



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, October 1st, 2013 ~ 8:00 am
Waterview Golf Course Club House
9509 Waterview Parkway, Rowlett TX 75089

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

ABSENT: Michael Daffin and Brent Dorenbecker

STAFF: Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks and Recreation; Don Tennant, Waterview Superintendent; Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreations Sr. Administrative Assistant, Dru Bolen, General Manager of Waterview Golf Course; Brian Funderburk, Interim City Manager.

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m.
2. Shelly M., notary, administered the Oath of Office and the Statement of Elected/Appointed Officer to the newly appointed members: Brad Marshall, Charles Alexander, Vincent Leal, Larry Glick, and Jerry Daniels.
3. Announce and introduce City Council staff liaison to the board. Brian F. introduced Debby Bobbitt. Members welcomed her.
4. Quorum is present.
5. Jeff Ochsner, Animal Control Supervisor, shared announcement of the upcoming Putts for Paws golf tournament on October 17th, 2013 with a shotgun start of 12:00 p.m. to benefit the animal shelter. Brochures were distributed to members. Jeff O. asked for suggestions regarding the golf course and format details of the tournament. The funds will help to build an adoption pavilion, construction of outdoor kennel runs with concrete floors, make improvements to the meet and greet area, replace the existing wooden fence with chain link, and addition of a roof covering that will provide shade during the summer and protection from rain.

Larry G. informed that the city has one free day each year to use the golf course and having a fundraiser is a good use of this day. It is the city's choice as to how the day will be utilized. Larry G. asked if there are any members interested in having a team participate. Shelly M. will contact members in regards to developing a team.
6. Geoffrey N. made a motion to approve the September 3, 2013 minutes with two changes noted and Barbara H. seconded the motion. Approved 5 – 0.
7. Golf Course Conditions
 - a. Don T. did some aerification and the course is healing well. Aerification takes place three times per year. Once the weather gets cooler and dryer the faster the greens will heal. He mentioned in his budget he included more monies for sand in bunkers. Don T. explained he continues to spray for weeds and fertilizing the weaker areas of ground. He announced that #11 tee is now open.



- b. Brad M. reminded that this board decided to give up the front tee box for the #11 tee. Don T. responded that right now he is fine with keeping the front tee box too. Brad M. continued he can no longer see the balding and plugs by #15 so their efforts on the course are working.
 - c. Larry G. requested Dru B. to explain the review of the golf course. Dru B. explained he has two evaluations per year in which his boss comes from San Francisco and spends 6-8 hours at Waterview. Charles A. questioned if the cart paths were listed on the review. Dru B. answered yes. The recommendations from the review are provided to Craig Kniffen of American Golf. Larry G. clarified that basically any maintenance outside the club house Craig K. oversees. Don T. receives two evaluations per year by Craig K.
8. Discuss condition and overall rating of courses played other than Waterview, with emphasis on favorable and unfavorable comparisons to Waterview
- a. Barbara H. played at an Arizona resort course which she did not enjoy the course as much as Waterview. She played at Firewheel Golf Park bridges course and lakes course and stated the fairways were in good shape. She mentioned the greens were fast.
 - b. Brad M. played at Waterview, as well as Gentle Creek Golf Club in Prosper. He describes the Gentle Creek layout as being similar to Waterview but not as many trees on the course and the grain on the greens affected putts. Also, this course has a nice club house and huge lake somewhat in the middle of the course. He also played at Pecan Hollow in Plano and it had miniverdi greens. He walked the course of Mesquite Golf Club and said it will not open until June 2014 and commented that this one could be a competitive golf course for Waterview.
 - c. Jerry D. said a gentleman at the golf course had negative comments about the Firewheel Golf course because he felt all the money was spent on the bridges course whereas the old course appears neglected but he enjoys playing at Waterview. Jerry D. played the bridges course.
 - d. Larry G. played in the Garland Chamber tournament at the old Firewheel course and the greens were in good shape but the fairways need some work.
9. Review status of lake on #2 and the redesign of the tournament pavilion.
- a. Brian F. met with Craig K., Dru B., and K. McCarthy, architect, at the pavilion. Looked at the site in the perspective of usage. The issue of having a bathroom in the enclosure will be needed if the building is going to be used for events such as wedding receptions. There will be alternate bids for different packages and then a decision can be made. There still seems to be a concern about the temperature in the dining area even though some work had been done to help that situation.
 - b. Brian F. spoke with Craig K. about the lake. Craig K. has concerns about members hitting more towards the right of the lake to avoid balls falling in the lake. After their discussion Brian F. asked Craig K. to consult with the architect to discuss plans because we are ready to begin the project. Brian F. will follow up with Craig K.
 - c. Jerry D. questioned if the time frame is still the same. Brian F. confirmed that the goal is still to begin in December/January.
 - d. Larry G. reminded members that the basis for spending money on expansion and enclosure of the pavilion was agreed upon with the ability to include the lake.
10. Discuss cost-sharing aspects of wall replacement on #18, between City and HOA.



- a. Larry G. asked Brad M. the status regarding HOA assisting with costs on this project.
- b. Brad M. expressed that HOA is interested in participating by purchasing the materials for the wall. He recalls Scott Peck's total cost is \$65,000 for the project with \$30,000 for materials.
- c. Brian F. requested clarification that \$35,000 will be for labor and construction costs, and HOA will provide \$30,000 to the city to go towards purchasing the materials for this wall project. Brad M. answered this is correct.

11. New Signage on the golf course.

- a. Larry G. mentioned he saw some signs at the Firewheel old course similar to what was discussed at last meeting.
- b. Dru B. shared he is having correspondences with American Golf attorney on this matter but presently awaiting a final answer.
- c. Larry G. questioned if Jermel S. should also check with the city attorney on this issue but Brian F. voiced that it sounds like an American Golf issue and not a city issue.

12. 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. announced the Boards/Commissions orientation will be held October 24, 2013 at 7:00pm. Brian F. added this orientation will be held in the City Council chambers and in addition to this Jermel S. will provide a power point orientation at the regular November meeting.
- b. Brian F. informed that October 1, 2013 is National Night Out. City Council will begin at 5:00pm and be finished by 6:15pm.
- c. Jermel S. announced October 5, 2013 is Diversity Day from 10:00am – 2:00pm at the Rowlett Community Centre.
- d. Shelly M. shared the deadline for the Open Meetings Act is October 28, 2013.

13. 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.

Geoffrey N. requested the topic of signage at PGBT for Waterview Golf Course is placed on agenda.

14. Adjournment was at 9:06 a.m.



Larry Glick, Chairman



Jermel Stevenson, Director of Parks & Recreation