



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, February 2, 2021 ~ 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, Jerry Daniels. Alternates: Jonathan Andron, Carter Holston, Becky Sebastian

ABSENT:

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, Head of National Golf Operations/American Golf; Matt Grubisich, City Council liaison

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

1. The Chair, Brent Dorenbecker, called the meeting to order at 8:00am. Quorum Present.
2. Consider action to approve January 5, 2021.
 - A. Larry Glick made a motion to approve the minutes written.
 - 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 working on clean up around creek on hole #17, several ponds, tree trimming on tree at hole #6. Staff is getting ready to tarp the greens due to expected temperatures this week, added sand to bunkers, rolling and mowing greens. The second application for poa will be sprayed soon, as well as spraying pre-emergent soon.
 - B. Trey Gainous said the past month has been pretty good with the decent weather. New carts are expected to arrive next month. There were forty-eight players in a tournament on Saturday. Preparations for the day light savings time are being done and this will include more leagues rolling in.

- C. Larry Glick inquired about new cart's having an USB port amenity. Trey Gainous responded he has relayed the message to American Golf (AG). Michael Daffin and B. Dorenbecker elaborated how other courses have golf carts with this amenity and what it offers to golfers. Mitchell Laskowitz inserted he was just informed the new carts will have USB port, but the lithium battery carts are not available until June or July, therefore the carts will be of regular battery.
- 5. Update from Matt Grubisich, City Council liaison.

City Council held a budget meeting last week and the recommendation is to put \$81,000 for reserves and \$100,000 split where \$50,000 will be allocated towards future projects in the Master Plan and \$50,000 for immediate work but areas not on the actual course such as the entry sign, lighting in parking lot, façade of clubhouse, etc. This will be discussed in later meetings.
 - 6. Maintenance Master Plan and Tree Plan update.
 - A. Sandy Queen submitted the completed plans to City of Rowlett. Angela Smith shared both these plans with board members on January 27, 2021 by email. Sandy Queen voiced these plans are important components to for management of the golf course because it provides a system to prioritize maintenance and manage the trees. The Tree Plan will be a tool in planning tree maintenance to include tree installations and removals. As the Tree Plan moves forward more details are needed for specific plan of removing a tree and the process for replacement which will need to be done with Waterview staff and American Golf. Michael Daffin commented there is a tree at hole #1 that is sited to be removed and there is a bird has a home there where it returns every year but wondering if just the dead limbs can be removed rather than the entire tree. Sandy Queen responded that someone would need to make a determination for the tree removal because if the tree is dead and not in way of play it doesn't necessarily mean it needs to be removed. Angela Smith agrees.
 - B. The Maintenance Plan identifies basins and what will need work, cart path, estimated costs, etc. in the plan. Each of the items was briefly reviewed. Larry Glick mentioned that the cost will be inflated by the time the projects actually happen. In addition, a concern is there is no indication of what American Golf is responsible for and what the city is responsible for in implementing this plan. Matt Grubisich responded he needs to communicate with the city attorney, but the regular maintenance items should be covered by American Golf and as far as "big ticket" items those may fall upon the city's responsibility. Angela Smith reassured that the maintenance items are for American Golf and items related to infrastructure the city can partner with them to complete work or upgrade. If the course would have been maintained as it should have been then all these items would not have needed to be included in the plan.
 - C. Carter Holston noted the items to focus on should be safety issues such as the parking lot lights. The plan is a conservative approach and many of these items should be included in the annual operating budget. Overall, this is a great plan to get all parties on the correct path. Sandy Queen reiterated this is a conservative plan and the dollar amounts will likely be different in the future due to inflation. He wants everyone to keep in mind this is a partnership and these plans will be resources to use as a guide to maintain the course.

- D. Brad Marshall stated some of these issues have manifested over the years and are based around issues with the soil such as moisture control on the entire golf course which affects the irrigation, drains, cart paths, sprinkler heads, etc.
 - E. Brent Dorenbecker inquired why the bunkers are not included in the Maintenance Plan since the liners have a life span of 8-10 years. Funding will likely be a barrier because possible bond funds will not be available for several years. It is good that Waterview has the ability to do some things in-house, but the question is if there are enough laborers.
 - F. Mitchell Laskowitz informed members he hasn't been able to look at the entire plan yet. Waterview Golf has 20-30% more labor than some of their other courses.
 - G. Angela Smith remarked that Capital Improvement Plans are done every 3 years and there is the understanding that costs will be more than originally estimated.
7. Status of Exhibit F rewrite. (Carter Holston and Matt Grubisich exited meeting)
 Angela Smith explained the Exhibit F revisions were sent to board members on January 19, 2021. The rewrite was sent to AG the week prior. Since this is a contract negotiation the changes to Exhibit F need to be tracked. Presently waiting on feedback from AG. Larry Glick asked if there is a deadline for AG to respond. Angela Smith answered a deadline was not set.
8. Status of the cart path repairs.
 An email was sent to board members on January 19, 2021 relaying the company was supposed to begin work on the cart path the week of January 11th, although the entire crew has been dealing with COVID19 which has caused a delay. It is critical for the course to be dry during the repair work so there is not additional damage to the course by the required equipment. Andy Bailey spoke with Lawn & Landscape Management owner over weekend and they are still dealing with positive COVID tests with their crew. No start date is identified at this time. Angela Smith explained Lawn & Landscape Management is a family owned business and how they work.
9. Feedback on golf course conditions from board members.
- A. Jerry Daniels says the condition of the course is improving a little each week; the greens are getting truer and faster. There are about 30 paid members of the senior league and once the weather becomes warmer, they will be playing more often.
 - B. Brad Marshall said the greens seem to be rolling fast now. Although the course is dormant, the weeds are not popping and believes this is trending towards a good season of spring.
 - C. Michael Daffin stated there hasn't been ball marks on the greens. Rolling of greens is occurring twice a week which helps with compaction. Brent Dorenbecker asked if the greens are firming up as expected for the first year. Andy Bailey confirmed and explained the process.
 - D. Brad Marshall voiced his opinion that this is the best team Waterview has had and they seem to work well together. Jerry Daniels concurred. Mitchell Laskowitz expressed appreciation for the feedback and feels good about this team.
10. Discuss condition and overall rating on courses played other than Waterview, with emphasis on favorable and unfavorable comparisons to Waterview.

No feedback.

11. Public Announcements.

Angela Smith said there is a City Council meeting this evening. COVID vaccination information is on the website Rowlett.com/vaccine. A small decrease in the number of cases for Rowlett is being seen. Michael Daffin said he is a volunteer with CERT and mentioned that the Garland vaccine site seems to have a smooth operation.

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

13. Adjourned at 9:20am.


Brent Dorenbecker, Chair


Angela Smith, Deputy City Manager