

# **POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee 2019**

**APRIL 8, 2019**

**FINAL**

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

In attendance: Gary Griffin, Ken Fink, Chris Stockman, Bill Puskas, Steve Bourke, Jan Dobbertin

POA employees: Tom Judson, Joan Glubczynski, John Urguhart, Rick Echols, Judy Griffin

POA Liaisons: Jerry Hover, Mary Sinkus

Guests: Steve McKee, Ruth Hatcher, Chairperson of the Board, John Nuttall, Becky Hover, Hoss Diego and Ron Raby

## **Minutes from prior meeting:**

Minutes from March 2019 were approved via internet and sent to Tammie Loyd.

## **Introduction of Guests**

Guests were asked to introduce themselves and bring any issues to the committee.

John Nuttall and Steve McKee both were at the meeting to observe. Hoss Diego was in attendance to support the proposed archery amenity.

Prior to the Amenity reports, Tom Judson told committee members that the meeting was being taped to be available on the POA website. He encouraged committee members to use the microphones in order to pick up comments or reports.

## **Amenity Reports**

- Gun Ranges-Ken Fink said there were no major problems. Business is picking up with the warmer weather. He reports three large shoots are scheduled in April and that the date for completion of the 4<sup>th</sup> trap stands at May 1.
- RV Storage, Lake Ann and London Park-Chris Stockman told the committee that everything is fine at Lake Ann Park. He observed a couple of boats launching and several members enjoying the area. At London Park the restrooms are nice and clean and he saw several bikers and walkers in the Park. The RV Storage facility is secure and in good order.
- Loch Lomond Complex-Jan Dobbertin reports that the complex is in good order. She observed the large dog side of the dog park is still open but users told her that POA staff had been checking the area last week. Rick said that the large side will close on

Tuesday, April 9 and be closed the remainder of the month. Jan did ask that some attention be given the ball diamond benches and tables. She anticipates heavier usage of the baseball facilities as the weather gets warmer.

- Tiree Park-Gary Griffin reports the park looks good. There is an electrical outlet at the pavilion that needs some repairs.
- Tanyard Creek and Lake Avalon Park-Bill Puskas said that Tanyard Creek looks great. He spoke with several persons using it and all love it. Lake Avalon Park is also in good condition and looks ready for the warmer weather.
- Metfield Complex-Steve Bourke told the committee that Metfield is in great shape. As a side note, Steve had visited Lake Ann Park and had met some cyclists from Ontario, Canada who loved the trails.

Chris Stockman presented an in depth power point regarding the proposed archery range amenity and the meeting March 16 held between POA board members, interested community members and others, including an instructor from Oklahoma City. The meeting was held at the ARK/MO property. The presentation gave options ranging from the basic practice range to an advanced range which would include 3D shooting areas, pavilions, storage sheds, restrooms and food trucks. He also had options for the layout of the range. Chris had numbers showing the popularity of archery nationwide as well as in Bella Vista. Bill Puskas asked what the target age would be for the range. Chris said that the growth in archery is in the younger group. Hoss Diego complimented Chris on the report and the work that has been done on this project. He said that the local schools offer archery in lieu of regular physical education but due to limited space it is offered only twice a week. This information is from Cooper Schools. Hoss also said that Springdale has an indoor archery range which charges \$5 per hour to shoot. Hoss feels that archery is a great family activity and good for all ages since bows are available at all levels of difficulty. Gary asked about the possibility of other land opportunities. Tom Judson said that the McNelly Road location is still open for consideration. He is somewhat leery about putting it at ARK/MO in case that land is sold in the future but a temporary range there would be okay. Jan Dobbertin asked what kind of revenue the ARK/MO property generates with hay farming. Tom said around \$3,000 a year, basically paying the taxes. Bill Puskas asked about the possibility of revenue from the range. Tom said that the amenities are subsidized and it is a matter of how much the POA is willing to subsidize archery. He gave the Avalon Beach as an example. The revenue there covers operating costs, not capital expenditures. Tom feels the cost for a basic archery range may be modest and would include mowing, supplies, etc. A reasonable fee could be charged to use the range. Ken Fink suggested a trip to Springdale to visit the range there. It was decided that would delay any decision to move forward. Ken then said perhaps a cost estimate could be generated before moving forward. John Urguhart said at the lowest end he could see using hay bales, pvc piping, porta pots. Tom asked John to put together an estimate with details of set up as well as on-going costs. And John will put together a time line as to how quickly this basic range could be completed. At this point, Gary polled the

committee for their thoughts. Steve Bourke said it is a good idea and perhaps we could move forward with an event or two to get an indication of participation and/or feasibility. Ken Fink also thinks the archery range is a great idea. He is glad the intention is to start on a small scale with minimum expense. Jan Dobbertin agreed due to the positives it would create and with Bella Vista being known as a recreational community. Bill Puskas asked about public/POA access and reminded all of the controversy anytime an amenity is open to the public. It will be good to determine interest and he feels the youth needs to be involved. Gary Griffin said he believes this is a good idea and a fun activity. Chris Stockman made a motion we move forward with cost estimates and the motion was seconded by Bill Puskas. The motion carried.

Gary Griffin will represent the committee at the April 25<sup>th</sup> POA Board Meeting.

### **New Business**

Jan Dobbertin reported on the Welcome Center Volunteer Program. There are currently eleven volunteers staffing the Welcome Center on Saturday and Sunday. She recruited volunteers after discovering the Welcome Center was unstaffed on weekends. The volunteers are filling the middle of the day when most realtors and prospective residents visit BV Bar and Grill for lunch. Carmen Dissing, Manager of Member Services at the POA, drew up a questionnaire to be used to gather information from visitors. The volunteer schedule is complete through August, at which time the program will be evaluated for viability.

Tom invited all to the Volunteer Appreciation Event to be held on April 27<sup>th</sup> at Loch Lomond Park. The hours of the event are 12 to 2 and the purpose is to recognize the many POA volunteers in Bella Vista.

Tom also told the committee that there is a modification in the manner in which committee members are selected. The committee will vote on renewals or new members, then the POA Board votes to approve/disapprove. There will be three terms expiring on the Recreation Committee and Tom said he needs the committee recommendations next month. The terms expiring are those of Bill Puskas, Gary Griffin and Chris Stockman.

### **Staff Reports:**

- Joan Glubczynski reports that there is a lot going on in her department. Her peak season runs now through November. This Saturday is the Kids Summer Activity Sign up Day as well as the Spring Bazaar at Riordan Hall and the Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 20 at Kingsdale Park. Two of the three outdoor pools are up and running. Kingsdale adult pool is undergoing maintenance. Repairs to the pickleball courts were done last week and the lights at Metfield Park are being worked on as well. There has been some vandalism in the restroom at Metfield Park, with a sink being ripped off the wall. Joan said there is usually an upswing in this type of activity as kids are out of school and have

more free time. Blowing Springs campground has been full for about a month. The tiny cabin is ramping up for a good season. The arboretum light is now installed and there are new trees being planted. There was a playground inspection and it is complete. There were a couple of things that need repaired and those repairs will be or have been made. The Marina is doing well. This weekend the hours change to 7am to 7pm each day through the end of summer. Ken Fink asked Joan about the parking alongside the trails. Joan said the City is to police that. She also said that many of the vehicles referred to are actually trail builders. Visitor, John Nuttall, said some cars parked there are also mushroom hunters' vehicles.

- Tom Judson had nothing to report to the committee.
- Rick Echols said his rangers are doing boat registration checks. They have found a lot of non-registered boaters and the rangers are getting push back from some. Rick questioned at what point the POA takes a harder stance on this. Lake Windsor is at 17" and both boat ramps are open. He reiterated the closing of the large dog side of the dog park tomorrow, the 9<sup>th</sup> in order for repairs to be made. Rick said that there were 350,000 walleye and crappie eggs going to ponds on Berksdale. He reported that the ecoli reading throughout the winter at Avalon Beach has been good. Overall, his department is busy and looking to hire four new people and get them trained.
- John Urguhart told the committee the gun range construction is on-going and electrical work is currently being done. May 1 is still the anticipated completion date. Beginning May 1 the trap and skeet range will be open Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday through October. The additional day is at the request of users. The conceal carry classes are very successful. March was sold out, and April may be as well.
- Judy Griffin of the Marketing Department reported they are busy in Marketing.
- Board Liaison, Jerry Hover, complimented Chris and Debbie on the excellent work done on the archery project.

**The next regular committee meeting will be at 4 PM Monday, May 13 at the Country Club.**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:12 PM.

Submitted by Jan Dobbertin

April 14, 2019