



## GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 \* 8:00 a.m.  
City Hall Conference Room  
4000 Main Street  
Rowlett TX 75088

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**PRESENT:** Larry Glick, Brad Marshall, Barbara Holst, Geoffrey Nichols, Vincent Leal, Jerry Daniels, Charles Alexander, Brent Dorenbecker

**ABSENT:**

**STAFF:** Shelly Monroe, Dept. Administrative Assistant; Brian Funderburk, Assistant City Manager.

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1. The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m.
2. Quorum is present.
3. Brad M. made a motion to approve the March 5, 2013 minutes with changes and Barbara H. seconded the motion. Approved 5 – 0.
4. Discuss 10<sup>th</sup> hole drainage issue:
  - a. Robbin Webber, Street Superintendent, reported the findings in regards to the drainage issue. The 6" drainage pipe is too small for the drainage and this pipe is the original pipe and it is brittle. The catch basin is too small. The estimated cost for these repairs for the pipe and water catch basin will range from \$35,000 to \$45,000 depending on whether using a 12" pipe or a 15" pipe.
  - b. The pipe issue is on the golf course side and not the street therefore Brian F. suggested the funding for this project will need to derive from the funds GAB will have next fiscal year for projects and not the city's general fund. He will see about American Golf being responsible for sections of the pipe restoration.
5. Discuss golf conditions.
  - a. Brad M. said the fairway grass is growing and the greens are in good shape.
  - b. Larry G. asked member's opinions in regards to the fairways not having much grass. Several members responded that the courses appear to look like this due to weather. Brad M. stated he believes the course will benefit from aerification of the grass and feels there should be some program to implement.
  - c. Larry G. requested if Brian F. would remind American Golf that the issue regarding the irrigation trenches in the fairways still needs to be fixed. Geoffrey N. reminded about the cart paths and asked if there should be an ongoing list of the identified projects for American Golf. Brian F. stated he is following through in communicating with American Golf and he will ride with Dan H. and Don T. throughout the course in order to review work plans to be completed this year.



6. Discuss condition and overall rating of courses played other than Waterview.
  - a. Geoffrey N. voiced while members play at other golf courses there should be more specific things reported on what is observed to further assist this board regarding Waterview Golf Course. He mentioned most members have cell phones that have the capability of taking pictures to bring ideas back to the meetings. Vince L. shared his thoughts about comparing different courses that one should keep in mind what is being compared such as if it is municipal, country club type, etc. Jerry D. mentioned he tries to focus on the prices, carts, courteous employee, landscape, etc rather than just the course itself. Brian F. stated members could look at the contract, identify the most important exhibits from item F, and put these on the agenda to come up with the top five items and report on these at the meetings. Larry G. reiterated that gold standards should be anticipated and GAB needs to continue with high standards for Waterview. It is good to hear about other golf courses even if they are not in the same category as Waterview because the object is to bring attention ideas to help make the course better.
  - b. Brad M. spoke of aerification needing to be done to help improve the course.
  - c. Barbara H. shared she played at McKinney Golf Course. This course is short, there were uneven greens, and some odd holes. She played at all three courses at Firewheel. She has a dislike for the Old Course because there is no grass and worms cause crusty dirt that runs along the top of the ground. The Lakes Course was difficult to predict because greens were either ran fast or slow and uneven. The bent greens were excellent at the Bridges.
  - d. Brent D. played at Pecan Hollow in Plano for the first time. The course layout did not leave a big impression but the cart paths were great. The cart paths were new. He played Los Rios Golf Course in Plano, Tx and this was not a good experience therefore he will not choose to play here again.
  - e. Charles A. played at Pecan Hollow in Plano and really enjoyed the course.
7. Discuss status of recommendations to City Council including: Lake on #2, enclosure of pavilion, new trees, and reconfiguration of Hole 18 tee.
  - a. Lake on #2: Brian F. met with Weibring-Wolfard Design yesterday. They looked at the area where they envision the lake to be made. Excavation will occur which means much dirt will need to be removed in order to develop the lake. Brian F. will authorize the task of Weibring-Wolfard Design to make the two designs. Once the designs are completed the designs will be brought to the GAB. GAB will be able to state their recommendations for the City Council. Larry G. mentioned that three of the trees near where the lake will be made will need to be removed. The plans are to replant them but need to find out the cost.
  - b. New trees: Larry G. updated that all the trees have been planted except for one. Larry G. encouraged members to really look at how the trees have changed the different areas such as #6 is lined with trees, #9 trees frame the hole nicely, #12 has dramatic changes, #16 has a large tree put in on the left side, and the trees have tightened up hole #5. Waterview is supposed to be a park land type course and the trees help capture this concept.
  - c. Enclosure of pavilion: Brian F. shared two of the three architect bids have been received for the pavilion project.
  - d. Reconfiguration of hole 18 tee: Brian F. voiced the reconfiguration is slowly shaping the tee boxes, it was indicated that grass will be planted almost to the top of the hill, and trees were



added therefore this part is now complete. Brad M. stated he has heard comments about the tree placement changes on #18 so it appears the goal for the trees is accomplished.

- e. Brad M. questioned Larry G. and Brian F. about the volunteer hours for projects such as these mentioned in this meeting. Larry G. responded he has over 300 hundred hours spent on these projects. Brad M. said it takes much time and effort of members to oversee these projects such as working with vendors, American Golf, and home owners. It appears GAB members only receive acknowledgement for time spent at monthly meetings. City staff and American Golf do not have the time to oversee all of these tasks and GAB member involvement is a benefit to the City of Rowlett. Brian F. shared that when these projects occur the volunteer hours can be captured and reported. Geoffrey N. expressed that a decision should be made as to whether or not these volunteer hours will be tracked. Brian F. asked that the following information be recorded on paper then submitted to Parks and Recreation Department.

Date	Hours Worked	Project	Service & Why Needed	Total Hours

8. Continue discussion of next year's fiscal year golf projects.

Larry G. expressed it appears the focus of projects for next year will be:

- a. Drainage issue on #10
- b. Potentially completion of pavilion
- c. New retaining wall on #18 (Home Owners Association may help with this)
- d. New tee boxes for #6 and #16 (received quotes)
- e. Par 3 course
- f. Add more trees

9. Discuss GAB members playing 2 foursomes at Waterview. The re-scheduled date will be June 2, 2013. A time will be confirmed closer to the date but will likely be about 2:00p.m.

10. Public Announcement. Members of the Board and/or staff may make announcements of local civic events. No member of the board or commission may discuss nor take any action with regard to the announcements.

- a. Larry G. mentioned the City Council candidate forum is next week.
- b. Larry G. shared that GUSD has a designated night for Texas Rangers game. The BEST Foundation is auctioning the ceremonial "first pitch" for the May 21<sup>st</sup> game.
- c. Charles A. shared the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual BEST Masters Golf Tournament is April 12<sup>th</sup> and they are still looking for players. All proceeds will benefit the youth in Sachse, Garland, and Rowlett.

11. Members of the board may request topics for future agenda meetings. No member of the board or commission may discuss any of the requested subjects until such matter has been properly placed on a posted agenda.

- a. Geoffrey N. asked about follow up in regards to a sign for Waterview Golf Course to be located on George Bush Turnpike



12. Adjournment was at 9:20 a.m.

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Larry Glick, Chairman

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Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks & Recreation