



## GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</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

**ABSENT:** Brent Dorenbecker

**STAFF:** Dan Haag, Waterview General Manager; Don Tennant, Waterview Superintendent; Shelly Monroe, Dept. Administrative Assistant; Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation; Brian Funderburk, Assistant City Manager.

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1. The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m.
2. Quorum is present.
3. Geoffrey N. made a motion to approve the February 2013 minutes and Brad M. seconded the motion. Approved 5 – 0.
4. Discuss golf conditions.
  - a. Don T. voiced the golf conditions are good and continue to wait for the bermuda to grow. The difference between perennial poa versus yellow poa was explained to members by Don T.
  - b. Jerry D. played at Waterview and thought the greens were good.
  - c. Larry G. asked if anything could be done with tee #11. Don T. responded not at this time but once the weather starts to improve then this will begin some work on it.
5. Discuss condition and overall rating of courses played other than Waterview.
  - a. Barbara H. shared she played at Heritage Ranch Golf Country Club. It was windy this particular day which made it challenging but wasn't enthused about the greens. She played at Tierra Verde in Arlington and didn't feel the greens were as fast as Waterview but did enjoy the course.
  - b. Geoffrey N. played at Sherrill Golf Park and everything looked brown but liked the layout of the course and the trees looked good.
  - c. Jerry D. shared information from a recent email on Firewheel Golf Course for weekend rates. Charles A. played at Firewheel last weekend.
6. Discuss status of recommendations to City Council including: Lake on #2, enclosure of pavilion, new trees, and reconfiguration of Hole 18 tee.
  - a. Larry G. updated that trees have started to be planted and there will be approximately 150 additional trees when completed, leaving 850 trees to complete the Master Plan. Front of #9 is almost complete; noticeable change to #2; trees placed by #4 and #5; dramatic change to



the left side of #6; #7 has a few red and live oaks; #9 has some eldarica pine and will be gaining some cedar elms; #10 has some trees on both sides; #12 has some dramatic changes added oaks and pistache which moves the fairway inward some; #15 has some live oaks to the left of it; #18 has twenty-two trees starting at the tee and goes down the right side. Brian F. stated he will look at trees on #18 to see about approval, hopefully this week although he needs an email from Larry G. to verify the donation of trees.

- b. Brian F. voiced they are still working on securing an architect for the pavilion project.
  - c. Brian F. shared he would not like to see the lake project started until there is more information on the cost of the pavilion project. Brian F. would like to be able to take the information back to the city council for discussion before a final decision is made.
  - d. Larry G. mentioned the designs for the lake project are done. Barbara H. asked if members will be able to look at these designs. Dan H. said it is a matter of the city authorizing the project and then Weibring-Wolfard Design releasing the designs.
  - e. Brad M. recapped the timeline towards the work on the pavilion project being able to start since starting in the Spring is no longer an option. Brian F. stated the city will know more about the money for next year in August. Dan H. would like the pavilion project not to affect when tournaments are played the most. After this discussion Brian F. said due to the predicted timelines for the pavilion that the designs for the lake can be looked at now but project not yet authorized.
  - f. Michael Daffin, visitor and resident who lives at 9710 Glenshee Drive near hole #9. expressed concerns about two trees that had been removed which appeared to help screen the golf balls from flying into his back yard. He further explained that within the first two years of the course opening he had 2-3 broken windows but once the trees were placed it helped to screen the balls. He has safety concerns because his grandchildren visit and play in the back yard and doesn't want them hit by flying balls. The shots he is most concerned about are the straight "beeline" ones. Don T. said there have been a couple dead trees that were removed on the course because they were concerned about them falling on resident fences/property in bad weather. Brian F. and Larry G. said this matter can be looked at to see what could be done. Don T. said he will look at that specific area and see what can be done too.
7. Review contract between City of Rowlett and American Golf.
- a. Brian F. sent an electronic copy of the contract to Shelly M. and she will circulate to members today.
8. Discussion drainage issues on the left side of hole #10
- a. Jermel S., Brad M. and Street Superintendent met at Waterview last week to look at the drainage issue. Public Works is getting with a contractor to work on estimates in regards to the work needed. At this time it is not certain if the city will be assisting with the funding for this because not sure if it is related to the street/city side. This subject matter needs to remain on next month's meeting agenda for discussion.
9. Begin Discussion of next year's fiscal year golf projects.
- Larry G. expressed now is a good time to open the discussion for future projects for next year. Such projects may be:



- a. Changing/refurbishing monument signs on golf course
  - 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
  - e. Par 3 course
  - f. Potentially drainage issue on #10
  - g. Add more trees
  - h. White sand was asked about but the brief discussion concluded this is not cost effective because of the labor expenses on maintaining.
10. Review 2012 Waterview rounds played with a comparison to prior years - Dan H. said there was about 41,000 rounds whereas in 2011 there were about 38,000. Dan H. feels there is good opportunity to profile Waterview and introduce new players this year.
11. Discuss the recent battery failure on golf carts.
- a. Larry G. asked if the situation regarding the shortage of carts due to battery failures is still an issue.
  - b. Dan H. provided a brief explanation of the issue but now there is a new fleet and all should be good for another three years. There are approximately 79 carts and presently approximately ½ of the carts have windshields. There is work in progress to add windshields to the carts without them each month.
12. Discuss having GAB members play Waterview in 2 foursomes. Larry G. had each member draw for the teams. Team A: Brent D., Jerry D., Larry G., Vince L; Team B: Barbara H., Geoffrey N., Brad M., Charles A. Will play March 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:00p.m.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. Adjournment was at 9:06 am.

  
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Larry Glick, Chairman

  
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Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks & Recreation