



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, January 4, 2022 ~ 8:00 am
Waterview Golf Club
9509 Waterview Pkwy, Rowlett TX 75089

PRESENT: Chair Brad Marshall; Vice-Chair Larry Glick; Members Barbara Holst, Michael Daffin, Noel Wardrope; Alternates Larry Young
ABSENT: Carter Holston, Jonathan Andron, Becky Sebastian
VISITORS:
STAFF: Angela Smith, Deputy City Manager; Shelly Monroe, Parks & Recreation Sr. Administrative Assistant

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 December 7, 2021 minutes.
 - A. Larry Glick made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected for December 7, 2021.
 - B. Michael Daffin seconded the motion.
 - C. Approved 6 - 0.
3. Citizens Input
No citizen input.
4. Operational and maintenance updates from Waterview staff.
 - A. Trey Gainous and Andy Bailey were unable to attend but A. Bailey submitted a written report, therefore A. Smith provided the following updates: 1) Winter detailing of the pond banks; 2) Leaf clean up; 3) Finished sodding and seeding areas from ATMOS project; 4) Working on irrigation leaks; 5) Still in search for an assistant superintendent.
 - B. The greens haven't been covered because the greens are not dormant yet, therefore if covered a fungus will develop. The greens were watered, and this helps to hold the temperature.
 - C. December was a great month, and the arrival of the new carts are still scheduled for March. There is still one small section of cart path to be repaired and this is in the works.
5. Update from Matt Grubisich, City Council liaison.
Matt G. was unable to be present. M Daffin inquired if Rowlett will be moving back to COVID protocol closures. A Smith replied that there is no intention to move in that direction at this time, although staff is following information and continuing with basic protocols.

6. Remediation Tree Plan subcommittee update.
 - A. Larry Glick reported said the committee will meet on January 16, 2022 at noon and will report more next month. Brad Marshall will obtain marker flags from Fannin Tree Farm to assist the committee on the course.
 - B. Angela Smith stated she will get the final dollar amount available from ATMOS tree remediation payments. Profitable Golf is secured for auditing through September 2022 and Sandy Queen will coordinate with this committee.
7. Discuss next steps for the potential golf course projects with a possible recommendation to City Council.
 - A. Angela Smith reported the capital improvement project agreement for the \$30,000 has been signed by American Golf and the City of Rowlett's Purchase Order for the \$30,000 is set up. Waterview Golf collected quotes for the parking lot lighting and selected a vendor. They are obtaining quotes for the striping of the parking lot. Looking for a contractor for the small project to rebuild the wood panel on the roof.
 - B. Members discussed the second set of potential projects. Larry Glick elaborated on his dreams for the course in relation to back bunkers, raising several tees; He further offered to co-fund additions of several bunkers. His advocacy on behalf of the citizens is that players come to play golf and not for the club house, therefore more focus should be placed on the course rather than the building. Some frustration expressed about the timelines and process for project approvals. Barbara Holst inserted that all members are here as advocates on behalf of the citizens and should be open to everyone's input on what needs to be done for Waterview Golf Course.
 - C. Brad Marshall stated there are drainage issues at hole #6 which is an issue for staff but doesn't feel a bunker can be added at this location because this would increase the drainage issue, therefore if a bunker were to be put in then drainage would need to be repaired first. He shared concern on American Golf accepting to add back bunkers that were removed and possibly if the expense to repair the drainage costs \$6,000 - \$10,000 along with L. Glick covering the cost of a new bunker, then maybe this would be inviting for them. There have been tremendous strides on changing the dynamics of the golf course. His interest in projects is the immediate entrance way to the parking lot because delivery trucks must drive over the landscape to reach their destination which causes damage. A suggestion is to remove the sign and the light out of the island to open the two driveways then relocate the sign to the right on 45-degree angle and a new landscape plan that is low maintenance.
 - D. Barbara Holst agrees a large amount of funds have been put towards the actual golf course and would like to also see changes with the entrance so that it will lead to the beautiful patio that was built. The drainage at hole #6 needs repairs. She would like to see lake expansion at hole #10.
 - E. Angela Smith reminded that a conversation would need to be had with American Golf in obtaining an estimated price to provide members with approximate cost or if there is a contractor in mind then can move forward with obtaining a cost. Noel Wardrope asked if he knows of an architect designer in mind, does this vendor need to be approved by the city. A Smith explained the process.
 - F. Larry Glick expressed his objection to some of the suggested projects and feels the projects should be only on the actual golf course rather than aesthetics of the facility or entrance. B. Marshall said there is a process.
 - G. Noel Wardrope expressed frustration of players driving off the cart path and wishes there were better ways to help with this problem. Maybe some funding can go towards things that can help the carts to stay on the course since these damages the greens

where a large expense was spent. Brad Marshall commented that the ropes are being placed out about 50 yards and wonders if the ropes were placed at 25 yards this would help. (Larry Glick exited meeting)

- H. Angela Smith will obtain a cost from Fleetwood to repair drainage on hole #6, expansion of the lake on #10 about 10-12 yards closer to the fairway, install a bunker back of 5th green and bunker right of hole #6 fairway. Obtain a quote from Lawn and Landscape on cutting out concrete around center island and re-concrete to make one solid opening along with right hand side concrete the curb where ruts are located. Brad Marshall will get Northshore Landscape and Covington on a price to re-landscape the front area with more appropriate drought resistant and low maintenance landscape. Board members will consider the pricing of such items to potentially make a recommendation on next projects.

8. Feedback on golf course conditions from board members.

- A. Larry Young said the men's restroom by hole #14 is not in working order and the lady's restroom door doesn't close. He asked if port-a-lets could be set placed until the repairs to the restrooms are completed. Playability of the course is approximately 4 to 4 ½ hours, but complaints are heard that it is taking too long. Any projects should not make the playability longer than what it already is. Would like for tees to be redone to help with the playability to shorten the play time.
- B. Possibly aerification in the spring where the carts travel would also be helpful.
- C. Michael Daffin mentioned the added sod is an impressive feature. Fungus is noticeable on a couple sections of the greens. Recently ball marks on the greens could be seen so the greens may be softening now. He does not feel cart path signs do any good because golfers don't pay a premium to play at the course, therefore may not respect the course. Ambassadors have no authority to kick people off the course and can only ask them to please not get off the cart path.
- D. It was mentioned the lights in the facility are still not repaired and the carpet is in extremely poor condition. Angela Smith will notify Waterview Golf about these issues.

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

Larry Young played at Firewheel Old course and the greens are dormant, although very similar to this course.

10. Public Announcements.

- A. A Smith stated staff is needing to start work on next year's budget earlier than usual because of the change in the law to be done by June.
- B. A. Smith voiced there are several city council positions and the seat of the mayor that will be open for elections. (Larry Young exited)

11. No members of the Board or Commission requested topics for future agenda meetings.

12. Adjourned at 9:08am.


Brad Marshall, Chairman


Angela Smith, Deputy City Manager