POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee
February 10, 2020
Final

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

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

POA employees: Joan Glubczynski, Jessica Anson, Rick Echols, John Urguhart, Judy Griffin, Tammie Loyd

POA Board Liaisons: None present

- Guests: John Hudec. Current POA Board candidate. Wanted to learn what goes on and expressed appreciation for the work the REC committee does. Suggested the possibility of fund raisers for capital expenditures.

Minutes from prior meeting:

Minutes from January 2020 were approved.

Amenity Reports

- **Branchwood** - Swimming pool up & running, all looks good including the ceiling. Trail is in good shape. After March 1 (post-assessment increase) may need another class added. Will have to wait and see.
- **Tiree Park** – Everything looks fine.
- **Lake Ann** – Water level has been down, up, down, up, and now lowering quickly due to weather and active draw down.
- **Riordan** - Two new treadmills to be in place soon. Snooker table will be re-felted in May which received favorable response. No concerns with the tennis courts. New mulch around trees looks great. April 18 is date for the Spring Bazaar.
- **Loch Lomond Park** – Park looks great. About 15 people (kids/adults) were playing ball on the ball field. Dog park view is pretty - would be nice to have a small dog park next to the water but realize no immediate plans to repair/replace. Lots of walkers on the trail due to good weather.
- **Gun Range** – February 2020 is shaping up to possibly be the best ever February. Three pistol classes scheduled for March. Range has been used even during cooler weather.
- **Blowing Springs RV Park** - committee member recuperating, no report this month.
- **Tanyard Creek** - Frequented by many members. The paved area by the parking lot is very choppy & rutty and could use some work (pictures included with amenity report).

- **Lake Avalon** - Beach area still closed. Each end of the new bridge is muddy and could use some added gravel. Zip lines still work well :)
- **Metfield** - Good condition for mid-winter. New playground mulch looks good. Observed 24 members using the playground, putt-putt golf, skate park and pickle ball courts, very active amenity.
- **London Park**- Good shape.

New Business

- March 7 is the next Meet & Greet, currently have 24 potential attendees.
- Bike crossing at Abington & Chelsea continues to flash during morning hours. These are controlled & maintained by the city and Joan will inform the city.
- Hiking trails – concern about needing additional signage. Most of the "way finding" signs are in place. Maps at the trailheads are still to be posted for Little Sugar trails. Concern about parking for trail users vs. swimmers at Avalon once beach opens. Long term plan is for an additional parking lot, but currently no plans to designate parking for specific users.
- Discussion regarding email correspondence to Gary Griffin from Tom Judson re: revised 2020 budget: Most capital projects are off the table for now, maybe revisit again in June once the assessment fees/usage are in place for a few months. REC JAC committee top items were: new archery range, new & resurfaced pickle ball courts, upgrade/refurbish mini golf courses and dog park future plans. Three new nets for pickle ball have been ordered, however the surface of the courts are not in bad shape, so re-surfacing delay is not a significant setback. Archery range – property plans have changed, CCI will no longer entertain a lease so will need to seek alternatives. Current information is that the property will be sold at FMV. Preliminary plan was to lease 12 acres, but may need less, was just using the most logical division of the property when cost was not prohibitive. Question: why aren't funds available for capital projects sooner? Response: Increase doesn't take effect until March 1 and portions of that increase have been allocated to other items such as offsetting the reduction/elimination of fees. Also, some normal operating expenses may increase with increased member activity, e.g. equipment life will need to be evaluated for quicker replacement.
- Feb 27, 2020 POA Board meeting will be held at Riordan at 6pm because of anticipation of a higher attendance than normal.
- Silver sneaker, Silver & fit discussion - Say that 10 times really fast! Joan did! Lol Joan & Jessica held training sessions with recreation facility staff to understand impacts of fee changes. Joan provided a nice summary of the programs for the REC committee: Insurance based programs that Branchwood, Riordan & Metfield participate in. These programs allow members to attend classes (and workout areas)

with no additional fee. These programs offset costs for a limited # of classes/month, so the concern of "double-dipping" is not accurate.

Staff Reports

- **Tom Judson** - Out of town.

- **Rick Echols** - Gun range very busy, to date, Feb has been an all-time high. Have selected a candidate to serve as a second gun range attendant, so will now be attended 6 days per week, should also ease traffic off of Branchwood for signing in/out of range. Making small upgrades to the trap & skeet range such as lighting, windows. Archery on pause per discussion above. Lake Ann draw down – two 12" valves wide open, currently 50" down. Plan to continue draw down through mid-March, with a potential for end of March. Also may consider an additional draw down on Lake Ann in the fall of 2020 (possibly August). Fishing department – stock trout monthly, moving blue catfish to lakes.

- **Joan Glubczynski-**

    - Valentine's dance at Riordan was well attended with ~150 in attendance. Marty Haggard tribute concert performed by his son will be on March 6. Craft fair is April 18.
    - The marina at Loch Lomond will open Tuesday, March 17 and will operate Tuesday-Sunday for 2020 season. Hours will be 7a-1p until May 1, then will have extended hours.
    - Summer programs are gearing up.
    - Branchwood pool remodel – Jessica & team did a great job.
    - Exercise equipment – new equipment at Riordan and Branchwood, equipment is rotated out based on life/wear & tear.
    - Blowing Springs – implementing a new idea for "round up" asking tenants to round their fees up to the nearest dollar.
    - Starting to plan for the cancer fund raising event (Cancer challenge) that includes golf, gun range and tennis.
    - New mulch at Metfield and Branchwood.

- **Judy Griffin** – Quarterly magazine out March 1. Received an historic site request for the BV Country club. State of AR did a walk through and it passed, next level is national parks potentially in August 2020. An historic site assessment can be quite complicated and time consuming, but rewarding once successful. Marketing department is busy with lots of changes following the new assessment structure.

The next regular committee meeting will be at 4 PM Monday, March 9 at the Country Club.

Submitted by Jackie Gain

POA REC-JAC Amenity Report

Amenity: Tanyard Creek, Avalon Beach
Committee Member: Steven Bourke
Review Month/Date: February, 2020

Overall Condition:	***Tanyard - Bathrooms were clean and stocked. Still steady activity as people discover the new crossing above the waterfalls and new routes to explore on central trails. Paved walkway from parking lot to trails is going to need repair. Pictures attached.*** ***Avalon – Beach proper and bathrooms are closed for the season. All else in pretty good shape. My daughter and I completed seasonal testing on the zip line ride and found it in good working order. The foot bridge, visible on your right as you enter the Avalon Beach Parking area, could use a small amount of gravel to overlay the muddy endpoints of the bridge. Pic attached.***
Areas for Review:	***Tanyard Swinging Bridge - needs structural / safety review. Waterfall viewing area needs structural / safety review and remediation due to significant erosion of underfootings. Main paved areas from parking lot need repair.***
Member Interactions:	***None.***
Additional Observations:	

POA REC-JAC Amenity Report

Amenity: Metfield Complex

Committee Member: Chris Stockman

Review Month/Date: February 2020

Overall Condition:	Superior condition. Everything is in good order and the playground looks fantastic with the new mulch. It was busy with mothers and children.
Areas for Review:	
Member Interactions:	28 people were in the park and playground on Saturday afternoon on Feb 8. This includes four folks were playing pickleball, four young men were riding skateboards in the skatepark and a grandmother mini golfing with three grandkids.
Additional Observations:	

POA REC-JAC Amenity Report

Amenity: London Park

Committee Member: Chris Stockman

Review Month/Date: February 2020

Overall Condition:	Good condition. The park is clean and orderly. Restrooms were clean and everything working well.
Areas for Review:	None
Member Interactions:	Talked to a couple who were walking their dogs. Long time members happy with the park. They said it is usually busy Sunday afternoon but they were the only ones present at the time.
Additional Observations:	

POA REC-JAC Amenity Report

Amenity: Loch Lomond Recreation Complex

Committee Member: Jan Dobbertin

Review Month/Date: February 2020/February 8, 2020

Overall Condition:	Overall, park looks good. Restrooms reasonably clean, will need Spring cleaning before traffic picks up.
Areas for Review:	Check soap dispenser in women's restroom.
Member Interactions:	Several dogs/owners in dog park. Dog area pretty muddy as expected. Spoke with another dog owner who suggested to split the dog park as far as small/large dog. I told him that had been considered but wasn't feasible. (Rick addressed the suggestion at the last meeting.) Thanked him for his suggestion. Same person suggested leaving area where small dog park had been as is, plant a little grass and put a couple of benches to overlook the stream coming down. He loves the view. Said I would pass that along.
Additional Observations:	The fence at the ball park has been completely repaired with new posts and chain link as needed. There were 15 or so 8, 9, 10 year olds and some parents/coaches playing a very enthusiastic ball game. Lots of walkers enjoying the beautiful park on a beautiful day.

POA REC-JAC Amenity Report

Amenity: Branchwood

Committee Member: Debbie Sorensen

Review Month/Date: February 2020

Overall Condition:	Condition is good. Pool and spa were re-done this past month and closed for 2.5 week. They are both up and running again. Pool classes resumed this past week. Walking path in good shape. The Silver Sneakers check-in machine has been broken and slowed up check-in but a new one has been ordered.
Areas for Review:	The city still needs to remove the way-fare sign that fell during the wind storm.
Member Interactions:	Lots of new faces in 2020 and a lot of younger people using the facility. The playground continues to get good use and is still in good shape. Due to cold weather, the disk golf course has not had a lot of use.
Additional Observations:	It will be interesting to see how the membership responds to the March 1 changes for the 2020 Plan. Will report back in March.

POA REC-JAC Amenity Report

Amenity: Riordan

Committee Member: Mary Henning

Review Month/Date: February 2020

Overall Condition:	Riordan Hall: Snooker players are happy, one of the snooker tables will have felt replace in May. Two new Treadmills expected week of Feb 10th. Spring Bazaar set for April 18th
Areas for Review:	
Member Interactions:	Patrons state that any concerns are addressed by staff in timely manner
Additional Observations:	Tennis Complex - No concerns Playground looks good.