



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, January 5, 2021 ~ 8:00 am
Municipal Building
4000 Main Street, Rowlett TX 75088

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

ABSENT: Brent Dorenbecker

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; Matt Grubisich, City Council liaison

1. Larry Glick called the meeting to order at 8:01am. Quorum Present. Becky Sebastian appointed as a voting member.
2. Consider action to approve December 1, 2020.
 - A. Brad Marshall made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for December 1, 2020.
 - B. Barbara Holst seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 6 - 0.
3. Citizens Input
No citizen input.
4. Updates from Waterview staff.
 - A. Andy Bailey said staff is cleaning up around the ponds and trimming trees. The fence located at the maintenance barn is repaired. The cart path replacement will hopefully begin next week. Work is being done on the pond by #15 tee then staff will either move to the pond on #2 or #3 for cleanup. Since it is wintertime the focus is no longer on mowing, therefore other tasks are being addressed.
 - B. Trey Gainous said the weather of rain and cold has been a factor with work projects and players. Improvement with communications with the public are better now that the Facebook page is back functioning and emails are linked. Preparations for daylight savings time are in process. The new carts will be lithium battery and will arrive in March 2021. The new cart is approximately 250lbs lighter than the existing cart, therefore there will be less weight on the course. Michael Daffin inquired if there is an USB port on the carts and T. Gainous responded there will not have usb ports.
 - C. Brad Marshall asked about a possible water leak by #3 green. Andy Baily explained what is happening to cause the water build up and they are working

on a permanent solution. In addition, a similar issue continues at #9. Brad Marshall commented that it looks like the drainage issue near the area by #17 appears to be much better. Andy Bailey agreed this is the case for right now, but there is a drainage problem and there are plans to work on a long-term solution.

5. Update from Matt Grubisich, City Council liaison.

- A. The Mayor's State of the City Address will be held tonight. He looks forward to a good year.
- B. There is a possibility there may be some reserved funds to put towards an already identified golf course need and if this is the situation it will be discussion amongst City Council at the budget retreat later in the month. Larry Glick asked if this should be an agenda item for the next meeting and in response M. Grubisich replied it could be an agenda item, but it would be an update item.

6. Maintenance Master Plan and Tree Plan update.

Sandy Queen reported the plans are complete. The report is at the printers which will be submitted to City staff as soon as it is ready, hopefully within the next 2 weeks. Members will be able to visually see all the recommendations in the plans. Issues identified in the plan are cart paths, irrigation, bunkers, etc. Sandy Queen acknowledges members may have questions once the entire plans are able to be reviewed and he will be happy to provide the answers. As soon as city staff receive the plans then it will be distributed to board members. This will continue to be an agenda item for next month.

7. Exhibit F rewrite Update.

Angela Smith indicated she is working on an email to send to board members which will include the rewrite document. The rewrite document was presented to City Council in a closed session. The rewrite was sent to S. Queen last week. It is a final document now and will be submitted to American Golf this week. This will continue to be an agenda for next month.

8. Update on cart path work.

- A. Larry Glick shared B. Dorenbecker's concern regarding the progress of the cart path work. Andy Bailey said the repairs will start with the worst areas that is causing damage to the carts and the equipment such as #15 and #13 first. The cart path work will likely then move to #11 and #3 later in the year. Funds are allocated but Waterview is waiting to hear when these funds will be available. Waterview staff have expressed to American Golf this will be an ongoing need. Larry shared positive thoughts about this moving forward.
- B. Angela Smith added that American Golf recognizes there is significant repairs needed on the cart path and they are working on how to include this in their budget for the long-term. Presently American Golf has \$40,000 allocated to begin repairs which is slated to work on approximately 30,000 square feet of concrete path. Waterview Golf will obtain the repair services from a local company.

9. Feedback on golf course conditions from board members.

- A. Larry Glick shared B. Dorenbecker's concern about the low sand level in the bunkers. He probed the sand and it was below 4 inches and, in some cases, less than an inch. Inquiry made on how much sand has been added since the reopening of the course last year. In November 2020 he observed Waterview staff

using a leaf blower in bunker #18 to remove leaves in which this process blows quite a bit of sand out of the bunker. If sand levels remain low, then this sets up the situation for the liners to be damaged by golfers. As a reminder the same quality of sand recommended last year should be used to fill the bunkers. Andy Bailey said staff has recently added sand to bunkers #2, #5, and #8. Staff started with the bunkers where the liner was exposed. They still have ½ truck load of sand and will continue to input sand into the other bunkers in need of sand.

- B. Carter Holston voiced there appears to be new plants/weeds on the course, as well as several poles lights out in the parking lot. Andy Bailey said poa is common, and the first application is being sprayed today, with 2 more applications to follow. The chemical A. Bailey chooses to work with is slower acting but feels this is the best and safest way to control the poa. There are other products that are more aggressive acting and he explained the process.

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

Larry Glick shared that Brent Dorenbecker played at Pecan Hollow twice and things flowed nicely with driving range, short course, starter, course conditions, as well as food and beverage. It is a well-managed operation. The course is in great shape and their rates are \$20 more per a round than Waterview. His playing group struggles to get tee times scheduled and the course is always busy. He paid \$66 for weekend morning rates and curious as to Waterview not having more competitive rates. The golf industry has been up over the past year with the current pandemic and there is a spike in people wanting to get outdoors and play golf.

11. Public Announcements.

Angela Smith said that City Council will be discussing possible bond projects later in month during a funding retreat.

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

No topics requested.

13. Adjourned at 8:38am.



Larry Glick, Vice Chairman



Angela Smith, Deputy City Manager