

POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee 2019

JUNE 17, 2019

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

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

POA employees: Tom Judson, Joan Glubczynski, Rick Echols, Kim Carlson, Tammie Loyd

POA Liaisons: Jerry Hover, Jim Abrahamson, Steve McKee

Guests: Janet Conboy, Candidate for Recreation Committee, Jackie Gain, also Candidate for Recreation Committee, and Mike Krafft

Minutes from prior meeting:

Minutes from May 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.

Mike Krafft is interested in the pickleball courts at Metfield. He says the POA is working on the lights there, and there is some surface work that needs done. The players have moved the windscreens to inside on the north, and the windscreen is missing some grommets on the bottom. The players would do the work to repair that. Jim Abrahamson asked for an estimate on local users. Mike responded that most users are members, a few from the outside, but minimal. Joan addressed the lighting issue saying that the lighting improvements should be done by the end of June. The staff is looking at possibly striping basketball courts by July 4 to provide additional pickleball courts, and budget 2020 will include two more courts at Branchwood.

Amenity Reports

- Branchwood-Debbie Sorensen reported that Jessica, the Manager at Branchwood, got married. Lori, who works at Branchwood, reports that disc golf has been very busy.
- Gun Range-Ken Fink says all is going well at the gun range and the 4th trap is up and busy. One hundred forty-two youngsters are expected this weekend to use the range.
- RV Park, Lake Ann Park and London Park-Chris Stockman reports Lake Ann looks good. He did ask about a floating dock, which Rick Echols said has been a mystery all winter,

but now know who it belongs to. London Park looks good with the shoreline just south of the boat launch having some wash making it more difficult to launch a kayak there. Rick said that some gravel may have been removed, causing the launch to become more steep. The RV Storage looks good with everything in place.

- Riordan Hall is busy and all is fine. Mary reports that tennis courts one and two have been resurfaced and employees there are busy with the tennis clinic. She said the restrooms could use some attention.
- Loch Lomond Recreation Complex-Jan Dobbertin said the amenity looks great. The large dog side of the dog park has reopened and the grass there looks great. The park is kept mowed and neat. She has noticed an upswing in use of the pavilion and the ball diamond. The restrooms are spotless.
- Gary Griffin-Gary indicates that boating and picnicking has picked up with warmer weather.
- Metfield Complex-Steve Bourke reported that all is well at Metfield.

Gary Griffin will represent the committee at the June 27th POA Board Meeting.

New Business

A short discussion regarding an opening on the committee and Tom said the committee will vote/appoint new member(s) at the July meeting. The POA Board will then approve the new member(s). At this time, the two visitors interested in becoming members of the committee gave a short presentation on background and interests. Janet Conboy moved to Bella Vista in April of 2018. She is very involved with the amenities here. She is a former teacher/counselor and has a background in community service. She currently serves as a volunteer at the Animal Shelter. Jackie Gain came to Bella Vista in December 2017. Her parents have been here since 1984. She loves it here and feels it is great to have all the amenities available to her grandkids when they visit. Her background includes having been comptroller at International Paper. She and her husband are co-owners of the local Dairy Queen.

The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary positions will be elected at the July meeting. Mary asked Gary if he is interested in serving as chair again. He said he is.

Debbie reported that the golf tournament last week was a success. There were 132 golfers with 34 housed locally. Ruth did a great job organizing and the volunteers and maintenance staff worked tirelessly to help make it the success it was.

Staff Reports

- Tom Judson gave the committee an update on the Trafalgar site. The trench burning is done, but there will be some smoldering. The rain will put it completely out. There is

an updated video of the site on the POA web site. Tom feels that 31 days in the site is in good shape. ADEQ visited the site last week Monday and the visit went well. The next step will be site stabilization. Ken Fink asked about the cost. Tom answered it is expected to be \$4 million, but could go over. The rainy weather may have cost as much as \$100,000 with the delays. Debbie asked about use after remediation. Tom told the committee the use has yet to be determined but it has to be vegetation.

- Rick Echols reported 913 ranger contacts for the month of May, which was down due to the weather. His department is fully staffed and trained. Ecoli testing continues at Avalon Beach. The test showed the ecoli at 40 with safe levels up to 127. Eight thousand fish have been stocked at Lake Ann and 5,500 at Lake Windsor. He has hired Rachel McGriff, who will serve as Lakes Ecology Technician. The gun range has been very busy. The poultry shoot last weekend went well and they have said next year they will buy their shells from the range. The shooters were impressed with the facility and loved the fourth trap field. The high school trap shoot was Saturday and had 70 participants. They have a verbal agreement that the high school trap league will be here next year. This Thursday, the range will host the Cancer Challenge Shoot. Rick also reported the large dog park as open. They will be making improvements on Tanyard Creek Trail. He will recognize a volunteer on Tuesday with the Celebrating Success Award. There was graffiti at the restroom facility at Tanyard and the volunteer took it upon himself to remove it and had it back to normal in a short amount of time.
- Joan passed a picture of the tiny cabin at Blowing Springs which appeared in the publication, Bike Arkansas. She said the tiny cabin has been very successful and there have been several requests by groups for more like it. The park is sold out most weekends. The arboretum has been a great attraction and many volunteers have worked to keep it looking great. Fireflies and Tailgating was postponed and is now scheduled for June 29. The POA is providing hot dogs for that event. The Beach continues to be popular and they are bringing in members of the Boys and Girls Club every Friday for six weeks and there is a lending library on site. Debbie asked about a new structure. Joan said it is a pergola which can be rented by 10 or less much like the pavilion. July 4 Sand Fest is coming to the Beach, there will be kids stand up paddleboard classes, there is currently paddleboard yoga and yoga on the beach. Usage is down at the pools due to the weather. Users of the pool at Kingswood love the mural. Boats are rented every weekend at the marina and there is a new kayak/boat launch this season which is short term, but will be improved next year. Riordan is busy with the Cancer Challenge which requires a lot of volunteers. Joan is looking to step up offerings for youth. Joan said that a tour of the 11 Under Trails attracted 50+ folks. Despite not being complete, the trail is being used. The first tunnel for the 11 Under is being constructed now. Chris Stockman asked about the Greenway expansion. Tom said it will be several more months before the completed information will be available.

- Kim Carlson from the Marketing Department had brought the information from Bike Arkansas which the committee had seen earlier in the meeting.
- Gary Griffin mentioned the August 17 golf tournament to benefit Alzheimer's Research. There is a need for volunteers for this worthwhile event. Golden Corral is the major sponsor.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Submitted by Jan Dobbertin

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