



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

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

ABSENT: Jerry Daniels, Becky Sebastian

VISITORS: Sandy Queen, Profitable Golf

STAFF: Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation; Trey Gainous, Waterview General Manager; Shelly Monroe, Parks & Recreation Sr. Administrative Assistant; Andy Bailey, Waterview Superintendent; Mitchell Laskowitz, American Golf Operations Manager

1. Brent Dorenbecker called the meeting to order at 8:01am. Quorum Present. Jonathan Andron and Carter Holston appointed as voting members.
2. Consider action to approve November 3, 2020 minutes and November 10, 2020.
 - A. Brad Marshall made a motion to approve the minutes as written for November 3, 2020. Larry Glick seconded the motion. Approved 7 - 0.
 - B. Carter Holston made a motion to approve the minutes as written for November 10, 2020. Larry Glick seconded the motion. Approved 7 - 0.
3. Citizens Input
No citizen input.
4. Updates from Waterview staff.
 - A. Mitchell Laskowitz is the head of golf operations of American Golf and new to the company as of 30 days ago. He briefly explained some of the changes that will be taking place with the restructure of American Golf.
 - B. Andy Bailey said the trees are being trimmed; staff started on seeding between the chipping green and the par 3; they are preparing to mark cart paths; and working on tasks to get ready for the winter months.
 - C. Trey Gainous said the number of rounds has been high. For the month of December there was a total of 2400 rounds. The last 3 Saturday slashers tournaments averaged 40 players.
 - D. Brad Marshall inquired if there are any plans for the trees at hole #4. Andy Bailey replied their staff does not have the equipment to take care of those trees, therefore other arrangements will need to be made.
 - E. Michael Daffin inquired if the tarps are on the course. Andy Baily responded the tarps are in place.

- F. Brent Dorenbecker asked if the course is still dealing with the beavers eating some of the bases of the trees. Andy Baily said they are still dealing with the beavers but cannot determine the location of the beavers. Staff wrapped the base of the trees with chicken wire. Brent Dorenbecker mentioned he has seen several new faces at the course and asked if new hiring occurred. Trey Gainous confirmed.
5. Update from Matt Grubisich, City Council liaison.
Matt Grubisich was unable to be present today. Angela Smith mentioned there is a City Council meeting this evening which will include the response on COVID19. City of Rowlett has cancelled the holiday events.
6. Maintenance Master Plan and Tree Plan update.
A. Sandy Queen reported trees were flagged and they are in the process of finalizing the plan. He is aiming to submit the recommendation plan to City staff by December 15th. The plan includes 140 new trees, although there is no budget for this with American Golf nor City of Rowlett. The goal would be to plant new trees as there is removal of any existing trees which will take planning and coordinating.
B. Brent Dorenbecker agrees with the removal and replacement of trees, but feels the replacement needs to occur before the removals happen. He also expressed his confusion on the philosophy of the tree removals, because some are very healthy trees and shared a couple examples. Angela Smith mentioned City Council has not seen this plan yet and conversations will need to be had before any finalizing.
C. Larry Glick made a formal objection to any trees that are marked with ribbon being removed and explained his reason; therefore, he hopes this board will continue to be updated as things progress with the Tree Plan. Carter Holston, vocalized gratitude towards Larry Glick for purchasing of trees for the course and agrees there always needs to be a plan, although realizes the details may not be completely indicated yet because there is the possibility of relocating some of the trees rather than complete removal.
7. Follow up on the status of Exhibit F rewrite.
Angela Smith stated the rewrite will be presented to City Council December 15th and the next steps will be sent to this board rather than waiting until January meeting. The City Attorney will review the rewrite before it will be presented to American Golf.
8. Orientation for newly appointed Board members.
Angela Smith offered an option of meeting independently with Carter Holston since he is the only new member. Shelly Monroe can send the presentation to board members if there are any questions. Board members unanimously agreed for it to not be covered during this meeting and will be done independently with C. Holston.
9. Detailed update on cart path work with the \$40k American Golf funds that were released.
A. Angela Smith stated there are no details to share at this time. City staff will meet with American Golf this week to discuss the Exhibit F, fence repair and

cart paths. As soon as there is information to share this will be sent to board members.

- B. Brent Dorenbecker asked if a contractor has been chosen for the work. Andy Bailey answered that a contractor has been chosen for this project. Communications have occurred with Rowlett Zoning & Planning and working on the permits needed. There is a priority list of projects in which focuses with things that are more safety issues. Carter Holston is glad this is in the works although every year this should be in budget because of Texas weather this will always be an ongoing process.

10. Golf board annual golf tournament update.

Brent Dorenbecker said the scores from the three groups were close. This is always an important activity for the board to play golf together and it is a fun format.

11. Discuss the new Avid Golfer publication.

Larry Glick provided the November 2020 issue of The Best of Public Golf to all members and City Council. Attached to the magazine was a summary letter written by L. Glick. Information in the publication is the most reliable in the market. Larry Glick shared the ratings of the course over past several years. One concern is that Firewheel Bridges Golf Club has moved to the Top Premium Course and has a rating of #7 East, whereas Waterview is no longer listed as a Top Mid-Priced Course or a Top Value. Waterview Golf Course has returned to the Honorable Mention - East but does feel the course can improve to the top 15 East.

12. Feedback on golf course conditions from board members.

- A. Larry Glick provided a thank you to A. Bailey and A. Smith for arrangements for cleaning up the growth on the practice tee.
- B. Brent Dorenbecker played last week and there has been lots of clean up on the course which means lots of hard work is being done by Waterview staff. One concern is the decrease of the depth of sand in the bunkers and provided an example situation that occurred at bunker #8, therefore suggested during down time in the winter months to take a look at the sand. He asked if cups on the practice greens can be cut. Andy Bailey said there is a lot of practices from high school, therefore he is waiting for them to get finished and explained how this impacts the greens and what will be done. Brent Dorenbecker continued commenting that the greens rolled great and asked about for some education on why the greens are so good when usually it takes about 2 years before greens are in this condition. Andy Bailey explained the greens are being more receptive than expected and a healthy plant but feels some of the chemicals used and the height of the grass has helped too. Brief discussion on the clean up around the collars was held. Brent Dorenbecker said it has been a good experience seeing new faces at the course and persons coming out on the beverage carts.

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

Brad Marshall played in Destin, Florida on two resort courses that were high end daily fee. Both were challenging courses and the best greens he has ever

played. Indian Bayou Golf & Country Club had an interesting course. Played at a Bay Resort Golf Club which had smooth greens that were about 4-5 years old so is exciting to see where Waterview greens can be. PGA Frisco has decided on TifEagle and bunker solutions for their course.

14. Public Announcements.

Angela Smith shared that additional features and lighting were installed downtown since the events were cancelled. The 12 Days of Christmas will still be held but will be through zoom and "to go" packs.

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

16. Adjourned at 9:45am.


Brent Dorenbecker, Chairman


Angela Smith, Deputy City Manager