



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, November 2, 2021 ~ 8:00 am
Waterview Golf Club
9509 Waterview Pkwy, Rowlett TX 75089

PRESENT: Chair Brad Marshall; Vice-Chair Larry Glick; Members Barbara Holst, Carter Holston, Jonathan Andron, Noel Wardrope; Alternates: Larry Young, Becky Sebastian

ABSENT: Michael Daffin

VISITORS:

STAFF: Angela Smith, Deputy City Manager; Shelly Monroe, Parks & Recreation Sr. Administrative Assistant; Andy Bailey, Waterview Superintendent; Trey Gainous, Waterview General Manager

1. Chair Brad Marshall called the meeting to order at 8:00am. Quorum Present.
2. Consider action to approve October 5, 2021 minutes.
 - A. Carter Holston made a motion to approve the minutes as written for October 5, 2021.
 - B. Larry Glick seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 6 - 0.
3. Citizens Input
No citizen input.
4. Operational and maintenance updates from Waterview staff.
 - A. Andy Bailey reported Maintenance updates: 1) Seeded #11 and finished laying sod on #11, and half of #12; 2) Cart path in this area should have been finished yesterday and forming for cart path on #14 has begun. This should be completed in 6-7 days; 3) Irrigation will be finished on #14 after the cart path is completed; 4) Rebuilt the back tee on #15 such as it is moved out of the right of way a smidge which expanded area more on the right, therefore it ties in better to the steps; 5) Tees on #10, #15, and #16 were fixed; once the back holes are back open to the public, staff will work on the front nine tees; 6) Working on leaks which is normal about this time of year; 7) Nursery will be placed near the left of the driving range tee behind the practice bunker. A split rail fence is around it and should be open in the next two weeks.
 - B. Brief explanation on seeding versus sodding was provided.
 - C. Recently the Andy's Revenge Tournament has approximately 96 participants and set up pins. Next year will likely schedule this event on a weekday.
5. Update from Matt Grubisich, City Council liaison.
Matt Grubisich was unable to be present.

6. Staff Liaison update (rewrite of Exhibit F, potential projects, ATMOS project).
 - A. Angela Smith reported there is still no current update on Exhibit F response from American Golf Corporation or the start date of the potential projects because waiting on Waterview Golf to finish up tasks on the golf course from after the ATMOS project. Angela Smith reported ATMOS project is complete.
 - B. Members can begin discussion on the tree replacement at the December meeting, since ATMOS has completed their project. Andy Bailey mentioned consideration is needed on location of replacements because there needs to be sufficient water for the new trees.
7. Review 2021-2022 Goals to confirm. (Trey Gainous entered)
 - A. Brad Marshall reviewed the four goals identified last year then discussed, resulting in the following: 1) Ensure the lessee is in compliance with Exhibit F “Operating Standards”; 2) Recommend maintenance and capital projects for funding by the City of Rowlett or joint funding agreements with American Golf and Waterview Golf Course; and 3) Recommend and support the growth of Waterview Golf Course.
 - B. If any members think of additional goals to inform the Chair. Future concerns are discussed prior to the joint meeting with City Council in May 2022.
8. Discuss tendencies of golf cart use and the use of cart path.
 - A. Brad Marshall voiced concerns of how persons utilize the golf carts on the course on a daily basis which affects the grass. Over the past week rope has been on the course to help guide the carts, although persons still drive between the green and the rope. Question asked as to how to get golfers/visitors to respect the course.
 - B. Larry Young agreed and ambassadors share similar frustrations. Handicap flags contribute to the issue because others seem to follow those who need to use the handicap flags which requires driving on the green. A suggestion when roping the greens to make it much closer and double rope it, but the negative is some drive through the rope and break it. Andy Bailey voiced there are players who are improving and some who will never change their behavior; therefore, it comes down to how the clientele’s view the course and the precedence that is set to treat the course. A few other factors are generational, ropes and stakes get removed, and if you have too many stakes with rope it makes the course look crowded. Players have to buy in to the care of the course.
 - C. Brad Marshall said picking a time to launch a program to promote care of the course could be rolled out as the grass comes out of dormancy in the Spring. Larry Glick emphasized A. Bailey’s comment about it is how the players view the golf course and informing players we are trying to raise the level of the golf course and hopefully this helps to educate them. This topic can carry onward to a future meeting.
9. Discuss the annual golf tournament to be held November 7, 2021.

The tournament will begin at 1:00pm and a Florida scramble will be played. Teams will be chosen by S. Monroe then information emailed to board members. City Councilman, Brownie Sherrill, as well as outgoing board member Brent

Dorenbecker were invited by the Chair. Trey Gainous and B. Dorenbecker will be team captains.

10. Follow up on the take home assignment regarding a future redesign of Waterview
 - A. Larry Glick stated some of his recommendations are based on several bunkers being removed a few years ago and would like to consider putting in a couple small bunkers at a relatively low expense. He prefers the focus to be on the actual course and not using funds to redevelop the practice and putting greens.
 - 1) Hole #3 new tees to the right,
 - 2) #5 a new small back bunker in behind the green;
 - 3) #6 add a new large bunker to the right side or add trees;
 - 4) #9 the back bunker was removed but liked it being there;
 - 5) #18 add a back bunker and enhances the hole which can also be seen from pavilion;
 - 6) #1 potential small bunker;
 - 7) #3 to add bunker to deter balls going into the lake.
 - B. Trey Gainous said there are about 8 holes where tees could be elevated which will change the dynamics of these holes. Overall, it is difficult to make big changes because of the layout of the course. This is a less expensive option to make changes. In between 4 and 5 add trees to separate them. Inquired if the wall on #3 can have an additional block on top or add a bunker to help stop the balls from going in water and the answer is no because of different requirements and specs. At hole #11 the ruts have been smoothed as ATMOS project finished up their project.
 - C. Carter Holston:
 - 1) Promote Par 3 practice course and connect it to the driving range to make it smoother looking;
 - 2) Snack shack to help pick up driving range balls;
 - 3) Started shack and possible green at #1;
 - 4) Protect green at #3 because it is like a roadway.
 - D. Barbara Holst:
 - 1) Add back bunker to #2;
 - 2) Likes the idea of back bunker on #5;
 - 3) Do away with the green tee box at #10 because it is at a bad angle;
 - 4) Need to center the tees and green at #13 so it is centered rather than at a bad angle;
 - 5) Provide something ornamental from the view of the club house.
 - E. Larry Young:
 - 1) Eliminate some of the slope on the other side of the bunker at #3;
 - 2) More room is needed to chip on the chipping green; this chipping green doesn't represent any hole on the course and should be just like the putting green.
 - F. Brad Marshall:
 - 1) Driving range has poor contours and the tees make it difficult to judge distance so would like to see the tee elevated and recounted like a bowl;
 - 2) Move hole #3 on the Practice Course to shorten the distance and add a fourth hole because this Practice course creates a hazard;
 - 3) Tie the driving range and Par 3 course together and then two more practice holes can be added;
 - 4) Elevate fairway at #7 and regrade then smooth or fill in because there is drainage ruts on both sides of the holes;
 - 5) Move tee box on the right where the natural hill is at #8;
 - 6) Like L. Glick's suggestion at #3 for new tees on the right;
 - 7) Would like to see #16 be made more interesting.
 - G. Noel Wardrope: Supports B. Marshall's suggestions for the Practice greens, although these changes wouldn't affect the actual course. (Noel Wardrope exited)
 - H. Angela Smith reminded members that \$30,000 is set aside for the first approved projects. There is \$70,000 remaining for potential projects already presented to City Council. This board will make recommendations. A list will be updated for this board to review and prioritize. The recommendations will then be submitted

to American Golf. Trey Gainous feels over the last 2 years there has been more generation of the numbers and revenue at the course, therefore it appears American Golf is more cooperative on funds for projects. Andy Bailey added that the use of equipment to get some things accomplished on the course has also helped with getting things looking better. (Becky Sebastian exited).

11. Feedback on golf course conditions from board members.

- A. Larry Glick voiced the Chamber of Commerce tournament was held recently. The tournament players had positive comments about the course. More contours were noticed, and description of roller coaster greens were mentioned.
- B. Brad Marshall played nine holes with two persons. The fairway was in great shape, putts rolled good, the traps were good, and green contours were definitely noticeable. Overall, they were impressed with the condition of the front nine.

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

Larry Glick played at a semi-private course called Land's End Golf Course near Lakeport, Tx and described as a fun course. There is no signage, yet players respect the course. Their cart path is closer to the greens and their carts have GPS.

13. Public Announcements.

- A. Today is election day.

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

- A. Potential Tree Plan

15. Adjourned at 9:48am.



Brad Marshall, Chairman



Angela Smith, Deputy City Manager