

Bella Vista Property Owners Association

Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

Sept. 12, 2016

Final

**Welcome/ Call to order**

Tony Byars called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. at the Country Club

In attendance: Bill Puskas, Gary Griffin, Debbie Sorensen, Ron Jones, Mary Henning, Jane Barfield, and Tony Byars.

POA Employees: John Urquhart, Rick Echols, Joan Glubczynski

Guests: None

POA Liaisons: Pat Laury and Tom Judson

**Minutes from prior meeting:**

Minutes from August 2016 were approved via Internet and sent to Genevieve Henderson in July.

**Amenity Reports:**

- Metfield is assigned to Jane Barfield. She has rejoined the Rec Committee.
- Tennis Tournament in October will be getting a big screen TV for the Razorback and Auburn Game to be watched outside.
- Riordan CD player needs to be checked to see if it is working.
- Lake Ann gravel came down on the cement during the last storm. Gravel should be removed. POA is aware of this.
- Tiree Park needs asphalt and work is in 2017 budget.
- Dog Park - below benches and back side is too shady so ground does not dry out. Trail is due to be sealed so any rough sports will be addressed at that time.
- Tanyard Creek remains busy and in great shape. The damage repair from flooding two years ago was done by a company out of Fayetteville. It was grant work.
- Lake Avalon testing results will be complete this month and all has gone well so far. The swimming beach will be on the pavilion side of the lake.
- Lake Ann Trailhead (Back 40) is up and running. Signage is not complete yet. City and POA will be in charge of upkeep and maintenance. POA added \$20K in their budget for maintenance of the trail. The City has hired, Kay Curry, Trail Coordinator who works in conjunction with Joan (POA) and is responsible to coordinate the work. We discussed the idea of a 'person' being in charge of trail maintenance as we will eventually have 150 miles of bike/walking trails. The City of Bella Vista matched the \$20K for the first 40 miles. We know the \$20K will not cover all expenses but it is a start
- Fishing Dock at Loch Lohman - POA is trying to get in touch with Dave's Dock to help coordinate the work on the dock.
- Lake Point plan is being finalized and the demo starts soon. They will continue the tours while the demo is ongoing.
- Scotsdale opening Oct. 6th. Delayed opening due to work on bunkers and clubhouse. Liquor permit is still not complete but will be by 10/6/16.

**Staff Reports:**

- **Parks:** We have two new park rangers. We had 915 guest contacts last month.
- RV park will have sealed floors in the bathrooms to help with the odor problem.
- Picnic tables were moved to the RV Park near Blowing Springs.

- **Gun Range:** Last month we have 399 shooters and 181 trap skeet shooters.
- **Recreation:**
  - Pickle Ball nets** are up on the 3 courts at Metfield.  
Joan Glubczynski plans to look at all facilities and the goal is to get them all organized.
  - Branchwood** has been reorganized on the equipment side. Also, the air ducts have all been cleaned.
  - Goal is to have **diversity in what we offer and for all ages**. We do not have much for younger people now and need more classes for the younger individuals.
  - Hours of Operation for facilities:** Will be revised and Sunday openings for all facilities will soon be addressed. We are also planning on keeping Metfield open until 8pm starting in 2017 to help meet the needs of working individuals.
  - Paint **Riordan pool** in 2017.
  - Metfield** is budgeted to have a rowing machine in 2017. We hope to have a **bike 'skills' park** near Metfield in the future. This will include berms and low bridges etc. It would be for a younger age group between the ages of 4-12. It will be open to the public.
  - The current **miniature golf courses** are not in great shape but are free. The clubs are available at the pools while they are still open for the season.
- **Sr. Center:** Pat Laury suggested Bella Vista might use senior center and activity center for seniors that have disabilities or are challenged mobility wise.

**Old Business:** We discussed a Bocce Ball court at Branchwood at our last meeting. We had an individual offer \$1,000 to help us establish one. However, Tom Judson looked into this and the cost for a good one would run around \$5,000. Mary Henning talked with the individual who wanted to make the donation and explained the situation.

Debbie Sorensen will represent the Recreation Committee at the next POA meeting on the 15th of Sept.

**Next meeting will be October 10th at 4:00 at the Country Club.**

Submitted by Debbie Sorensen

9/18/16