



Golf Advisory Board Minutes
Wednesday, September 6, 2016
8:00 a.m.

Waterview Golf Club
9509 Waterview Parkway, Rowlett TX 75088

PRESENT: Jonathan Andron, Michael Daffin, Jerry Daniels, Brent Dorenbecker, Larry Glick, Brad Marshall, Becky Sebastian

ABSENT: Barbara Holst, Guy Hunsaker

STAFF: Scott Alford, Waterview Superintendent; Debby Bobbitt, City Council Liaison; Dru Bolen, General Manager Waterview Golf Course; Matthew Mayes, Assistant General Manager of Waterview Golf Course; Shelly Monroe, Parks and Recreation Sr. Administrative Assistant; Angela Smith, Director of Parks and Recreation

1. Larry Glick, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
2. Quorum present. Becky Sebastian appointed as a voting member.
3. Consider action to approve July 5, 2016 minutes.
 - a. Jerry Daniels motioned to approve minutes as written.
 - b. Brad Marshall seconded the motion.
 - c. Approved 5 - 0.
4. Update from Waterview General Manager and Superintendent.
 - a. A Maintenance report covered information on the Par 3 Course, greens were spiked weekly in July and August, the driving range was granular fertilized and pre-emergent in September. Their maintenance plan through the month of September was shared with members such as greens will be aerified September 27th, will start pre-emergent on the golf course in the middle of September and will work on a plan for better control of goose grass and other weeds. There is an issue with drainage in fairways and rough on holes #9, #13 and #15 but when golfing slows down they will drain the water from these areas. They will start removing stumps and some dead trees in the next month. There was an irrigation leak at Par 2 so it was down for a day and a half while repairs were completed. Due to this issue the greens are rough looking although useable. L. Glick stated he doesn't understand the care of the Par 3 knowing there is an issue.
 - b. Dru Bolen announced he is being transferred to a new position within American Golf therefore he will no longer be the Waterview General Manager. In the meantime the General Manager at Buffalo Creek, David Sotela, will be overseeing both courses.
 - c. They hope the shade top for the patio will be put up during this month.
 - d. D. Bolen reported American Golf has frozen funds at this time to work on any projects submitted.
5. Golf Advisory Board budget request.

Angela Smith reported this board's request of funds for replacement of the retaining wall at hole 8 has been proposed to be included in the FY2017 budget. This is for \$33,000 in partnership with American Golf and Waterview HOA. The approval of the budget should occur this month.



- L. Glick requested the mound in front of the wall be tapered down so the body of water can actually be seen from the tees.
6. Update on alternatives for water source.
- a. A. Smith stated there are no updates since the last meeting. It is a slow process but the Public Works Department is still working on an optional plan.
 - b. B. Marshall mentioned when the fire hydrant was running to help fill the pond there was a loss of water pressure. Scott Alford shared when the hydrant is turned on the water runs for approximately 24 hours. The method of using the fire hydrant served its purpose this summer but the amount of rain contributed to being a good source too.
7. Update on the 2016 Waterview Golf Course audit.
- a. A. Smith announced the final audit report from Clyde Johnson, ASCGA, was received. Overall the report indicated the course is in good condition especially the playing surfaces but there are some are needing attention. As part of the visit Mr. Johnson met with Dru Bolen, Matthew Mayes and Alford Scott. Mr. Johnson believes the superintendent is headed in the right direction but he needs time to get the course back on track.
 - b. The areas of concern indicated in the report are with storm drainage by hole 5, cart traffic control, dead trees, irrigation pump station building siding is poor, weeds, bunkers are in need of renovation or at least sand replacement and subsurface drainage inspection with possibly replacement, greens have moderate ball mark damage, and pond erosion.
 - c. Members shared comments and had inquiries about how these changes will occur. Members are in agreement Waterview has an awareness of what needs to be done for improvements but recommends an action plan with a timeline should be developed. Other questions focused around the course being a high end daily fee course. Members voiced concern since the funds are now frozen when improvements are still needed to be in compliance with the maintenance agreement with the City. Jerry Daniels brought attention to the report identifying Waterview Golf Course as a municipal course and members have the understanding that the course is to be maintained as a high end daily fee course. L. Glick provided some history on the bunkers and the lack of funds for improvements. He expressed concern that the board members were not invited to meet with the auditor although the auditor met with Waterview staff. L. Glick shared there has been negative feedback from some groups expressing they do not want to play at Waterview due to the conditions of the course. He is worried about Bayside Development being interested in partnering with Waterview if the course is in this condition. Knowing the Firewheel Golf Course is now in better condition than Waterview is very disappointing. Becky Sebastian mentioned the Chamber of Commerce also receives some feedback about this course and it is not always positive. Angie Smith responded she will meet with Waterview staff to develop an action plan to address these issues.
 - d. Debby Bobbitt noted she receives letters by email about the golf course in which some believe this golf course is an exclusive golf club and not understanding the connection between the city and the golf course. The complaints receive include why the city's budget goes towards the Waterview Golf Course. She mentioned there are some talks about partnering with Bayside and this will continue. She does see progress and believes we will be able to move forward. D. Bolen said he is unaware any contact has been made in regards to partnering with Bayside.



8. Discuss golf course conditions to include update on the ruts in the fairways, new sand for bunkers, and plans for the 12th green.
 - a. L. Glick reported Barbara Holtz shared with him the greens on the Par 3 Course are in terrible condition although the rest of Par 3 is probably in the best shape she has seen it in a while. She has hopes something will be addressed in the Par 3 upgrade.
 - b. Some of the old irrigation ruts in the fairways were filled in. The fill-in was made on the ruts at the back nine and hole 9. S. Alford acknowledges there still needs to be work on holes 1 through 8.
 - c. L. Glick reported B. Holtz voiced to him most of the bunkers are in poor condition. The worst ones are on hole 16. The bunkers have been bad for years and continue to deteriorate. She mentioned to L. Glick it would be nice if players could actually hit sand shots out of them, but this is not even an option.
 - d. L. Glick said B. Holtz's reported most of the greens are in pretty good shape considering the heat. The greens have been slow, but Bent grass has to be allowed to grow longer during the hottest months.
 - e. Jonathan Andron inquired about the lack of signage for the golf course and if this is an option to consider.
 - f. B. Marshall said golfers are reporting the fairways appear to be in the best shape it has been in a while. Hole 8 has definition of fairways and good definition between the collars and the rough. The entire course should look similar to this hole.
 - g. L. Glick mentioned he had a representative from Fannin Tree Farm look at the trees on the course and notations were made that the trees are not being fertilized.
 - h. Two members said they did not want to have their groups play golf at Waterview due to embarrassment of the course's condition.
 - i. B. Marshall mentioned he did an informal survey on the use of golf carts and indicated there is a higher number of carts jumping the curb therefore damage to the grass occurs. This situation was briefly discussed.
 - j. D. Bolen reports Waterview is not making money therefore it is difficult to justify putting more money into the course. He mentioned the DFW area is struggling too. Due to these struggles the next 2 years will be critical.
9. Discuss condition and overall rating of courses played other than Waterview, with emphasis on favorable and unfavorable comparisons to Waterview.

Brent Dorenbecker played at Big Cedar Lodge in Branson, Missouri and it is representative of a destination golf course. The course was incredible and the greens were bent grass. Fees were \$130. The practice course is artificial so they have less maintenance.
10. GAB 4th Annual Golf Tournament will be held September 18, 2016 at 2:00pm - discuss teams, format and rules.
 - a. Changes to the teams were made.
 - b. The format and rules will remain the same as last year and these will be sent out to board members.
11. Final remarks from the outgoing Chair.

L. Glick stated he has been the Chair for several years therefore due to the new term limits passed by City Council recently he is not eligible to be Chair starting for the 2016-2017 year. He shared some history of his journey with this board and the golf course. One of his main contributions to the course has been adding trees on the course. He expressed how he is invested



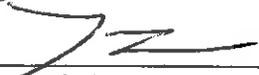
with this golf course and will continue to be even though he will not hold a Chair seat.

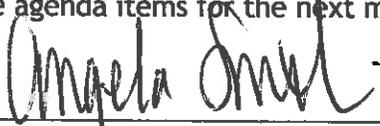
12. Public Announcements.

- a. Movies in the Park are being held every Friday in September at 6:30pm located at Pecan Grove Park.
- b. Three of the four Summer Concerts were rained out.
- c. Diversity day is scheduled for October 1, 2016 from 9:00am - 1:00pm and located at Rowlett Community Centre.
- d. Bayside Regatta will be held October 1, 2016 benefiting Rebuild Rowlett.
- e. A couple members announced they are unable to be present at the October 4th meeting therefore B. Marshall motioned for the meeting to be moved to October 11, 2016. Becky Sebastian seconded the motion. Approved 5 - 0.

13. No members requested topics for future agenda items for the next meeting.

14. Adjourned at 9:34 a.m.


Larry Glick, Chairman


Angela Smith, Director Parks and Recreation