



GOLF ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, May 6th, 2014 ~ 8:00 am
City Hall Conference Room
4000 Main Street, Rowlett TX 75088

PRESENT: Barbara Holst, Geoffrey Nichols, Larry Glick, Jerry Daniels, Brent Dorenbecker, Brad Marshall, Michael Daffin, Charles Alexander

ABSENT: Vincent Leal

VISITORS:

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m.
2. Quorum present. Larry Glick appointed Jerry Daniels as a voting member since Vince Leal was absent.
3. Discuss and consider approving the minutes from the April 1, 2014 meeting.
Brad Marshall made a motion to approve the April 1, 2014 minutes as corrected. Barbara Holst seconded the motion. Approved 5 – 0.
4. Update on the status of the enclosure of the tournament pavilion, design of the lake on hole #2, drainage on the side of hole #10, replacement of the retaining wall at #18, and five new bunkers throughout the golf course.
 - a. Brian Funderburk reported the city attorney is drafting a new agreement and has hopes to present it to City Council on May 20, 2014.
 - b. B. Funderburk stated a hard quote for the drainage on the side of hole #10 has been received.
 - c. L. Glick requested approval to notify Larson and Ledbetter of the timeline status since the company recently initiated contact to follow up on the project. B. Funderburk responded this could be done.
5. Update on the status of the new tee boxes on holes #6 and #16.
 - a. B. Funderburk hopes to present this to City Council on May 20, 2014.
6. Update from the City Manager on meetings held with American Golf.
 - a. B. Funderburk voiced he was approached by American Golf Corporate office in regards to Waterview Golf Course not performing as well as their other courses. Dru Bolen met with them. B. Funderburk said financing options are being discussed.
 - b. B. Funderburk showed members a couple power point slides regarding information such as projected variance between the water lease income and debt service, bonds and American



Golf's minimum rent, LIBOR rate history and projections FY 2000 – FY 2026, and Waterview historical data. The 30 year agreement with American Golf ends 4/30/2030. Usually in the month of February American Golf submits an annual report to the City of Rowlett.

- c. Geoffrey Nichols asked if information such as the number of rounds could be presented to members each month. B. Funderburk replied it is not required of American Golf. D. Bolen said he is able to obtain this information and could provide it each month.
- d. B. Funderburk mentioned American Golf committed to fairway work for 3 holes per year. Don Tennant stated this year the focus will be holes 1, 2, and 18. American Golf is also working on obtaining bids for cart path repairs with hopes to begin in the late spring or early summer.

7. Discuss golf course conditions.

- a. D. Tennant reported the sand has been added and briefly explained the process.
- b. D. Tennant informed members that the pond at #7 has algae again so he is in the process of treating it. He feels the greens are good except for the color. He mentioned there are lots of weeds for this time of year and will look at purchasing more expensive products to better help maintain weeds. He reported he hired three new crew members.
- c. Brad Marshall shared his observation of buffalo grass on the course this year and he is pleased with how it looks.
- d. D. Tennant reported an architect is coming to look at the tee boxes.
- e. G. Nichols questioned the locking of the restrooms. D. Bolin mentioned the access code is on the receipts along with a brief explanation.
- f. L. Glick asked if the nursery is being used. D. Tennant answered not at this particular time but it does get used.
- g. L. Glick asked about the water restrictions. B. Funderburk reported the City of Rowlett will begin using district water therefore those standards will need to be followed. He continued that a letter is being devised to send to Waterview Golf Course regarding this change and the restrictions.
- h. B. Holst mentioned the tee boxes at Waterview are in the best condition compared to the other courses she played this month.

8. Discuss tree planting by Fannin.

L. Glick reported Fannin Tree Farm replaced the dead trees. He had 15 new Cedar Elms planted down the left side of hole #2. He asked members to look at the trees that were planted at #9 because their growth can be seen.

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

- a. B. Holst was a walking scorer for the North Texas LPGA Shootout at Las Colinas Golf course. She elaborated on this experience. She played at Luna Vista, a public course, and described the greens as not impressive. The Golf Course of Dallas had some risk/reward holes and even though it is an older course she enjoyed playing on it.
- b. B. Holst mentioned she attended the Executive Women's Golf Association National Conference in San Antonio, Texas. During the conference updated information from USGA was provided on pace of play and how it correlates with the course set up and tee times more than it does with the golfer. B. Marshall asked if she could obtain the information and share with board members. B. Holst replied she will locate and share the information.



10. Preliminary discussion about the 2nd Annual GAB Golf Tournament.

- a. L. Glick provided a recap of last year's tournament. He asked members if they would like to hold a second tournament and all agreed.
- b. In September or October on a Sunday afternoon is the choice for the tournament. Specific day options will be sent to members at a later time.

11. Public Announcements.

- a. J. Stevenson announced Wet Zone opens for this season on May 17, 2014. Memorial Day and Touch-A-Truck event will be held May 24, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. He also shared that Sheena Easton will be the main entertainment for the July 4th event along with fireworks, a children's area, and vendors.
- b. D. Bolen hired a part-time chef who works Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. He is working on a menu which will also include tournament options.

12. Topics for future agenda items requested by members for the next meeting.

Larry G. requested for water restrictions to be added to the agenda.

13. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.



Larry Glick, Chairman



Jernel Stevenson, Director of Parks & Recreation