

## **POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee**

**December 10, 2018**

**FINAL**

Debbie Sorensen called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM at the Country Club.

In attendance: Debbie Sorensen, Ken Fink, Chris Stockman, Bill Puskas, Mary Henning, Val Courter, Jan Dobbertin

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

POA Liaisons: Patrick Laury, Mary Sinkus, Jim Abrahamson, Jerry Hover

Guests: Steve McKee

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

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

### **Amenity Reports**

- Branchwood-Deb Sorensen reported six new handicap parking spaces have been created at the front of the parking lot. That has pleased several people. She had heard some reports of problems with the new flooring on the racquetball courts. Joan said those issues are being addressed. The trail had some trees down and POA staff has cleared them.
- Gun Ranges-Ken Fink said things are fine at the gun range. The ranges remain busy but usage is beginning to drop off due to colder temperatures.
- RV Storage, Lake Ann and London Park-Chris Stockman reports the lake drawdown is going well at London Park and at Lake Ann Park everything is fine. The parking and striping of the RV Storage facility has been completed.
- Riordan Hall and Tennis Complex-Mary said things are pretty quiet at Riordan and that the grounds look great after the leaves were blown and cleared. She said there is a tennis racquet sale going on with racquets available for youth and adults. Debbie suggested the sale be promoted on Bella Vista Neighbors.
- Loch Lomond-Jan Dobbertin reported there had been a small issue in the women's restroom and Rick Echols was contacted. The issue will be addressed by his staff. She also said how nice it was to have all the activity in the park when setting up and presenting "A Charlie Brown's Christmas." Rick Echols asked that Mark Nelson be

informed prior to an event such as this in order to protect the sprinkler heads from damage.

- RV Park and Blowing Springs Park-Val Courter said there was a bike race last weekend otherwise the park has been quiet. There were 200 bikers and 400 runners participating in this race, Joan told the committee. It was a charity event and was sponsored by the city and a third party. The money from last year's race went back to the city for water fountains at the trailheads. Some of the campers stayed at Blowing Springs and the pod was rented for the weekend as well.
- Tanyard Creek and Lake Avalon Park-Bill Puskas reports that Tanyard is in great shape. Lake Avalon Park activities are pretty much shut down, due to the cold.

### **New Business**

Deb Sorensen reported that the Welcome Coffee scheduled for last Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> was cancelled due to a weather warning. The event has been rescheduled for January 12.

Debbie will represent the Committee at the POA Board Meeting on December 20.

Bill Puskas asked about contractors burning scrap lumber on site. They have had fires that burned all night. Tom Judson told Bill it is a city problem and he understands it is illegal to have a fire burning all night unless someone is watching it.

Debbie said she has had trail complaints and wondered what she should tell those that complain. Joan said there isn't a lot to say about the costs involved since the city and POA each match \$35,000 per year for maintenance. The new trails will be more manageable due to accessibility. She said that the POA is not liable for the maintenance until the trail is complete. She usually tells those that complain about the costs that in the grand scheme of things it is a small portion of the budget. She has heard people from other areas with trails who are amazed at the low maintenance costs here. Mary said what she has heard from members is that 10 years ago the amenities were only for members now some are open to the public. Many of these complainers are opposed to change of any kind and get upset about change in general. Pat Laury said the Board wanted to allow the trails on common property and that there is no private property being used for them.

Jerry Hover informed the committee of a meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> with the residents who have expressed interest in archery. The meeting is to determine the demographics of those interested and the scope of the project and also to discuss possible sites. Jerry said Loch Lomond is a possible site, but not likely. It may become a temporary range. Ken asked if the interested members were long term residents or if the interest is mostly from newcomers. Jerry said a questionnaire would hopefully get that information.

## Staff Reports:

- Tom Judson reported that he is experiencing a slow time.
- Rick Echols said that John Urguhart was not in attendance because he was awaiting the birth of his second child. He reported that a couple of week ago the Gun Ranges had their biggest day ever. This year's revenue has surpassed the total from 2017 this month. Rick reported the lake and stream sampling is finished. He also said there is a rumor that there is an ecoli spike at Lake Ann, which is untrue. RV Storage is done, there are a few units on Cooper property but anything still needing to be done can do so with RV's in place. The gun ranges had 399 users in November and the lake rangers made 713 contacts. Dam inspection is ongoing and Rick completed an interview for the gun range. He believes he has someone hired. Chris asked about boards under the RVs in storage. Rick said those are in place to distribute the RV's weight and avoid divots in the blacktop.
- Joan said a lot of the new trails will be highly visible. The next step in building the trails are the bridges and tunnels. Construction of those should begin after the first of the year. Tanyard will have some trails close and there is a meeting scheduled next Monday with the "Friends of Tanyard Creek" to discuss the trails proximity to the park. Riordan will have trails close by as well. There are some small trails at Riordan by the mini golf course and playground which will become a part of the trail system. Joan told the committee that all recreation centers will have holiday hours. The hours are given on POA newsletters, the e-blast and the web site. All centers will be closed Christmas and New Year's Day.
- Jessica addressed disc golf. There is a volunteer and his wife who are willing to teach youth and adults to play disc golf. There may be a Kids Camp for disc golf in the spring. Jessica also said that there are 31 signed up for the Tai Chi class at Branchwood. The class is full. The facility has been busy with birthday parties, with December completely booked. Deb reminded all that those parties generate revenue from swimming and the room rental. There are two new pieces of equipment ordered for the workout room. There is a new flat bench and a preacher's bench which is basically an extension for the free weights. The hot tub is closing Thursday or Friday for 24-48 hours. There is currently a problem with the tub in the form of a leak. They will be doing testing in order to fix it. It may have to shut down again during the fix. Bill Puskas asked about the men's sauna. There is a problem with the step which is being worked on.

Joan reminded the committee if Bentonville Schools are closed due to weather or if they call off activities, the POA cancels any scheduled classes.

Chris asked if someone on the committee should be appointed to be involved in the trails. He suggested perhaps forming a sub-committee. With Chris' interest and use of the trails it was agreed he would be a likely person for that assignment. Tom Judson said that was a good question and idea. Bella Vista will be growing into the trails. Tom also said that the POA and city will be doing the maintenance on the trails. The POA will bill the city for their share.

**The next regular committee meeting will be at 4 PM Monday, January 14 at the Country Club.**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.

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