

**POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee**  
**January 11, 2021**

**Members:** Chris Stockman, Janet Conboy, Val Courter, Gary Griffin, Scottie Smith, Scott Dreas, Deb Sorensen, Denise Klinger

**Board Liaisons:** Jerold Hover, Teah Bidwell, Mary Sinkus

**Staff:** Rick Echols, Tammie Loyd, Judy Griffin, John Urquhart, Joan Glubczynski, Tom Judson

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Amenity Reports:**

**Amenity: Branchwood**

Committee Member: Deb Sorensen

Review Month/Date: January 2021

Overall Conditions:

Trail is 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 own risk." Tennis courts, soon pickleball courts, are torn up and will hopefully get completed for summer usage.

Areas for Review:

Still no classes for exercise but the water classes started up today for 10 weeks. They had to go to a lottery for a class that holds 10 people. I have asked if we can add any more classes. The gym equipment is spread all over three rooms including the lobby area so as to meet COVID requirements.

Member Interactions

Several groups of disk golfers this past weekend. Also with the usage for both pool and gym are at a 90% capacity with reservations necessary for any 1 hour usage.

Comment: (Joan) Looking at expanding hours for the gym on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, as well as expanding to four different water classes with 10/class.

**Amenity: Tiree Park**

Committee Member: Denise Klinger

Review Month/Date: January 2021

Overall Condition:

I visited on Monday 1/4 at 12 pm and it was very quiet at the park. It was spotlessly clean, the leave and branches picked up, and the grass mowed. There were a couple of pieces of trash but minor things only. The bathrooms remain locked. Two large pieces of equipment were parked

in the main lot, a large tractor/lower and a small bulldozer with a different attachment on the end. I couldn't tell what its purpose was.

**Areas for Review:**

None noted. The Porta Potty has been replaced. Thank you.

**Member Interactions:**

There was a couple sitting at a picnic table but I didn't ask them for their comments. As I overheard their conversation it was about a restraining order and further court orders so I didn't want to interrupt or feel it was appropriate.

**Amenity: Lake Ann / RV storage**

Committee Member: Jackie Gain

Review Month/Date: November/December (report 1-10-21)

**Overall Condition:**

Lake Ann - good

RV Storage - good

**Member Interactions:**

Nov – Trailhead traffic steady, out of Townes as well as local. Love the trails, come every year. Dec-personally excited about shorter loops on the Back 40, interested in how more use creates less maintenance

**Additional Observations:**

November was fairly busy at Lake Ann park due to beautiful weather.

December was very slow due to colder weather

(Will begin activity counts in Jan)

**Amenity: Riordan Hall Complex and Tennis**

Committee Member: Scott Dreas

Review Month/Date: December/January 11, 2021

**Overall Condition:**

Riordan Hall in good condition. Still no clubs or group meetings at Riordan Hall due to Corona Virus regulations. Exercise equipment and reservation process still in place per Corona Virus regulations. Kingsdale Pavilion in good condition. Deconstruction on pool deck at Kingsdale pool has started week of 1/4/21.

Tennis courts and center in good condition except for some of the screens on the tennis court fencing. Tennis center now operation on winter hours. Kingsdale playground still in need of repairs noted in previous amenity report. Basketball court in good condition, mini-golf course in below good condition

**Areas for Review:**

The high winds in December appear to have knocked down some of the protective screens on tennis court fencing — recommendation to reattach the protective screen. Construction on Kingsdale pool doesn't appear to have the proper barricade fencing in place at time of visit. The side by Kingsdale Pavilion had a safety barricade in place, but the south and east side of the pool area did not. Those areas are open, and a person would be able to walk into the construction site—recommendation to have the safety barricade put in place around the entire construction area at the end of the day to prevent accidents.

**Member Interactions:**

Not many members using their Riordan Hall complex during my visits due to winter weather.

**Amenity: Loch Lomond**

Committee Member: Scottie Smith

Review Month/Date: January 2021

**Overall Condition:**

Landscaping overall was in good shape and the grounds were clean. There were a bunch of recently cut logs stacked off to the side and it appears they've been clearing some areas along the paved trail. Bathrooms were clean, however toilet seat in women's bathroom needs to be fixed (it's so loose it's almost sideways). Dog park looked good and was being used by members. Near baseball field there remains a piece of square metal/rebar that should be removed as it's a hazard (located to the right of the tool shed).

**Areas for Review:** Repair women's toilet seat and remove rebar square from ground near baseball field.

**Member Interactions:**

There were 5 people in total over a period of 45 minutes, 3 of whom were walking their dogs. I talked to one member who stated that they love bringing their dog here and had no recommendations for improvement.

**Comment (Rick):**

Log clearing relates to the new small dog park. Rebar is used to mark the baseball field.

**Amenity: Metfield**

Committee Member: Scottie Smith

Review Month/Date: January 2021

**Overall Condition:**

Landscaping looked great overall, restrooms were clean, trash cans empty, picnic tables and benches were clean and in good condition. Playground equipment in good shape. Basketball court and tennis courts in good shape. Handicaps spaces newly replaced and painted. Construction is ongoing to install bike path.

**Areas for Review:**

There are some downed larger branches under the trees near the bathroom from recent wind. The wood sign which denotes where the pool and other amenities are located is currently on the ground and looks broken at the portion where it was cemented into the ground. (Likely happened because of the construction and will likely need to be relocated and put back into the ground.)

**Member Interactions:**

I have driven by Metfield several times in the past month and it's typically empty this time of year. There have been construction crews on site. I did not have any member interactions at Metfield this month.

**Amenity: RV Park & Blowing Springs**

Committee Member: Val Courter

Review Month/Date: January 11, 2021

**Overall Condition:** Restrooms look great. They are still working on the Razorback trail going through blowing springs. RV Park 20 campers when I went through over the weekend. Two tent campers also. They are also putting up fencing along certain parts of the bike trail.

**Areas for Review:**

I did not see anything that needs to be repaired.

**Member Interactions:**

I did not see anyone out and about today. Temperature was 32 degrees. The only people out and about were the workers for the bike trail.

**Amenity: Gun Ranges**

Committee Member: Gary Griffin

Review Month/Date: 01/06/2021

**Overall Condition:**

The overall condition of both sites is very good. They are clean and well kept. Both ranges have been pretty busy with the exception of rainy days or sub-freezing temperatures. Restrooms are clean. The Trap and Skeet range has new signage at the entrance, and a new roof plus electricity on Trap 2. The Rifle and Pistol range also have the area just outside of the entrance that has a signage board, picnic table and BBQ.

**Areas for Review:**

There are no long term projects or any improvements that are visible. Both Range Masters like the improvements at their sites. The one time remaining at the Rifle and Pistol range is filling in the area around the picnic bench and BBQ with gravel. That is supposed to take place in the next few weeks.

**Member Interactions:**

There were no members at the Rifle and Pistol range and one member at the Trap and Skeet range getting some instructions.

**Amenity: Tanyard Creek and Lake Avalon Park**

Committee Member: Janet Conboy

Review Month/Date: January 2021

Overall Condition: Great. Bathrooms at Tanyard were clean; Lake Avalon Beach, locked. PortaPotty at Lake Avalon was adequate.

Areas for Review: Deep holes on the path behind the bathroom leading to the golf practice center remain unfilled. Safety hazard for kids especially. The holes fill with leaves and likely go unnoticed as a result.

Member interactions: No one at Lake Avalon park; five cars (instate) at Tanyard Creek Park. No

**Amenity: London Park**

Committee Member: Chris Stockman

Review Month/Date: January 2021

**Overall Condition:**

Clear and cold. Excellent condition overall. Restrooms and fish cleaning stations were clean and orderly.

## **New Business:**

Proposed 2021 Events open to non-members requiring approval:

- COVID-19 Vaccinations (Community event, Spring/Summer TBD, Riordan/Kingsdale drive-thru or Riordan Hall, potential vaccination clinic, essential) – Committee voted to approve 8-0
- Spring Craft Bazaar (POA Sponsored, 3<sup>rd</sup> week April, Riordan Hall) — Committee voted to approve 8-0
- Summer Swim Team (Community event, June & July, Kingsdale Pool, held when pool is closed) — Committee voted to approve 8-0 (Discussion about advanced sign up for POA members)
- Dog Days of Summer (Charitable, September TBD, Kingsdale pool, benefits the Animal Shelter, held when pool is closed) — Committee voted 8-0 to approve
- Wiener Takes It All (Charitable, October TBD, Loch Lomond Park, uses a portion of the park) — Committee voted 8-0 to approve
- Holiday Bazaar (POA Sponsored, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday November, Riordan Hall) — Committee voted 8-0 to approve
- Cancer Challenge Registration (Charitable, TBD, Riordan Hall, registration only, some classes will need to be relocated) — Committee voted 8-0 to approve
- Cancer Challenge Trap Shoot Tournament (Charitable, 2 Day Event/TBD, Gun Range, held when gun range is closed) — Committee voted 8-0 to approve
- Cancer Challenge Pickleball (Charitable, TBD, Pickleball Courts, some member play may be displaced) — Committee voted 8-0 to approve
- Youth ATA Event (AIM) (Community event, 1 Day/TBD, Gun Range, held when range is closed) — Committee voted 8-0 to approve
- ATA (Amateur Trapshooting Association)(Community event, 6-8 events/TBD, Gun Range, held when range is closed) — Committee voted 8-0 to approve
- Youth Hunter Education Challenge (Community event, 2 Day/TBD, Gun Range, held when range is closed) — Committee voted 8-0 to approve
- Arkansas High School Clay League Championship (Community event, 1 day/TBD, Gun Range, would require range to be closed on a Saturday, special event fee+cost of birds covered by League) — Committee voted 8-0 to approve
- Bella Vista Police Department Weapons Qualification & Training (Community event, Twice monthly, Gun Range, held when range is closed) — Committee voted 8-0 to approve
- Poultry Festival (Charitable, 1 Day/TBD, Gun Range, held when range is closed) — Committee voted 8-0 to approve
- Corporate Shoots (Community event, Tyson and Simmons plan around Poultry Festival, 1-4 events annually, Gun Range, held when range is closed) — Committee voted 8-0 to approve

## **POA Staff Reports:**

Tom Judson:

- Busy since November, lots of education in process

Rick Echols (Lakes, Parks, and Fisheries):

- Lake Ann sinkhole: Terracon is providing assessment in order to fill voids; adding fencing to block it off and cover sinkhole.
- Lake Rayburn drawdown: 2"/day; it's now down 2 feet. We're repairing sea walls. Goal to drawdown to 6' extended to April.
- Dog Park: area is cleared except some shade trees; sod has been ordered, fencing going up. Anticipate late spring opening

John Urquhart (Gun Range)

- Gun range is busy; attendance numbers good.
- New signage at Trap and Skeet.
- Extended maintenance at Rifle and Pistol range: berms damaged due to heavy use.
- No classes in January; waiting list into February.

Joan Glubczynski (Recreation)

- Riordan's main location for fitness is sold out.
- Night tennis is available: Jake is also renting courts in Rogers
- Branchwood has been a challenge: demand for facilities is increasing; often sold out.
- Trails: connector going well; major water issue on south side of the road; had to backfill area; hoping prep work ends in about a month, with completion in spring. Another three donation along the Greenway
- Mini-golf: Kingsdale preparation proceeding
- Kingsdale pool: Jessica is managing; dismantled slide, beginning infrastructure repairs

Judy Griffin (Marketing):

- Recommendations to the National Historic Foundation that the Country Club be added as an historic site.

Meet & Greet: Last meeting was December 5 with about 25-30 devices hooked up via zoom from 18 states. Next M&G is February 20 via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

**Next Committee Meeting is February 8, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. by Zoom only**