



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, December 7, 2021 ~ 8:00 am
Waterview Golf Club
9509 Waterview Pkwy, Rowlett TX 75089

PRESENT: Chair Brad Marshall; Vice-Chair Larry Glick; Members Barbara Holst, Jonathan Andron, Michael Daffin; Alternates: Larry Young

ABSENT: Carter Holston, Becky Sebastian, Noel Wardrope

VISITORS:

STAFF: Angela Smith, Deputy City Manager; Shelly Monroe, Parks & Recreation Sr. Administrative Assistant; Andy Bailey, Waterview Superintendent; Matt Grubisich, City Council Liaison

1. Chair Brad Marshall called the meeting to order at 8:00am. Quorum Present. Larry Young appointed as a voting member.
2. Consider action to approve November 2, 2021 minutes.
 - A. Larry Glick made a motion to approve the minutes as written for November 2, 2021. Michael Daffin seconded the motion. Approved 5 - 0.
3. Citizens Input
No citizen input.
4. Operational and maintenance updates from Waterview staff. (Jonathan entered)
 - A. Andy Bailey reported Maintenance updates: 1) Almost to 4 acres of sod has been planted thus far. The old nursery is now a sod nursery of 419 Bermuda and explained how this will help staff and the golf course. New tarp arrived for nursery green with the hopes to not need to use it. Nursery isn't in an ideal spot, although the area will do, and they are able to protect it here. Placing sod on front nine this week and will do area in the driving range. 2) Still working on weed control. Switched up pre-emerge to help in case there is another harsh winter. Briefly explained about the process of getting turf nitrogen and pre-emergent products related to care of the course. Starter fertilizer will be placed in March rather than April/May, and the usual fertility is pushed back to June to make the turf more dense and longer growth.
 - B. Larry Glick inquired if they are fully staffed. Andy Bailey responded they are fully staffed with exception of an assistant Superintendent. He is looking for the right person and will hold off looking again until after winter when there is better opportunity to train the new person.
 - C. Michael Daffin voiced how impressed he is with the ATMOS project recovery on the course and how it doesn't appear the pipe was ever installed.

- D. Cart path on #14 is in middle of right of way. Angela Smith said this was a joint conversation between City of Rowlett, Waterview Golf and American Golf. The city will sign a waiver with ATMOS that if they must return then the city would be responsible for the repairs.
 - E. Brad Marshall mentioned the color of the greens and that the putting is great. Andy Bailey said staff is still sprigging, although they are two applications behind than last year. Last year they started earlier. Greens are looking dormant earlier than last year.
5. Update from Matt Grubisich, City Council liaison.
There was no information to report.
6. Staff Liaison update (rewrite of Exhibit F, ATMOS project).
Angela Smith reported there is still no current update on Exhibit F and the ATMOS project is complete.
7. Discuss a potential tree plan and appointing a subcommittee
- A. Angela Smith summarized that ATMOS removed many trees. Suggestion for this board to form a subcommittee of 3 to review the existing tree plan and devise a replacement plan to plant new trees. Sandy Queen recommends for planting of new trees to wait until fall 2022. This subcommittee will present updates to the board. Since three members are absent today, an email will be sent asking for members interested in being on the subcommittee to respond. Angela Smith indicated no trees should be planted in the easement and if any trees were to be placed there then there is the possibility they could be removed in the future.
 - B. Larry Glick acknowledges his conversation with S. Queen but asked about the condition of the turf to handle the equipment for planting of the trees. Andy Bailey commented that it would be better for the turf to handle equipment said until May/June because of wet season. Larry Glick asked if small trees could be planted by hole #14 earlier than next fall.
8. Public Golf issue of AVID Golfer.
- A. Larry Glick provided a copy of a letter he sent to City Council and a November 2021 edition of AVID Golfer - The Best of Public Golf 2021. A close competitor, Buffalo Creek, has been elevated to #11 - East and a Top Luxury Course. Also, other competitors from the area are listed under Honorable Mention - East: Firewheel, Mesquite, and Woodbridge. Waterview Golf still holds honorable mention yet is not mentioned anywhere else. Keeping in mind the development of Sapphire Bay and its capability to draw tourists for Waterview Golf Course since this course is closest to the establishment.
 - B. Michael Daffin added that the Dallas Morning News rates golf courses across the state and Waterview is not rated with their content. Jonathan Andron asked about the fee per player at Waterview compared to the other courses listed in AVID Golfer. Brad Marshall responded that Waterview raised fees this year, but most other golf course fees are more expensive than Waterview. Barbara Holst added that Waterview is comparable to the other courses mentioned and once a few updates to the course are made Waterview will be equal to them, as well as the fee range.

9. Follow up on potential “dream projects”, capital improvement projects and other projects.
 - A. Members reviewed list emailed to them and all members present acknowledged the list is correct.
 - B. Larry Glick questioned why there is a wait on moving forward with the remaining funds, although still waiting on the approved projects for the first \$30,000 projects. He shared his recommendations for lakes, tees, and bunkers. Angela Smith provided a reminder about this board can make recommendations on how to spend the allocated funds then once a recommendation is made it needs approval from American Golf and City Council. After the projects approved for the first \$30,000 are complete the process of the 2nd set of projects can move forward. Members should consider that Waterview hasn’t been able to have much time to take on more things while staff was making repairs caused from the ATMOS project.
 - C. Michael Daffin shared concern of there being no lights or stripes in the parking lot. Angela Smith reiterated that the contract for this project is in American Golf’s hands. Lights in proshop are not working.
 - D. Matt Grubisich shares board members frustration of the speed of this process and now that ATMOS has completed their project we need to lean on American Golf to move forward with the contract because if AG doesn’t feel they can move forward, the city needs to have another conversation about this. There is still \$70,000 for more projects since this is the slower season. The money needs to help the city’s assets and get the facility looking better and more welcoming. (Larry Young exited).
 - E. Brad Marshall mentioned he is a project manager and will volunteer his services. Matt Grubisich appreciates the offer, but one can’t be a board member and oversee capital improvements. Unfortunately, all the quotes A. Bailey obtained are no longer valid so the contract needs to be signed before he can move forward.
 - F. Brad Marshall voiced the Waterview neighborhood is upscale but looking at the front of this course and an individual will view it as less. The landscape hasn’t changed in 20 years and delivery trucks can’t even get through without damaging the landscape. His opinion is the attitude of a golfer can’t be changed with the existing appearance of the entrance. All members agree there is a safety issue with no lights in the parking lot. Larry Glick stated he supports the approved projects for the \$30,000 but would like to see changes with the actual golf course. Matt Grubisich inserted that the safety issues need to be taken care of first then board members can discuss and recommend other projects.
 - G. Angela Smith reminded members that \$30,000 is set aside for the first approved projects. There is \$70,000 remaining for potential projects that have already been presented to City Council. A list will be updated for this board to review and prioritize. The recommendations will then be submitted to American Golf.
10. Follow up on the annual golf tournament held November 7, 2021.

Brad Marshall reported he had a great time at the tournament and the weather was nice. There ended up being 3 foursome teams due to the number of players on the course that day. Total scores were close. Those members who played agreed with the positive comments about the tournament.

11. Feedback on golf course conditions from board members.
No comments

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

- A. Brad said the bridges will be removing their bent grass - like 1 a year.
The Perry family has oversight of Buffalo Creek, and their contract will soon expire, so there may be changes and will be interesting to see what will happen. KemperSports, who usually does short-term work, runs the daily operations and events, but not sure if they will continue.

13. Public Announcements.


- A. Twelve days of Christmas activities scheduled this week and next.
B. City offices will be closed December 23, 24, and 31. City council meeting tonight.

14. Member of the Board or Commission may request topics for future agenda meetings.
Discuss the next set of potential projects.

15. Adjourned at 9:09am.



Brad Marshall, Chairman



Angela Smith, Deputy City Manager