

# **POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee**

**February 12, 2018**

## **FINAL**

Gary Griffin called the meeting to order at 4:00 at the Country Club.

In attendance: Gary Griffin, Judy Griffin, Val Courter, Jan Dobbertin

POA employees: Tom Judson, Joan Glubczynski, Rick Echols, Leia Bush

POA Liaisons: John Nuttall, Patrick Laury, Joshua Hart

Guests: Jerry and Rebecca Hover, POA Board hopeful, and Natasha Brand, University of Arkansas Exercise Science Research

### **Minutes from prior meeting:**

Minutes from January 2018 were approved via internet and sent to Leia Bush.

### **Amenity Reports**

- Branchwood – Deb on vacation no report.
- Gun Ranges – Ron out of town, but written report submitted says all is ok at the ranges.
- RV Storage and Lake Ann Park – Judy said the RV Storage is fine, as well as is Lake Ann Park. She reported that the Christmas trees are gone from London Park.
- Riordan Hall and Tennis Complex-Mary not in attendance but submitted written report that some new equipment had been added to exercise room and patrons are very happy with that. The staff reports that more people are using the exercise facility, especially in the evening.
- Loch Lomond-Jan reported all is well there. The users appreciate the park and help take good care of the facilities.
- Tiree Park- Nothing changed here, according to Gary.
- RV Park and Blowing Springs Park-Val reported that work is continuing on the Razorback Extension.
- Tanyard Creek and Lake Avalon – Bill out of town, no report.
- Metfield Complex- Jane out of town. Her written report indicated that everything at Metfield is just fine.

- **New Business:**

Kim Carlson, Director of Marketing and Communications for the POA announced that Judy Griffin will be leaving the Recreation Committee to go to work for the POA. She will be handling the advertising in all of the POA publications.

Gary asked what budget recommendations made by the committee had been approved by the board. After a brief discussion, it was determined that many of them made the cut and are in the new budget. Gary volunteered to represent the committee at the next POA Board meeting on Thursday, February 22. He also announced that Deb Sorensen is holding a Meet and Greet at the Country Club on Saturday, March 10.

- Gary brought up the selection of new committee members. We have two openings (Judy Griffin and Jane Barfield's positions). A request was made to Marketing to post in the POA and Recreation e-newsletters about the openings on the Recreation Committee so anyone interested in joining our group has access to do so. Some of us have been approached by individuals that may want to join our Committee. This is the best way to reach our community and have everyone that wants to join our Committee.

**Staff Reports:**

- Tom reported the Community Involvement Committee survey has had 2,000 responses and will be open for two more weeks. He asked those in attendance to tell people about the survey and encourage them to fill it out. The POA is hoping for 4,000 responses. The next tour of the Country Club is Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM. There were approximately 100 at the last tour. The tour of Branchwood will be Wednesday, February 14 at 4 PM. Approximately 30-40 attended the last tour. The Country Club should be opening sometime in March.
- Rick reported that they have completed the water/lake sampling as well as the draining and removal of wild fish from ponds. The security fencing at the Lake Avalon heated dock is complete. He reports there were 287 Rifle and Pistol Range users in January. The first Conceal Carry class was sold out with 20 participants and the class coming on February 18 is also sold out, as is the class on March 11. There is a waiting list for the class to be held on March 25. The Christmas tree work on Windsor Lake is done. There were two wreaths installed. The Lake Rangers made 308 contacts in January. Rick said the employees are working on repairs on the washouts at Granton Landing and Stoneykirk. He announced that February 15, the lakes will begin returning to normal pools. He has signed contracts for work at the covered slips and the marina. Tanyard Creek is undergoing bathroom remodeling. He also reported that Avalon Beach is on schedule for May 26 grand opening. Patrick Laury asked if the lake drawdowns had been well received. Rick said there was some resistance but otherwise received pretty well. There were 22 Loch Lomond permitted repairs with 8-10 on Lake Avalon. Joshua Hart

asked about the depth of the water at the beach. It is going to be a shallow beach, from 5' to 6'.

- Kim Carlson showed the committee and those in attendance a proposed brochure for Blowing Springs. The Inside Bella Vista Magazine is coming out soon. They will begin inserts promoting golf and Lakepoint. Patrick Laury asked that marketing information be available at Blowing Springs Park during the busy season. Kim indicated there is lots of information available at the check in stand and that after the Country Club opens people will be directed there from Blowing Springs for more information.
- Joan reported the Branchwood renovation and expansion project should have a shovel in the ground in February. The expansion will be the first item on the project then the clubhouse will close until the project is completed. Also at Branchwood there will be a new trailhead from the new parking lot which will be an extension of the current trail. The work is expected to start this Spring. Joan indicates the beach on Lake Avalon is on track. There is more progress daily. The white sand for the beach should be here within a month and the sand volleyball court will be built soon. There is a new replacement bridge which will replace the bridge at the back of the park at Blowing Springs and the construction should begin within the next few days. The Valentine Dance was successful despite the weather. The band wanted to go ahead with the dance and approximately 80 people were in attendance, with 30 or so taking the dance lessons prior to the event. The age of those in attendance was diverse. Joan reports that Jake Shoemake is implementing a new junior tennis program, and there are several events scheduled in March and April. He is also teaching tennis at NWACC. Joan then presented a Master Playground Plan for Bella Vista. Today's playgrounds stress natural settings, climbing ropes and focus on fitness. The board has approved a playground for the beach area. It will be located at the top of the hill from the beach. Metfield Park will have a new playground. The existing equipment will be removed and replaced with interactive climbing equipment. At Branchwood, the playground will focus on ages 2-12 since the park attracts grandparents bringing their visiting grandchildren as opposed to young families. Blowing Springs attracts lots of kids and a camping themed playground is proposed. A playground at Tanyard Creek would reflect bridges and other traits of the park. A proposed Loch Lomond playground will focus on climbing equipment and a natural scape. In the future play areas may include splash pads and fitness stations. Joan said the reason the playgrounds are being revamped is to make them relevant, exciting and compliant. Gary asked about the playground at Tiree. At this time, no changes are planned since the playground there isn't utilized as much as the others. A plan to install fitness equipment, combining strength and cardio, was discussed. Joan indicated the disc golf at Branchwood should be ready by May.

**The next meeting will be at 4 PM Monday, March 12 at the Country Club**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM.

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