

# **POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee**

**November 13, 2017**

## **FINAL**

Gary Griffin called the meeting to order at 4:00 at Riordan Hall.

In attendance: Gary Griffin, Debbie Sorensen, Judy Griffin, Jane Barfield, Mary Henning, Val Courter, Ron Jones, Jan Dobbertin

POA employees: Tom Judson, Joan Glubczynski, John Urguhart, Leia Christeson

POA Liaisons: John Nuttall, Patrick Laurey

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

Minutes from October 2017 were approved via internet and sent to Leia Christeson.

### **Amenity Reports**

- Branchwood – Deb reported the new parking lot is going in and coming along nicely. The overflow had several cars parked on this date. The basketball courts are finished and the pickleball lines are on, and all look good.
- Riordan Hall-Mary said that Riordan has been busy and knew of no issues. The tennis complex still has some cracks, but a different contractor is going to be contacted to make the repairs. Tennis players are happy that more players are using the facility which increases competition.
- Gun Range-No issues there per Ron. He has had lots of good feedback from users regarding having the attendant and questions about when that might be full time.
- Loch Lomond-Jan reported everything looks great there. The heaters are on in the restrooms and will be checked from time to time by POA employees.
- Tanyard Creek-No Report.
- Metfield-Jane states all wonderful there.
- Blowing Springs-Val said that Flea in The Park was well attended for such a cold Saturday. Joan added that there are sidewalks going in from Lake Bella Vista to Blowing Springs as part of the trail system.
- RV Storage and Lake Ann Park-Judy reports all is fine both places.
- London Park-Judy reported no change.

- Tiree Park-Gary reported that the park continues to be well maintained. Grounds are well kept, picnic areas are up to date. Bathrooms are closed for the winter, along with the water being shut off.

### **Staff Reports:**

- Tom Judson presented the proposed Branchwood expansion and renovation. The tentative start date is February 2018 and will last approximately 20 weeks, during which time the facility will be closed. Some classes will be moved to Riordan. There will be some pain and inconvenience but it will be worth it in the end. The lobby will be renovated, some walls moved, bathrooms will be taken down to the studs and made fully ADA compliant. The new exercise room will be 400 square feet larger than now, and the addition, which will hold the exercise equipment, will be 40-50% larger than existing. There will still be a hot tub and steam room. Tom reminded all that the building is old and it is unknown what lies behind the walls. So, there is a contingency fund which hopefully will cover any surprises. Tom invited the committee to a tour of the Country Club on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> and of the Branchwood facility Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Tom let all know that there will be a vote for an assessment increase in the summer of 2018. A commission is going to be formed to study needs before putting a dollar amount on the increase. Those in attendance were encouraged by Tom to talk about this in order to keep from surprising property owners. Reserves have been used toward the large projects which have been or will be completed. Large projects include: LakePoint, the Country Club, Avalon Beach and Branchwood. The list of eligible voters is being cleaned up for phoning regarding the increase.

Tom also reported that the Country Club renovations should be completed in January and the flood study for Berksdale Golf Course should be completed by the end of the year.

- Joan reported: Flea in The Park was successful. Intention was to start small and build from there. Attendance was around 2,500, with the peak time being 9:30-11. The event has the potential to make money for the POA. Vendors were happy with the event and want to come back next year.

The beach at Lake Avalon is coming along. The attendant station is built and white sand is being ordered this week. Users of the beach will check in and be given a wrist band, which will change color each day. The pool pass will work at the beach as well as the pools. There will be beach volleyball and other activities. The equipment, such as kayaks for rental, volleyballs, etc. will be ordered in 2018 after budget approval. Mary asked about enlarging the beach. John Nuttall said the engineering answer is that it

would be difficult to do so. Tom Judson said there possibly will be picnic tables scattered in the area at some point.

The tennis tournament, held the last weekend of October, drew 85 players. The tennis complex is now on seasonal hours, 10-3 Monday through Sunday.

The Holiday Bazaar held last Saturday filled the entire Riordan building. Vendors were very pleased. Shoppers liked the selection of goods, and Joan said this event does make a little money for the POA.

Bocce Ball went well. About 25 people had expressed interest, 18 showed up initially and a few more joined later. It was very well received, and there is a plan to pick it up again in the Spring.

- John reported that the Lake Avalon drawdown started last Thursday and is going slowly. Loch Lomond drawdown started on November 13. Lake Brittany was stocked with trout last Wednesday. The dates of the stockings will be announced for the first one, then not the rest of the times. The trout being stocked are 12" catchable stock. Winterization of all facilities is taking place. There were 400 users at the pistol range and 291 using the trap and skeet range during the month of October. There were also four private event shoots. Beginner days at the ranges attracted 45 participants, kids and adults alike. They were new firearm users who were taught safety and shooting etiquette. The classes were small and attendees enjoyed pretty much one-on-one assistance. "Shooting" for another beginner day in the Spring. Lots of good feedback from this event.

### **New Business:**

Debbie has volunteered to represent the committee at the POA Board meeting on Thursday, November 16. Deb announced another Meet and Greet to be held on Saturday, December 2. Thirty people have signed up as of this date. With the Mayor and Tom speaking it is always a good, positive event and very informative. Deb also reported that the usage for the Highlands Card Room for the month of October was 120-140 card players. The line dancers have been asking about using their Branchwood class punch cards for the facility fee at Riordan. Joan explained that their annual \$30 fee is very reasonable since they are using premium space six hours a week.

Patrick asked if pickleball equipment is available at the tennis complex. Joan explained no, but is available at Branchwood.

Kim announced they are working towards a new web site the end of this year.

- **NEXT MEETING will be Monday, December 11 at Riordan Hall. The January meeting should move back to the Country Club Board Room.**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

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