

**RECREATION JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**  
**4:00 – 5:30 pm**

Members present: Chris Stockman, Gary Griffin, Val Coulter, Janet Conboy, Debbie Sorensen, Dr. Scottie Smith, Denise Klinger, Scott Dreas, Jackie Gain

Staff present: Rick Echols, Tammie Loyd, Tom Judson, Joan Glubczynski, Judy Griffin, Jessica McCrary, John Urquhart

Board members present: Jerold Hover, Teah Bidwell, Mary Sinkus

### **Amenity Reports**

Branchwood Complex & Trail: See attached report by Debbie Sorensen

Tiree Park (Lake Loch Lomond): See attached report by Denise Klinger

RV Storage & Lake Ann Park: (Jackie Gain)

- RV Space was full, with waiting list.
- Portapotty had not been serviced prior to reporting to Joan and Rick
- Per Joan, November-March spaces will be available for RVs for \$100/mo

Riordan Hall Complex & Tennis: See attached report by Scott Dreas

Loch Lomond Recreation Complex: (Scottie Smith)

- Bathrooms in much better conditions
- 27 people enjoying facilities
- Storage shed and equipment left open
- Active hornets nests at the gazebo
- Large pieces of scrap metal left around (rebar and sheet metal)

Gun Ranges: (Gary Griffin)

- Rifle side full; pistol well utilized but less so than rifle
- Landscaping work appears close to completion
- Plexiglass up in signup area
- Big Trap & Skeet event upcoming

#### RV Park and Blowing Springs Park: (Val Coulter)

- RV business great
- New grass planted
- Campsites open, along with bathrooms
- Joan: construction at the trailhead will begin again in November, along side of road; soil is unstable on south side of the road.

#### Tanyard Creek & Lake Avalon Park: (Janet Conboy)

- General condition of the trails, landscaping, facilities at Tanyard Creek were good. Since visit was during weekday afternoon, low numbers.
- Lake Avalon dam site was clean with three members swimming from the dock. Portapotty near parking lot was marginally clean with much little strewn around it. Otherwise, fish cleaning stations were spotless.

Metfield Complex: see attached report by Chris Stockman

#### London Park (Lake Windsor): (Chris Stockman)

- Looking good, with clean bathrooms, no branches or debris.
- Several trailers present

### **STAFF REPORTS**

Joan Glubczynski:

#### 2021 Budget Short List

A. Pickleball Courts: 1/2 of funding for the project (\$28,000) in 2021 for completion of four courts [already committed by the Board] (Growth)

B. Kingsdale Pool: AR Health Dept. may not allow to open considering questionable safety. \$125,000 to replace decking, coping and resurfacing activity pool (Repair)

C. Mini-golf: no need for courses at both Kingsdale and Metfield. Replace one \$50,000 (carpeting and attractions) (Repair)

D. Marina: sell or repurpose current bass boat. Buy a different used one \$20,000 (Growth)

E. Blowing Springs: Add three tiny cabins (one family and one bunkhouse included) and a laundry cabin and community fire pit \$79,000. Only profitable amenity in 2019(Growth)

F. Adult Outdoor Fitness Playground (Center): 6-8 stations (lower tech than indoor fitness equipment) at Branchwood \$30,000 (Develop)

G. Kingsdale Tennis Courts: Completely renovate courts 7 & 8 (planned work every two years not done due to budget) \$175,000 (Repair)

Tom Judson:

- Guest passes up 90% over 2019
- Boat registrations up 15% over 2019
- Restaurants are at 90% of normal visits
- 1500 ineligible visitors removed from lakes in 2019; already at 3670 so far in 2020
- POA is developing a cellular app to used as one stop info and amenity guide; made available to committees for testing

Rick Echols:

- 2870 contacts by Lake Rangers so far in 2020; 202 non-members removed from amenity areas. Lake rangers now focusing on violations on Lake Ann and Lock Lomond. Soon ranger numbers will reduce from 8 to 4.
- Two kids fishing derbies held on September 7 and 14, with 49 participants
- E.coli sampling completed with all lake and beach areas determined to be safe
- Will be stocking blue and channel catfish
- Fish cleaning station is now functional at Grant Park
- 2021 budget item will include replacement/movement of part of the dog park that was previously destroyed by flooding

John Urquhart:

- Attendance at gun ranges more than doubled from August 2019
- Ranges operating at about half capacity
- All gun range officers and workers received training to become certified or re-certified on safety.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:37 pm

## POA REC-JAC Amenity Report

Amenity: Tiree Park

Committee Member: Denise Klinger

Review Month/Date: Sept. 2020

Overall Condition:	<p>Visit 1 - Good. Grass was mowed and trimmed but the restrooms needed cleaning and trash needed emptying. TP dispenser in women's restroom was open with paper awry. I picked up trash near the pavilion.</p> <p>Visit 2 – Good. Grass mowed but restrooms needed cleaning, minor litter around</p>
Areas for Review:	Pavilion, rest rooms, lawn, playground, parking lots
Member Interactions:	<p>Visit 1 - Two people who live at The Plaza were sitting by the water visiting. They said they like the park as it's quiet, and come about once a week. They visit several of the parks but like Tiree the best because the parking is close to the water and it's shady. One man was in a wheeled walker and not very mobile, so that raises the issue of <u>Handicap Accessibility</u>. They would like the trashcans replaced and I agree, rusted bottoms and handles missing.</p> <p>Visit 2 - none</p>
Additional Observations:	<p>Visit 1 - Reviewed Wed. 8/19 at 11 am. No one fishing, but there were 4 cars/trucks with trailers and boats going in and out at the ramp.</p> <p>Visit 2 – Reviewed 9/8 at 1 pm, immediately after holiday. 4 trucks/trailers in lot. No one using the Pavilion at either visit</p>

Question raised about Porta Potty and why it's there if there are bathrooms, Rick Echols mentioned that the restrooms will be winterized so the Porta Potty will be needed.

## POA REC-JAC Amenity Report

Amenity: Branchwood Building, Disk Golf and Trail. Welcome Meet and Greet  
 Committee Member: Debbie Sorensen  
 Review Month/Date: Sept. 2020

Overall Condition:	Trail in good shape. Trash is fine and the doggie bags were good. Building is still on strict rules for Covid 19 including all must wear a mask to enter and exit. Playground equipment is open with a warning sign to 'play at your own risk'.
Areas for Review:	Would be nice to get some classes back up and going but there is no room and they have done well at Riordan Hall. Showers remain open but no whirlpool.
Member Interactions:	Sunday AM 9/13 there was a group of disk golfers (about 4 cars). Lots of walkers this past week.
	<b>Welcome Meet and Greet Meetings</b>
Sept. 2020	<input type="checkbox"/> We held a Zoom Meet and Greet on August 12th. Had 60 register and had approximately 30 attend. Kim C controlled the meeting and the Zoom went very well. I recommend we do a couple of Zoom meeting next year even when we get the meetings going again. I would like to do the next meeting in early December via Zoom. <input type="checkbox"/> Good questions asked and feel the chart that Tom J and Peter C displayed worked well. It would be great to have the amenity map on line but not sure it can be done. <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure how many have viewed the You Tube following the meeting and will check with Kim. <input type="checkbox"/> Feel it was well received and people were happy with the information.

## POA REC-JAC Amenity Report

Amenity: Riordan Hall  
 Committee Member: Scott Dreas  
 Review Month/Date: August 2020

Overall Condition: Overall condition is good. Adding back fitness classes. The following groups have been allowed to restart despite the social distancing restrictions:  
 Line Dancing  
 Cardio Class  
 Evening Yoga to start in September  
 Zumba to start in September  
 Still unable to hold large events/meetings in main auditorium due to exercise equipment placed in there due to 12' distancing rules. The larger clubs and groups continue to request permission to restart their meetings, but are not allowed due to social distancing guidelines.  
 Pool still continues to see good use despite school having started. No lifeguards on duty after school starts.  
 Playground has a sign blocking the sidewalk informing that it is closed, however nothing is preventing a person from entering the playground or getting on the equipment from another direction. The miniature golf course

has several holes where the carpeting is starting to wear and come loose from the concrete. Tennis complex is getting a lot of use in the evenings and the operators had nothing to report for this month. Pavilion and bathrooms are in good working order

Areas for Review: Riordan Hall, tennis complex, pool, miniature golf course, playground, and Kingsdale Pavilion

Member Interactions: Like the new playing surface on the pickleball courts at tennis complex

Additional Observations: None at this time

## **POA REC-JAC Amenity Report**

Amenity: Metfield Complex

Committee Member: Chris Stockman

Review Month/Date: September 2020

**Overall Condition:** The complex is in good condition with nothing unusual to report. Restrooms and pickleball courts nice and clean.

**Areas for Review:** None

**Member Interactions:** I talked to a couple with children in the playground. They were just finished with a mountain bike ride and say they love the park and Bella Vista. They were from Missouri.

**Additional Observations:** Very busy Saturday morning in the playground. 6 to 8 children playing. Looks like everyone was staying in family groups.