



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, October 6, 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, Jeff Feyerherm. Alternates: Jonathan Andron, Becky Sebastian, Carter Holston

ABSENT:

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; Trey Gainous, Waterview General Manager; Andy Bailey, Waterview Superintendent; Matt Grubisich, City Council liaison

1. Brent Dorenbecker called the meeting to order at 8:01am. Quorum Present.
2. The Oath of Office and the Statement of Elected/Appointed Officer were administered to the newly appointed members.
3. Elect Chair and Vice Chair for 2020-2021.
 - A. Brad Marshall nominated Brent Dorenbecker as Chair. Brent Dorenbecker accepted the nomination. Jerry Daniels seconded the nomination. No other nominations. Members unanimously agreed to this appointment.
 - B. Brad Marshall nominated Larry Glick as Vice Chair. Larry Glick accepted the nomination. Michael Daffin seconded the nomination. No other nominations. Members unanimously agreed to this appointment.
4. Consider action to approve September 1, 2020 minutes.
 - A. Larry Glick made a motion to approve the minutes as written for September 1, 2020.
 - B. Jerry Daniels seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 7 - 0.
5. Citizens Input
No citizen input.
6. Updates from Waterview staff.
 - A. Andy Bailey said staff is working on lengthening the height of grass for the winter. The end of last month was wet and cloudy, but the greens have bounced back from the weather conditions.

- B. Trey Gainous reports the food and beverage area has been updated. Golf Course is functioning full steam ahead and receiving high numbers of rounds. He feels staff is having a fun time with lots of players at the course. Michael Daffin expressed congratulations to T. Gainous on the number of tournaments being held at the course.
- C. Brent Dorenbecker asked about the lease agreement for the carts. Trey Gainous responded the Lease expires in February 2021, although this does not mean Waterview Golf course will receive new carts.
- D. Brent Dorenbecker commented that it appears the largest amount of Texas grass/crab grass is presenting itself for this year. Andy Bailey said staff is having a constant battle with the weeds; Dallas grass has been more maintainable to get rid of and explained their process. Larry Glick questioned if Waterview has an appropriate number of staff. Andy Bailey answered that they lost 1 person and hired 1 more.
- E. Larry Glick inquired if the contractor for the cart path repair has been chosen. Andy Bailey said he wasn't sure. Angela Smith said American Golf indicated to City Manager's Office that the repairs should start the 3rd week of October, but still waiting on the list of repair details to be submitted.
- F. Brent Dorenbecker asked about the bunkers because he saw where sand pulled away from the edges, therefore exposing the cap of the liner. Curious if the sand depth doesn't need to be spot checked because in one of the bunkers there was only 1 inch of sand. Andy Bailey says he doesn't like the bunker liners showing, but there is information discrepancy about this. The contractor who installed the bunkers has been requested to come out to the golf course to discuss the maintenance struggles. Presently the Sand Pro is not being used in the bunkers and the sand is being hand raked except for the larger bunkers. Brent Dorenbecker asked S. Queen about his experience with bunker solutions and Bermuda grass. Sandy Queen mentioned he showed A. Bailey pictures of bunker solutions and feels there is questions about the maintenance of these style bunkers so it is good the contractor will be making a site visit.
- G. Brent Dorenbecker asked for an update on the broken fountains. Andy Bailey reported the pumps have been pulled and he should know by end of this week as to what is wrong with the pumps as far as motors needing to be replaced or just parts.
- H. Angela Smith voiced the fence at the maintenance building needs to be repaired. Andy Bailey said the same contractor for the cart path repairs has been contacted for this.

7. Maintenance Master Plan and Tree Plan update.

Sandy Queen reported he made a site visit the 3rd week of September. Andy Bailey will mark information on the draft Tree Plan. Communications continue with Todd Clark regarding the plan. At the November meeting a preliminary plan can be presented to this board with the hopes of the Tree Plan being completed and accepted in December.

8. Discuss the rewriting of Exhibit F.

A. Sandy Queen said he received the feedback board members submitted on the Exhibit F rewrite and a draft is being put together with specifications that can be measurable which will make it easier for American Golf to know the expectations and will give everyone a solid work plan. Sandy Queen will submit

a preliminary plan in October to City Manager's Office and then present at the November meeting. In reference to the maintenance deficiencies, S. Queen will return for another site review and a special meeting will be held to update this board.

- B. Angela Smith reiterated that the draft rewrite will be ready in approximately 2-3 weeks then it will be sent to the board by email for review. Members will have the opportunity to read through recommended revisions and submit feedback again. During the November meeting members can discuss the changes and make a recommendation for Council. In December the rewrite of Exhibit F can be presented to Council followed by presenting to American Golf. All concerns should be included in the rewrite. There was a brief discussion on the format of how the updates on Exhibit F will be tracked for changes.
 - C. Shelly Monroe will email this board the comments already submitted to Sandy Queen on the rewrite.
9. Update from Matt Grubisich, City Council liaison.
- A. Matt Grubisich stated a new budget cycle has begun and he likes the direction of how things are proceeding. Thanks of appreciation was expressed to the board members for their golf passion and volunteer time for this board, and to S. Queen for all his efforts for the various tasks. There is a City Council meeting this evening if persons want to listen in.
 - B. Michael Daffin asked how the city is doing on revenue due to COVID19. Matt Grubisich responded that the city is doing much better than as they anticipated at the beginning of COVID.
 - C. Larry Glick was on the course over past 2 days and noticed issues with the pine trees. Matt Grubisich said he spoke with Andy Bailey to arrange being on site this week to find out what is going on with the trees at hole #13 and #18. Larry Glick said he will pay for someone to go out and help treat these trees.
10. Golf board annual golf tournament.
- Angela Smith announced City Council will make decisions this evening during the City Council's meeting as to whether restrictions will be lifted for face to face encounters for boards and commissions. Shelly Monroe will send out an email with the updated information. Discussed tee times being split due to the board limitations: Oct 11th will be L. Glick: C. Holston, J. Andron and B. Sebastian; Oct 18th will be B. Dorenbecker: B. Marshall, J. Feyerherm, and J. Daniels. The format of the tournament will be shamble and two best balls. It has been requested for these to be identified as special meetings so members can discuss the golf course conditions while playing golf.
11. Feedback on golf course conditions from board members.
- A. Jerry Daniels said the course is in pretty good condition with exception of the greens being a little bumpy. There is a little crown about an inch around on the holes. Other comments he heard from other players is about the concession times not being convenient and not being able to get water.
 - B. Brent Dorenbecker and B. Marshall played golf yesterday and it appears the definition of fairway is being lost more since from when the course reopened after COVID19 restrictions. The lakes need a lot of clean up and work. The greens had good speed and were consistent. Overall, the greens are in great


shape and the one hole that seems to surprise players is hitting in the center of #6 and described it as a tough hole.

- C. Jeff Feyerherm told T. Gainous that a great job was done on the Tuesday Sundown because it ran well. He is happy with the greens although there are spots that are bumpy, but it is the nature of the golf course. A couple of the greens have lost their personality.
 - D. Larry Glick played golf with some friends which resulted in sending a message to A. Smith, Brian Funderburk, and B. Dorenbecker on the poor condition of the cart paths. He is not sure what has happened over the past year and this is a concern because of the negative image this shows to the public as the first impression of Waterview Golf Club then can trigger folks to wonder what else is there is to anticipate on this course. His friends thought the course played well. When he played during the Rowlett Chamber tournament, several positive comments were heard about the course. Seeing a little more definition between the fairway and rough would be preferred; can't be seen from the tee boxes.
 - E. Michael Daffin commented the condition of the cart paths are tearing up the carts, so if paths aren't repaired before new carts are delivered then it won't take long for it to affect the condition of new carts. Trey Gainous reiterated he is not aware there will be new carts even though the lease expires and renews in February 2021.
12. Discuss condition and overall rating on courses played other than Waterview, with emphasis on favorable and unfavorable comparisons to Waterview.
- A. Brent Dorenbecker played Woodbridge Golf Club in which bunkers on several holes were being removed, but the course was in good shape. Pecan Hollow had a massive renovation in 2011 and the bunkers are similar to Waterview's bunkers, but they drain well, and there is an amazing definition of fairway to rough and collars. He believes Pecan Hollow has same greens as Waterview and rated 1 or 2 faster than Waterview. The cart paths were removed then redone with more curved edges and a little wider than Waterview's cart paths. Inquired if cart paths by tees and greens could be removed and a more natural path be used by golfers. Barbara Holst said she is aware some courses in the north do such with their cart paths but doesn't feel Texas can do this because of the warmer weather; Jeff Feyerherm concurs with B. Holst.
 - B. Jeff Feyerherm played at Stonebridge Ranch Country Club which is a beautiful course, but also having cart path issues. There seems to be fewer courses using GPS carts. He played at Rockwall Golf Club and it was in pretty good condition. He played at Buffalo Creek and the cart path is worse than Waterview, and the sands are fluffy and soft. He played 3 courses in South Carolina and talked about their cart paths. He played twice at TCP Craig Ranch which is where the Byron Nelson will be held in 2021.
13. Public Announcements.
- A. Angela Smith announced there will be a virtual kid fish event. Celebrate DiverCity was held this past weekend and explained how this was set up to abide by social distancing guidelines. Early voting will begin October 12, 2020 and end October 30, 2020 located at Rowlett Community Centre in gym B. Scarecrows on Main will start October 11, 2020.

- B. Larry Glick shared that one of the Garland Independent School District seats will be on the ballot, as well as a tax amendment; there is no bond requests on this election.
- C. Brent Dorenbecker stated there is a debate being held for Rowlett City Council members and questions can be submitted by 6pm. The debate will be held at the Chamber of Commerce and will be on Facebook Live.

14. Member of the Board or Commission may request topics for future agenda meetings.
No topics requested.

15. Adjourned at 9:39am.


Brent Dorenbecker, Chairman


Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation