

Bella Vista Property Owners Association
Recreation Joint Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 2015
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Welcome/ Call to order

Bill Puskas called the meeting to order at 3:00 at Jane and Dave Barfield's home. In attendance: Jane Barfield, Debbie Sorensen, Bill Puskas, Tony Byars, and Chuck Janzen
POA Board Liaison: Dave Barfield, John Nuttall, Josh Hart and Pat Laury

Minutes Review and Approval

The November 2015 minutes were approved.

Amenities Reports:

1. Jane Barfield said Metfield is coming along nicely.
2. Debbie Sorensen said Branchwood has nothing to report.
3. Vern Olafson and Tony Byars reported that all land around the gun range is Cooper land.
4. Bill Puskas could not find the 2016 fee schedule on the POA website. POA said they had taken it down temporarily since they decided to change the actual fee schedule to 'include' the taxes on all of the fees. This is different from 2015. All fees from now on will include the taxes. The committee recommended that all fee schedules get published by 12/1 going forward. People need to plan their next year expenses and we should have it published by 12/1.

Old Business:

Branchwood Trails: John Nuttall showed the committee pictures from the Branchwood trails and pond to date. All of the trail will be concrete. It will be 7,300 feet long and, depending on weather, should be done this spring. A pavilion will eventually be built, but that is in the future planning. The trail and landscaping is funded for completion, but no funding for landscaping around the building has been finalized.

The pump at Branchwood was moved to Metfield. It was hit by lightning at Metfield. We may need another pump eventually at Branchwood with the pavilion, but it would require a smaller pump. Recreation Committee recommends there should be a party once the trail is complete to help celebrate its completion.

Pickle Ball and Tennis courts: The \$30k in the budget for this year will be carried forward to 2016. In the past, these courts have only been patched and painted and this process has not held up. Pickle Ball is a very popular sport, and we feel it would be of great benefit to put the money into Pickle Ball courts and add several more if possible. This would not only benefit members in Bella Vista but also could draw outsiders into Bella Vista and help to 'sell' our amenities. The committee is anxious to resolve the issue of new courts and looks forward to having the playable courts.

Gun/Pistol Range: Vern Olafson said the planning is complete to raise the berm height by 3' for safety. This is not easy because of the location of the new bypass and the actual property lines. Goal is to have

15' berm heights. They plan to do this extension the week of January 4th, weather permitting. Range will be closed down while this work is being done. Weather must be clear and dry.

The issue of the cost for an annual pass was discussed in detail. Costs have doubled for 2016, but the justification is related to the following issues: The increase is related to the fact that the POA plans on adding a building to the area and hiring a range master in 2016. Hours are to be decided at a later date. We need to add power, man hours, a building, and possible training to accomplish this. A range master would need special training for safety since we are liable for this safety. We have had 4,552 shooters to date for 2015, and we expect approximately 500 more for 2015.

POA Meeting Rep: We agreed to have a Recreation Committee representation at most if not all of the monthly POA official board meetings held on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Goal is to let the POA know our recommendations and our status on projects. Pat Laury would like to see if our committee would come up with some ideas for new amenities to introduce to Bella Vista.

New Business:

Recreation Committee elections: New Chair will be Jane Barfield. Vice Chair will be Tony Byars. Secretary will be Debbie Sorensen. All committees need members, and we need at least two as Chuck Janzen and Dan Slimp are now off of our committee effective 1-1-2016. Bill Puskas has remained on the committee but is no longer Chairman.

The committee will have the following Amenity assignments: Debbie Sorensen: Branchwood and Riordan complex (excluding tennis courts). Jane Barfield: Metfield, Blowing Springs and the RV Park. Bill Puskas: Loch Lomond, Dog Park and Tanyard Creek. Tony Byars: Riordan tennis courts and RV Storage. Ron Jones: Gun Range.

Next meeting will be January 11th 3:00 p.m. at Riordan Hall.

Submitted by Debbie Sorensen
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