

POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee 2019

July 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, Steve Bourke, Debbie Sorensen, Mary Henning, Val Coulter, Jackie Gain

POA employees: Tom Judson, Joan Glubczynski, John Urguhart, Judy Griffin, Tammie Loyd

POA Liaisons: Jerry Hover, Steve McKee

- Guests: Al Melton, BJ Westhoff, Jim Barns, Dan Dunn

Minutes from prior meeting:

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

Introduction of Guests

New Committee member Jackie Gain was introduced and joined the group at the main table.

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

All of the guests were there to discuss Pickleball (PB) and the need for more courts in Bella Vista. They suggested more at Metfield. Most days the 3 courts at Metfield are full and can accommodate only 12 players at a time. They suggested we get an 'animal camera' at Branchwood and actually see how much tennis is played. They would like to see the tennis courts converted to PB courts. Joan G suggested there are tennis players who do use those courts in the AM and they do see enough use to justify the tennis use. Some individuals may be willing to pay to play which could offset the costs. Hot Springs recently had a tournament and has 14 courts. Tournament had 250 players. Lowell and Pleasant Grove also provide PB courts. It was also suggested these individuals might be able to look for sponsorship to help pay for courts. Tom J said he is open to all ideas to pay for new courts. If Walton money was ever used, it would have to be open to public and not just BV residents.

Joan G said she will put this court expansion at the top of her list for 2020. It was also mentioned that there is a court at Riordan but very little interest especially with a cost associated with playing there. It would run approximately \$60K for 4 new courts.

Amenity Reports

- Branchwood-Debbie Sorensen reported all is in order. There is a new door covering the men's locker room from the hot tub. There seems to be more younger residents using the workout space.
- Tiree Park - lots of use over this past month. All in order.
- Riordan- Hosted State Mixed Doubles. Bathrooms painted, great flowers at the facility. Fireflies event gave away 560 hotdogs and was very successful.
- RV Storage- and Lake Ann - all in good shape.
- Blowing Springs - full over the 4th of July. We could use a sign out front showing what was being sold to improve sales.
- London Park and Metfield- all in good order.
- Gun Range- more usage this month due to better weather.
- Tanyard Creek- Volunteers do a great job with the trail area.
- Lake Avalon- more enforcement at the dam site for residents VS non-residents. Non-residents are asked to leave.
- Lake Avalon- now offers yoga classes 2x a week.
- Metfield- Lights on PB courts are not working as yet. They proved to be more labor intensive than first thought. Will be finished soon.

Gary Griffin will represent the committee at the July POA Board Meeting.

New Business

Recreation Committee Elections:

Gary Griffin was elected and voted in as Chairman for 2019-2020

Chris Stockman was elected and voted in as Vice Chair for 2019-2020

No one offered to be Secretary so we have tabled that position for now.

Welcome Meet and Greet- set for August 10. Debbie S asked everyone to give out her name if they run across any new residents. Jerry Hover suggested we put a note on the new members packets when handed out. Debbie S will follow up on this issue. 27 have signed up for August to date.

Cooper Charity Golf Classic- Raised \$30,000 for the 5 charities in BV. Girls and Boys Club, Sunshine Rotary, Courtesy Van, BV Animal Shelter and the Village House. There were 129 golfers from all over the world and 200+ volunteers headed up by Ruth Hatcher.

Budget Priorities for 2020- Gary G handed out the list from our 2018-2019 planning for budget recommendations. **Committee is to return our 2020 budget suggestions back to Gary G soon** and then he will get them to Tom J by August 16th.

Archery has three potential locations. John U will review the suggestions and get more information to the committee. He will rank order the locations for us in August.

Pickleball players and Archery members are the most vocal of all requested amenities. Archery would cost less to set up than 2-4 new PB courts. (Approximately \$60K)

Mini Golf would be great to redo the two existing courses but expensive to do it right. If we went down to just one location, which one do we choose?

Mary H suggested we get some sort of budget numbers to work with. It is difficult to rank order the amenities without knowing some cost comparisons.

Riordan infrastructure needs to be addressed. It would be a great location for PB but would we be throwing short term money away with no long term plans in place?

Staff Reports

- Tom Judson Discussed an assessment increase. We need committee support to talk up this issue. POA sold 36 lots 'close to the trails'. Prices were from \$1200 to \$1700. Lakepoint on July 3rd had 312 in attendance and broke our previous record. Many commented on the fireworks and Lakepoint facility and how successful it all was.
- John Urguhart reported light vandalism at the restrooms. If anyone sees any, anywhere, call member services and please report. Gun range had the 1st State High School event and they want to return in 2020. Cancer challenge went well at the facility. The Youth Night Shoot went well.
- Judy Griffith - She reported we are not working with Mercy this year on the community garden. Otherwise there was no formal report. Judy will represent Kim at the August Welcome Meet and Greet.
- Joan Glubczynski reported the Marina is doing well. Ran out of gas over the weekend of the 4th due to lots of use. Rental boats can use some work but had good rental use as well. The Beach is going well and both the Beach and the Pools had great use over the 4th weekend. Joan said IF we were to convert the tennis courts at Branchwood into full time pickle ball courts, it would run \$20K to do so. 4 new courts at Metfield would run \$60K.

The next regular committee meeting will be at 4 PM Monday, August 12 at the Country Club. Plan on it running until 6:00 due to budget discussions. Meeting adjourned 5:15.

Submitted by Debbie Sorensen July 13, 2019