



**GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, July 6, 2021 ~ 8:00 a.m.**  
**Waterview Golf Course**  
**9509 Waterview Pkwy, Rowlett TX 75089**

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**PRESENT** Chair Brent Dorenbecker; Vice-Chair Larry Glick; Members Michael Daffin, Brad Marshall, Barbara Holst. Alternates: Carter Holston, Becky Sebastian

**ABSENT:** Jonathan Andron

**VISITORS:**

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

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1. The Vice Chair, Larry Glick, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Quorum Present. Carter Holston and Becky Sebastian appointed as regular members.
2. Consider action to approve June 1, 2021.
  - A. Brad Marshall made a motion to approve the minutes as written.
  - B. Michael Daffin seconded the motion.
  - C. Approved 7 - 0.
3. Citizens Input  
No citizen input.
4. Operational and maintenance updates with Waterview staff to include update on cart path repairs, cart replacements.
  - A. Cart replacements - plans are still aimed towards September.
  - B. Cart path repairs - Andy Bailey says there is a meeting scheduled with Lawn & Landscape to get this project moving. Their team dealt with COVID-19 again which has delayed the project, but the pricing is being honored even though cost of materials has increased.
  - C. Trey Gainous stated June was a great month; for example, there was 200 rounds yesterday with no cart issues. Positive feedback is being received. Tournaments and leagues are going well.
  - D. Andy Bailey explained about the greens being little slower with recovery and about regulated growth process. Main focus has been the ATMOS project and how to protect the course now and in the future. It has been requested for the nursery be relocated rather going back into the ATMOS area because this issue will come up again.
  - E. Larry Glick said that himself and B. Dorenbecker went on the course this morning and commented that the definition between the rough and fairway was the best it has been in 15 years and described as incredible. A. Bailey explained his process, as well as

training staff, but members need to be aware that due to different circumstances the definition may not be as prevalent.

- F. Brent Dorenbecker asked if there are plans to do any more top dressing and A. Bailey responded more will be done this week. Andy Bailey applies the top dress himself. It was mentioned that the water by pond 3 was really low but the water is back due to the removal of the meter. Andy Bailey indicated that most of the tee boxes have bounced back but a few of them, such as 10, 12, 15, and some of 16 will need sod. A contractor will be used for the sodding because found this will be the most beneficial. Brent Dorenbecker asked about the function of the fountain pumps. A. Bailey said the company who works on them are really good and honest at what they do but service is slow; pumps were pulled after the damage from the winter storm and have been placed back but a couple of them will need to be re-wired and possibly new boxes.

5. Update from Matt Grubisich, City Council liaison.

Matt Grubisich was unable to be present today. Angela Smith stated there is a City Council meeting this evening. Budget meetings are being held. Michael Daffin inquired if the July 4<sup>th</sup> event was successful; A. Smith responded there was a large crowd, and the event went was successful.

6. Discuss ideas for board members to promote Waterview Golf Course.

- A. A. Smith introduced the concept and explained how a couple other boards are an outlet for information being dispersed to the community by sharing with their circles of influence.
- B. Discussion about social media and comments from citizens. Larry Glick provided an example of a recent posting in a Rowlett citizen's online newsletter. This newsletter is one avenue of a voice and one of the topics was about Waterview Golf Course which appeared to be negative and wondering if a response should be made. A. Smith said a member of this board can share information as an individual but not on behalf of this board. This conversation led to a brief discussion on the city's strategic plan. Some members agree about not responding. Carter Holston suggested that the actual marketing of Waterview Golf Course should occur after the ATMOS project. Another way of promoting the course if giving the golf passes to others and ask them to provide feedback about the course.
- C. Trey Gainous will begin to send flyers he using to promote the course to S. Monroe, who will then forward to board members which will allow members to share with their circles of influence. All agreed that one component of promotion is the lack of signage to get to the golf course. A. Smith said the city has signage requirements and American Golf needs to be looking at this type of thing too, although it can be a topic with the budget too. The sign at corner of Waterview Parkway was removed after being damaged from a wreck in that location and can this sign be replaced. Angela Smith will find out about the sign being replaced and information will be emailed to members.

7. Update on ATMOS projects related to the golf course.

Angela Smith reported there is little to update on the project. There is a meeting today with American Golf (AG) and later in week AG will meet with ATMOS. At the advice of the city attorney, the negotiations of what will be closed, when, and what revenue loss will be mediated are between AG and ATMOS. ATMOS owns the right of way. Larry Glick and B. Dorenbecker asked if all the trees with red ribbons are anticipated to be removed. Andy Bailey said the trees marked with the ribbons means those particular

trees will be removed. There is awareness that recovery is going to go into next year. Brent Dorenbecker brought up that when the course was being developed ATMOS was included in the design process which included the placement of the trees which played a part in the placement of the trees. Members expressed concern about the number of tree removals and the long term affects for the course. Angela Smith indicated when decisions are made the update will be sent to board members. The timeline has not been agreed upon yet. If the main irrigation line is hit on the course, then it will affect certain areas of the course because as of right now the arrangements are that Waterview staff will not be allowed to work on anything while ATMOS is working in that area. This is one of the reasons why negotiations are still in process.

8. Staff Liaison update (Exhibit F, potential projects).

Angela Smith reported Exhibit F has been forwarded to American Golf and waiting to hear back from them. The contract for the five potential projects totaling \$30,000 has been sent to AG and waiting on response. The ATMOS project has had them very busy and likely for the delayed response on the agreement and Exhibit F. As soon as information is received from AG it will be sent to board members. Brent Dorenbecker asked about members being able to review what was presented to AG. Angela Smith replied that since the document is part of negotiations, she will consult with the city attorney. projects but know that the city attorney has approved the contract and waiting on AG.

9. Discuss whether to hold an August meeting or not.

Members decided to hold the August meeting.

10. Feedback on golf course conditions from board members.

This topic was mostly discussed during agenda item 4, although B. Dorenbecker shared some positive feedback he received from tournament players recently.

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

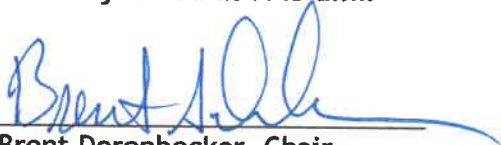
- A. Brad Marshall played in Hawaii - Wailea Golf Club that had lots of elevations and described the course having TifEagle and the greens being immaculate for smoothness & fastness. Played at a municipal course near the Hawaiian airport and the greens were grainy, course was gorgeous and enjoyable.
- B. Barbara Holst story when she played at Kahili Golf Course in Hawaii.
- C. Brent Dorenbecker played Wisconsin which are public resort courses. One course was a difficult course. The Geneva National Golf Club had exceptional service. Played in a tournament at Dallas Golf Course/Cowboy Golf Club and 30% of the greens were dirt so this course was surprisingly not in as good shape as Waterview.
- D. Carter Holston played at Mesquite and the greens were phenomenal. Trey Gainous added that this course is on year 5 of their new greens.
- E. Trey Gainous reported Woodbridge Golf Club is about to close 9 holes for some renovations; they are under new management. Several other courses having difficulty with greens were identified.

12. Public Announcements.

- A. Farmer's Marker every Saturday downtown from 9:00am until noon.
- B. Read Friday@5 newsletter to get the most up-to-date things happening in Rowlett.

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

14. Adjourned at 9:45 a.m.



Brent Dorenbecker, Chair



Angela Smith, Deputy City Manager