan and Tree Plan update.

- A. Sandy Queen shared he obtained information for the Maintenance Master Plan from Golf Board builders Association of American and other resources. The plan is coming together but there is still a lot of work to be done. There has been a focus on the Tree Plan. A full-size render of the plan will soon be available at the golf course. Most of the type of trees have been inventoried along with the locations. Sandy Queen asked if board members will help identify the unknown trees. Working with Todd Clark to do a site visit in October such as a Friday and Saturday and play golf with a subcommittee to show and explain the tree removal and replacements. During the November meeting a preliminary plan can be presented to this board with the hopes of the Tree Plan being completed by December.
 - B. Briefly discussed the subcommittee for the Tree Plan. Brent Dorenbecker asked who would be interested. Those interested in being on this committee are L. Glick, B. Marshall and J. Daniels. Larry Glick commented at the origination of the golf course the idea was to have a parkland golf course which requires 3000 trees and thus far the city nor American Golf have purchased trees for the course which is the reason he began to purchase them. Trees were supposed to be filled in with more trees, therefore it is now interesting that there will be recommendations to remove trees and concerned about the large trees. Larry Glick inquired about available funding for trees because he is unaware of funding allocated for trees. Brent Dorenbecker expressed concern about trees being removed and no funding for replacements. Sandy Queen acknowledged that due to the COVID restrictions there will be a delay because he would like to obtain all member's perspectives for the tree plan, therefore the topic will be continued at the next meeting. Move this to the next meeting. Grubisich asked S. Queen to send him photo of any unidentified trees and he will try to help identify.
6. Discuss the rewriting of Exhibit F. (Brad Marshall exited)
 - A. Sandy Queen said the whole process involves getting the standards updated to specification because none of them really meet the high-end daily fee, as well as some standards aren't measurable and should be measurable. Working on a draft.
 - B. Angela Smith asked members to go through the existing Exhibit F and note concerns and/or what the standard should be then email it to Shelly Monroe. This will give S. Queen an idea of what members are seeing and finding when they play. Larry Glick questioned American Golf's motivation for the revision of the standards and asked what the standards of other high-end daily fee golf courses, so members know what to compare. Matt Grubisich agrees and supports the idea to match the high-end daily fee courses and reiterated this is the reason why the standards need to be updated, as well as it provides the city leverage for accountability. Brent Dorenbecker suggested there be "operating standards" and add a "score card" to make a requirement for American Golf to fill out a self-evaluation every quarter for them to grade themselves. Angela Smith replied that this would be the type of information to include with comments on Exhibit F and send to S. Monroe. Materials need to be submitted to S. Monroe about 10 days prior to the next meeting. Michael Daffin said Exhibit F being rewritten is part of the contract and this is part of American Golf's "buy in". Angela Smith added that Exhibit F rewritten has to be mutually agreed upon.
 - C. Update from Matt Grubisich, City Council liaison.

Virtual Townhall meeting about the budget September 3, 2020 at 7pm for public input. It will be on Facebook Live.

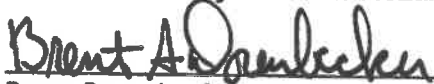
- D. Golf board annual golf tournament.
 - Shelly Monroe reported the date all members are available to play golf is October 11, 2020. The time for this gathering will be 2pm.
- E. Feedback on golf course conditions from board members. (Michael Daffin exited)
 - a. Jerry Daniels noticed some areas on the course have dried out and he has observed a tremendous amount of staff working on the course. During his senior league of approximately 18-20 golfers where has been very few negative comments about the course.
 - b. Brent Dorenbecker voiced things appear to be moving in the right direction. The more noticeable items are the lakes and broken fountains. Appreciation expressed for the equipment repaired which helps staff complete needed work to be done. Challenges experienced with the POS system so took 20 minutes to pay, therefore the tee time was almost missed.
 - c. Jonathan Andron said he was very satisfied with his experience, although the cart paths are poor condition. Inquired about long term care of maintaining the bunkers. Lots of algae in ponds and some trash on the course, but since there is no trash cans it is to be expected. Andy Baily indicated he is waiting on a quote regarding cart path repairs and staff is trying to get the weeds cleared out but is an ongoing process. In the next 15 to 30 days there will be a cart path plan.
- F. Discuss condition and overall rating on courses played other than Waterview, with emphasis on favorable and unfavorable comparisons to Waterview.
 - a. Brent Dorenbecker played at Buffalo Creek and Woodbridge. Buffalo Creek was in good shape with maintenance and turf; and their service was excellent. Waterview has a better opportunity with the bunkers due to the type of sand. Woodbridge was in fairly good shape, although the bunkers weren't draining. Their price is a little less expensive than Waterview.
 - b. Jerry Daniels played at Mesquite Golf Club and the bunkers were in poor shape. The greens were good in that it was almost like playing on Bent Grass.
- G. Public Announcements.
 - a. Larry Glick serves on the Rowlett Economic Board, and there are road projects in the works that Golf Board may find of interest. The information will be sent to S. Monroe to be forwarded to members. A concern is the Merritt Road connector to Liberty Grove and a direct route to golf course. The design work has been approved but funding for the actual work is uncertain.
 - b. Larry Glick shared the Rowlett Chamber of Commerce's golf tournament will be held September 24, 2020. One of the prizes donated is Taylor-made Golf Clubs, one of the most trending golf clubs right now.

c. Brent Dorenbecker stated in his hometown in another state, he considered it being like "Mayberry" and due to all the certain situations occurring there, it is scary times.

H. Member of the Board or Commission may request topics for future agenda meetings.

No topics requested.

I. Adjourned at 9:32am.


Brent Dorenbecker, Chairman

Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation