

## **POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee**

**4:00 – 5:00 p.m. June 14, 2021**

### **Attendance**

Members: Janet Conboy, Scott Dreas, Debbie Sorensen, Chris Stockman, Val Courter

Staff: Joan Glubczynski, Tammie Loyd, Judy Griffin, Rick Echols

Board: David Brandenburg, Jackie Gain

Guests: Deborah Lukotch, Mary Jones, Maci Echols (Nominees for Recreation Committee members)

Chris Stockman called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

Quorum met

### **Amenity Reports**

Amenity: Branchwood Building, Disk Golf and Trail

Committee member: Debbie Sorensen

Review Month: June 2021

Overall Condition:

- All in good shape.

Areas for Review:

- Reservations have now been lifted as of June 1 except for the lap swimming in the AM.
- All is going smoothly and there has been a steady stream of participants.
- Pickleball courts continue to be very busy. Same for the disk golf on the weekends.
- Hot tub and saunas are now open as well.

Member Interactions:

- Participants are VERY happy to be able to stay as long as they want and not have to leave after 1 hour. Plus hot tub and sauna now open.
- Pool table and coffee machines again up and running and being used.

- Pickleball players are very happy with the new courts.

Recommendations::

- PortaPotty needs to be refreshed as of June 3.

Amenity: Loch Lomond Park area

Committee Member: Debbie Sorensen

Review Month: June 2021

Overall Condition:

- All is in good shape. No litter and the bathrooms had good supplies and were clean.
- Area of concern last month (broken pole) has been removed and a warning cone is placed over area. The cone is still there and not sure how soon the post will be replaced.

Areas for Review:

- Doggie bags in place and small dog park open for business.
- Two months ago, someone said the lights were not working on the ball field. Rick Echols said they do work but have some bulbs out. This will be addressed soon

Member Interactions:

- Talked with owners at the large dog park. Because of rain, the dogs were muddy but that could not be helped. Overall they are happy with the park

Concerns:

- There is an area by the baseball hut area that has a hole in the ground and should be covered. Not sure if the trash can has hidden it before.

Comments:

- Rick Echols noted that the lights were on at the ball field, getting the burned out ones replaced

Amenity: Tiree Park

Committee Member: Janet Conboy

Review Month: June 2021

Overall Condition:

- Generally the park is well groomed and maintained. No significant litter. Only one picnic grill had charcoal remains. Everything was clean in the picnic areas and boat launches.

Areas for Review:

- I Removed one horseshoe pylon from the ground and laid in the second pylon which still needs to be removed and graded
- PCV pipe in the ground near the stream bank close to the picnic table. It's level to the ground, but still has a hole. Wonder about purpose and what can be done to make it less hazardous for little feet and paws.

Additional Observations:

- The park is lovely, especially with the addition of the bald cypress trees near the bank. Would love to see more trees planted in the open space since it doesn't appear to be used for anything. Again encourage marketing department to highlight the park, especially as we add to it.

Amenity: Lake Avalon Park

Committee Member: Janet Conboy

Review Month: June 2021

Overall Conditions:

- Excellent!
- Restrooms could not be assessed due to water problems onsite.
- Park area superbly maintained
- Some new kayaks were available for rental. All boating equipment seemed to be in great repair.

Areas for Review:

- Grills were generally clean. However, large grill closest to shelter area was rusted through on the coal bed (both metal sheets).

#### Member Interactions:

- 50 or more people were using the beach area. Lots of families and activity. Spoke with one family who was visiting Avalon for the first time and had used the picnic area and the beach. They were ecstatic to have it as a resource. Others were in agreement, enjoying the rented dock and beach.

#### Additional Observations:

- Talked with Josh, at the concession stand. He was knowledgeable and friendly. When asked about how things were going, he indicated that on the first day of opening he had had to save someone. I let him know how very much the BV community appreciated his efforts and work ethic.
- Seems as though more staff may be needed given the growing number of users. Is there a limit to how many people the park can accommodate safely?

Amenity: London Park

Committee Member: Chris Stockman

Review Month: May 2021

#### Overall Condition:

Excellent condition overall. Fish cleaning station in good shape and restrooms nice and clean. There's a build up of washed up leaves and debris on the edge of the boat ramp from the last high water event. A touch up here would be great for summer.

#### Additional Observations:

- Parking lot nearly full with trailers and tow vehicles. Lot's of people enjoying the water.

Amenity: RV Park & Blowing Springs

Committee Member: Val Courter

Review Month/Date: June, 2021

#### Overall Condition:

- Restrooms look great. RV Park was full of campers when I went through over the weekend. There were a lot of bikers, hikers, walkers & tent campers. Everyone seem to be having a great time even with the high temperatures outside.

Member Interactions:

- Everyone said they love the new trail going through Blowing Springs up to Metfield. People at the RV Park and tent camping love the area.

Amenity: Trails/Greenway

Committee Member: Val Courter

Review Month/Date: June, 2021

Overall Condition:

- Trail is done all the way from Metfield Park to Blowing Springs at the check in center. There are some areas on Euston where sod needs to still be laid. The City has not been out to mow any of the greenway yet.

Areas for Review:

- Lots of tall weeds near Euston where the grass was planted in the winter and the weeds took over.

Member Interactions:

- Everyone said they love the new trail going through Blowing Springs up to Metfield. A lot of people are using the trail. Bikers, walkers, joggers, hikers & dog

Comments:

- Joan noted that contract work laying sod was delayed due to the weather and that the city is responsible for the right of way mowing and is looking to contract it.

Amenity: Tanyard Creek

Committee Member: Denise Klinger

Review Month: June 2021

#### Overall Conditions:

- I visited on Wednesday May 19 at 10:00 am and June 2 at 8:30 am. The areas that are regularly maintained were in good shape. The grass was mowed, and someone, likely a volunteer, had trimmed much of the northern section of the trail. Other tree trimming was obvious near the parking lot.
- The Pavilion was clean and in good shape.
- There was no trash to speak of along the trail but several trash cans were half full.

#### Areas for Review:

- Restrooms – On the first visit both restrooms needed cleaning and had paper towels and toilet paper on the floor. The men's bathroom had a very unpleasant smell, probably related to the urinal that had a large wet spot underneath it. On the second visit everything was cleaner and smelled better, but it was also cooler.

#### Member Interactions:

- None on these visits. The only person I could have spoken with was a man who had climbed around the fencing at the waterfall and was trying to get downstream on the rocks with a fishing pole in his hand. He was very focused on not falling. Unfortunately for him, when I saw him later from behind the back of his pants were clearly wet!

#### Additional Observations:

- Tanyard was developed in the early 90's as a nature trail that would be maintained by volunteers with the assistance of the POA. However, after 30 years of increasing use, the condition of the infrastructure, trails, and spread of invasive species requires improvements that exceed what a volunteer organization can, and possibly should, do. A deeper review will be done in July.

#### Comment

- Since Denise was not able to attend, Chris Stockman summarized her report and noted that a subsequent special report will be forthcoming.

Amenity: Riordan Hall Complex & Tennis

Committee Member: Scott Dreas

Review Month: June 2021

Overall Condition:

- Riordan Hall is in good condition. All the exercise equipment has been removed from the main auditorium and back to the fitness center. The hot tub has been re-opened and is currently in service. The snooker room has been re-opened and see renewed use. Groups and meetings have resumed use of Riordan Hall.
- Kingsdale Pool is now open for the summer season with no issues to report at this time.
- The Kingsdale Pavilion is good condition with no issues to report at this time. The playground is in good condition with all previously reported issues resolved. The newly renovated golf course is in great shape and players are enjoying themselves.
- The tennis center is busy and getting ready for all the tournaments and camps coming in June. The weather has continued to delay the resurfacing on courts 3 & 4 and the pickleball court.

Areas for Review:

- There is one picnic table in Kingsdale Pavilion that is bent badly and is not usable.
- The recent heavy rainstorms has washed out part of the path leading into the park. The path needs to be fixed and the drainage creek needs some work to better divert the water away from the path

Member Interactions:

- I received many positive comments about the newly renovated mini-golf course

General Comments:

- Joan will take a look at the trail.
- Debbie wondered if we have any signage about how and where to check out equipment. Joan acknowledged that it needs to be reviewed.

## New Business

### Committee administration – New Member Confirmation

- The committee voted unanimously in favor of confirming Deborah Lukotch, Mary Jones, Maci Echols and Steve Gardner to the four open positions in the committee and recommends the Board also confirm them at their June meeting.
- Seating of the new members and elections for committee leadership positions will take place at the July RJAC meeting.

### Yoga Proposal and Analysis – Debbie Sorensen

- See attached

### Comments - Joan

- o POA pays the tax
- o Classes not sustainable as free
- o Plan to move forward, likely this fall
- o Seven classes to be offered this summer
- o Challenge in hiring: some former teachers quit; pay is often problematic
- o Goal is to break even: increase fee for some classes to offset some that aren't self-supporting.
- o Cost: \$4 for drop-in or \$3 via punch card

### Rick Echols:

- Rayburn drawdown is completed and Lake is full
- Plan is to lower Loch Lomond in the fall
- Beginning to mow dams
- Lake Ann sinkhole remediation has generated two bids, possible third one. Lake level fluctuates two feet up/down for assessment.
- Rangers: May 3957 contacts; 427 individuals removed; 590 boat contacts; 110 hours on the water. Last shift previously clocked out at 9 pm, now at 10 pm.
- Small dog park is open. We're looking for shade options.
- Work with Tanyard Creek volunteers in spraying for poison ivy.

- Providing vegetation treatment at Loch Lomond

Joan Glubczynski:

- Pickleball is booming; some concerns about unescorted non-members; considering random spot checks; rangers checking
- Blowing Springs thefts: two high-end bikes stolen, apparently during the early morning; clearly someone cased the location and staffing. No security cameras.
- o Chris wondered about lockers for bikes; Joan indicated they would have to be self-managed as staff is not available.
- o Security gate at front entrance to Blowing Springs anticipated for 2022
- Tennis is busy: Cancer Challenge a success, resurfacing about to begin.
- Beach and pool: beyond capacity at Kingsdale pool; had to close it to more visitors. Not unexpected as we expand as a community. Our pools are small.
- Mini-golf well received; Riordan had 150 during May, not counting those who checked out equipment from the pool or self-equipped.
- Marina: one boat down. They doing repairs in-house at quite a cost savings to the POA.
- Metfield: encountering lots of young households
- Trails: usage has increased both on the soft surface and Razorback connectors.

Judy Griffin:

Lots going on with Inside Bella Vista. Janet noted that she's been gathering some of the magazines to share with friends who anticipate visiting BV. Judy noted that they have some extra copies that might be available.

Welcome Meet & Greet

- September 18 next Meet and Greet at the Bella Vista Country Club. More information to be out soon.

Next meeting Monday July 19, 2021 at 4 pm in the POA Board Room