

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 & ruddy 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