

POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

September 10, 2018

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

In attendance: Gary Griffin, Debbie Sorensen, Ken Fink, Mary Henning, Chris Stockman, Steve Bourke, Val Courter, Bill Puskas, Jan Dobbartin

POA employees: Joan Glubczynski, Leia Bush, Rick Echols, Jessica Anson, Judy Griffin, Kim Carlson

POA Liaisons: Jerry Hover, Patrick Laury, Jim Abrahamson

Guests: Ruth Hatcher, Chairperson of the POA Board, Steve McKee, Carol Phillips

Minutes from prior meeting:

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

Amenity Reports

- Branchwood-Deb Sorenson reported that everything is good at Branchwood. The grounds are in great shape. The building will hopefully be open in late September. She did say the walking trail needs mutt mitts in the containers and the trash containers need to be emptied.
- Gun Ranges-Ken Fink reports the only issue this past month was a circuit board which was hit by lightning. That issue has been resolved. Carroll, the manager, is still out after back surgery, but is expected to return mid-October.
- RV Storage, Lake Ann Park and London Park-Chris Stockton observed that the Lake Ann park area and cleaning station are both tidy and clean. Only issue observed is that the gravel washout has appeared again and should be repaired. There are some low hanging branches over the picnic table and grill and should likely be pruned in the future. At London Park, the toilet in the men's restroom was overflowing. He turned the water off to the toilet and notified Rick of the problem. Everything else was good.
- Riordan Hall and Tennis Complex-Mary Henning reports new handicap accessible signs are now on both the women's and men's restroom doors. The US Tennis Association Tournament was held the 7th through the 9th. This is the first time the event was held in Northwest Arkansas. The staff took advantage of a great opportunity to showcase our facility to players from all over the state. There are currently no concerns at Riordan

Hall. There are free classes being offered twice a month to learn proper technique on the exercise equipment.

- Loch Lomond-Jan Dobbertin reports the park looks great. The electrical updating for the ball diamond has been completed. The dog park looks good, despite the recent heavy rains.
- Tيرة Park- The Park looks great with no problems or issues according to Gary Griffin. Bill wondered why the new signage isn't on both sides of the sign. The state regulates signs, and won't allow two-sided signs.
- RV Park and Blowing Springs Park-Val Courter reports "glamper" or "pod" looks great and Joan has given her the go ahead to plant some flowers around it. The restrooms are clean and look nice. Bill asked Joan how to rent the pod. She said the information will be ready next week. She is going through Airbnb where it will be advertised.
- Tanyard Creek and Lake Avalon Park-Bill Puskas reports that the soap dispenser in the men's restroom needs realigned at Tanyard Creek. Otherwise, overall the facility looks great. He found a ring in the women's restroom which he took to the POA offices. When Bill visited Tanyard Creek there was a lot of activity. At Lake Avalon Park there were no concerns and overall the facility is in good condition.
- Metfield Complex-Steve Bourke said that the amenity is in good condition and he found no areas for review or concern. He mentioned that the mini golf could use refurbishing. Joan told the committee that both mini golf courses need major refurbishing but the cost for having something creative and fun built could run as high as \$5,000 for each hole. That just isn't in the 2019 budget.

New Business

One of the visitors, Carol Phillips, spoke to the Committee about concerns of the Lake Avalon Community Association. They are concerned about expanding the beach at the facility. Joan explained that the plan isn't to expand the beach, but to add picnic tables and in general make it an even better amenity. Carol spoke about the no wake areas. These are not being observed by many of the boaters and causes problems with paddleboarders, canoers and kayakers and that perhaps larger No Wake signs and more buoys would help the situation. Rick Echols said that buoys sometimes create more problems than not. Boaters will pass the buoy and then go wide open disregarding the no wake signs. Rick asked if the problems arose after the beach opened. Carol said the problems were there prior, but increased. The Lake Patrol has a number to call which is always answered and he gave that number to Carol after the meeting. Trespassing on the beach is also being observed, which Joan said is impossible to control.

Kim Carlson talked about the Assessment Increase Campaign. Information has been sent to members in their water bills and the quarterly magazine coming out soon lists POA accomplishments and proposed projects. Tom is holding three meetings to get the information

to the members, as well. Mary Henning asked what will happen to user fees if the increase passes. At this point user fees will be flat lined, with only the possibility of guest fees going up. Bill Puskas said about one half of his group of thirty golfers are against the increase and think the golfers are getting a raw deal. Ruth Hatcher stressed that whether a member votes yes or no, it is important they vote with true facts, not rumors. Gary also told the group that there would be signage at facilities and also available for members to use in their yards and that the yes voters should not bother the vote no signs. Judy Griffin said the signs are permitted and legal. The POA went through the appropriate channels to be sure they were legal. Kim left brochures and signs for any of the Committee Members to take as desired.

Deb Sorenson reported an attendance of 75-80 people at last Saturday's Meet and Greet. There were new residents from 18 states and 3 foreign countries. This event consisted of 60% retirees as opposed to the June one which was attended by 40% retirees and 60% non. The next Newcomer Meet and Greet will be held in December. Deb had also talked to Tom Judson about the possibility of having a Meet and Greet for residents having lived here longer. She had been approached by several people asking if that would be a possibility since good information is shared and questions answered. Tom agreed it would be a good idea. It will be in the planning for the future.

Gary Griffin will represent the Committee at the POA Board Meeting on September 27.

Staff Reports:

- Rick Echols reported that all fields at the gun range are back in service. They are looking into a lightning arrester since a strike caused an issue in August. At Trap and Shoot, sales were up 10% in August. There will be a beginner's rifle and pistol class October 21 and a beginner's trap and skeet class on October 28. Lunch is provided at these classes. The fee to attend is \$35 or two people for \$50. Some staff went to the gun range at night and were surprised how easily they could see the targets. Night shooting may be introduced in the future. Rick reports that new interpretive signing will be going up at Tanyard Creek this fall. The POA purchased the signs and volunteers will be installing them. He said they are looking into signage and buoy placement on the lakes. There was a kayaking tournament recently. Fifty three kayakers participated. The top prize was \$1,300 which helped attract more participants. Bill Puskas asked what was going on with the archery group. The group wants to put on a demonstration at the McNelly property sometime later this fall.
- Joan told the Committee that Jessica Anson will be the new Manager at Branchwood. A menu for the Branchwood grand opening activities will consist of finger foods and is currently being worked on. The event is being planned for the end of September. Demonstrations and tours will be on the agenda. Joan said she would likely need help with some of the activities. Approximately one half of the equipment in the fitness area

is new with most of it being strength equipment. If members of the committee are asked about the opening date for Branchwood, Joan suggests telling them late September. Deb asked about overflow parking for the grand reopening celebration. At the grand opening for the Branchwood trail, there were a couple of people working parking control. Deb expects a larger crowd for the grand reopening and availability for parking has changed with the opening of the disc golf course. Jessica told the Committee that the disc golf course designer will be demonstrating disc golf. Name signs and distance markers are being installed and there will be Branchwood specific discs offered for sale. Ken Fink, from the Recreation Committee, will be conducting pickleball demonstrations. And Joan shared good news for the racquetball players at Branchwood. After massaging her costs for the project and some careful spending, Joan was able to tear up the floor in the racquetball court and will be replacing it soon. This project may not be completed when Branchwood reopens, but soon thereafter. Pat Laury asked about charging rental fees for use of POA disc golf equipment. Joan hesitates to do that and prefers to let the users just use the equipment. It is an operating risk she is willing to take. Bill asked about more porta potties on the trail and disc golf course. Joan said the cost for these is reasonable enough and if the need is there, it is something to look into. Joan reminded all that Flea in the Park will be held on October 13 from 9-5. Last year's event drew over 2,000 despite cold weather. She currently has craft and food vendors signed up. Joan said the pod should be ready for occupancy next week and also that Metfield classes started September 10.

- Jessica reported that the closing activities for the Avalon Beach were well attended and this is the final week for the pools, Sunday will be the last day.
- Judy Griffin said there are lots of questions regarding the assessment increase covered in the marketing brochure, but if new questions come up, please let the Marketing Department know so they can address any issues.

The next regular committee meeting will be at 4 PM Monday, October 8 at the Country Club.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM.

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