

POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

January 10, 2022, Boardroom 4:00 pm

Attendance:

Members: Chris Stockman, Denise Klinger, Deborah Lukotch, Mary Elizabeth Williams

Zoom: Maci Echols, Janet Conboy, Scott Dreas

Staff: Tom Judson, Corinne Morin, Kim Carlson, Eric Halvorsen

Zoom: Joan Glubczynski, Rick Echols, John Urquhart, Jessica Anson

Board: Jan Hagan

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

New Committee Candidates Introductions:

Matthew Thompson, Cindy Thompson, Kathleen Coughlin

Committee members complete ranking sheet and submit to Chris Stockman for selection for two openings on the committee.

Amenity Reports:

Amenity: Branchwood
Committee Member: Deborah Lukotch
Review Month/Date: January 2022

Overall Condition:

Tuesday afternoon, 45 very windy. 20 cars in the lot, one group playing pickle ball, few people walking, some in open swim, a family on the racquetball court, group playing pool, and the fitness equipment full of those working on their New Year resolutions! Everything in good shape, the new pickle ball courts have been painted.

Areas for Review:

- The basketball court is showing some black discoloration, needs power wash or fresh coat of paint come Spring.

Member Interactions:

Member Debra H posted on Face Book 1/5: *"Just came home from a new class called Chair Yoga. 8AM Wednesdays at Branchwood, highly recommend. We worked on breathing stretching and core strengthening. I have constant neck pain and felt much better after the class"*

She also added *"Very honestly, I am not a fan of being anywhere by 8am, so I had to set my alarm. So glad I did it. It is one day a week and actually worth getting up for."*

Member Tracey W posted: *"I wish they had these classes later in the day so I could go. I work so I can't make morning classes"*

Additional Observations: None



Amenity: Blowing Springs Recreational area
Committee Member: Chris Stockman
Review Month/Date: January 2022

Overall Condition:

Park entrance, main park, Gear Garden and Arboretum look great.
No issues seen, nothing really to remark upon.

Areas for Review: None

Member Interactions: Talked to an RV camper, happy with conditions.

Additional Observations: A couple of ideas that would be nice to have would include a small shelf or soap tray in the outside showers and nicer fire rings for the RV camper area.

Amenity: Loch Lomond Recreation Complex
Committee Member: Deborah Lukotch
Review Month/Date: January 2022

Overall Condition:

Tuesday afternoon, 45, very windy, only 3 cars. People out walking or with their dog. The small dog park sign has been reattached to the fence, thank you.

Areas for Review:

From previous report:

- The jagged rusted fence is still sticking about 3 feet up out of the ground. I placed the safety cone back on top of it, this is a safety concern
- The large green garden hose still needs to be picked up, a trip concern
- The piece of softball fence still needs to be picked up, a trip concern

New note:

- Large dog park is very muddy, some straw was put down in some places, more needed

Member Interactions:

Spoke to one member and her only concern was how cold it was....

Additional Observations:

I am sure thought has been given to a long-term plan for this space. This is a large, beautiful piece of property that feels underutilized, and for the 3 months I have been visiting, feels a bit neglected.





View of Loch Lomond Sports Complex from top of Dam

Amenity: Tiree Park
Committee Member: Janet Conbuy
Review Month/Date: January 2022

Overall Conditions:

All equipment seemed in good repair. Lake down quite a bit exposing no real issues regarding the ramp or lake access. Restrooms were locked; port-a-potty relatively clean.

Areas for Review: None

Additional Observations: None

Member Interactions: No one was at the park

Amenity: Lake Avalon Park
Committee Member: Janet Conbuy
Review Month/Date: January 2022

Overall Conditions:

All equipment seemed in good repair. Restrooms needed a bit of cleaning (soap splatter against the wall), dirt on floor. Beach experienced some erosion. All other play venues were in good shape.

Areas for Review: None

Additional Observations:

Metal picnic chairs had been moved all over the park. Some large limbs were strewn about.

Member Interactions:

No one was at the park except individuals accessing the trailhead.

Amenity: Metfield Complex
Committee Member: Maci Echols
Review Month/Date: January 2022

Overall: Everything looked good and clean. The Park had a few families out enjoying the day. The Clubhouse had five people in it working out. The restrooms were clean. The grounds were well cared for. I even saw a toddler trying out the bike skills area on a balance bike!

Metfield Park area of review: the trash in the restrooms could be changed.

Clubhouse area of review: nothing to review! Everything was clean and inviting.

Member interaction at the Clubhouse: I spoke with three members, and they all were over all happy with the facility and had nothing but good things to say about it. The only thing they asked was maybe getting foam rollers to go with the medicine balls for extra stretching and asked about maybe getting a calisthenics bench.

Member interaction at the park: I spoke with a dad who was watching his kids do the skills bike riding and he had nothing but good things to say about the park and bike trails. He said he would bring his kids there a lot for the bike part and loved it.

Amenity: Riordan Hall Complex & Tennis
Committee Member: Scott Dreas
Review Month/Date: January 2022

Overall Condition:

Riordan Hall is in good condition. All the normal activities were in progress with a dance class in the main hall, and individuals working out. The bathrooms and locker rooms were good order with nothing to report. Kingsdale Pool is closed and winterized until next summer. The Kingsdale Pavilion is in good condition however I did find some concrete patches that need repair. The playground is in good condition. The mini-golf course saw a lot of players over the Christmas break and nice warm weather. The storage building and outdoor restrooms by the mini-golf course were vandalized the day before my visit. Ashley and Joan were able to get it cleaned up by the end of the week. The tennis courts were empty as it was very windy and cold the day of my visit. The receptionist at the tennis center said that she needs more storage space for paperwork and that shelves were being installed new in the back to help, but they will still need more space. Some of the privacy screening had come loose in the high winds.

Areas for Review:

The small retaining wall on the path by the mini-golf course needs repair with some of the railroad ties falling. There are a few patches of concrete in the Kingsdale pavilion pad that needs repaired

Member Interactions:

Talked with one of the bridge players and he expressed how much he liked playing at Riordan Hall. He said he has been playing in the bridge club there for 14 years and is thankful that they have been allowed to resume playing after the COVID restrictions. He said the staff at Riordan Hall are very friendly and accommodating to their club.

Attachments:

Broken concrete in Kingsdale pavilion



Amenity: Trails/Greenway and Lake Ann Park
Committee Member: Mary-Elizabeth Jones
Review Month/Date: January 2022

Overall Condition:

Lake Ann Park/ dam and waterfall are so beautiful and peaceful. The lawn mowed and maintained. The garbage cans were empty. The doggy bags were full. The grills looked well used but in good working order and the port-a-potties appeared in usable condition.

The Greenway was very lightly used and well maintained with zero issues.

Areas For review:

Picnic/ dock area far eastside:

Looks great super clean and well maintained. The lights in the shelter were still not working in the shelter, Are they off for the winter?

By the dam/waterfall area westside:

The hand sanitizer is no longer in the porta-potty and needs to be replaced.

The Greenway:

It looked well taken care of, very usable. Not in very high use now.

Member Interaction: None I think because we were out @ 10 AM on a Sunday and it was 38 degrees there were not many members out.

Amenity: Tanyard Creek
Committee Member: Denise Klinger
Review Month/Date: January 2022

Overall Condition:

I visited on Wed. 1/5 at 1:30 am, there were 10 cars in the lot. The grass was mowed and trimmed; the trash cans were empty. The Pavilion was clean and free of leaves. The trails and areas where people congregate were clean and free of trash.

There was a crew working to remove a downed tree, so it looks like everything from the last storm has been cleaned up.

Areas for Review:

Toilets in both bathrooms had clogged and overflowed leaving a mess on the floor in both bathrooms. I sent an email to Rick asking if someone could come out immediately to repair.

Parking - Randy Hamm reports that bikers are parking in the Tanyard lot regularly and that they ride the Tanyard trails to get to the bike trails. While parking may not be a problem now because of low visitation, riding the trails is, and parking limitations will be an issue when the weather warms up. We need to:

- Have parking signs clearly posted that the area is for pedestrian Tanyard users only

- Provide an area specifically for bikers, perhaps in the overflow parking area
- Get word out to the FAST group so local riders get the message that the Tanyard lot is not where they should park.

Member Interactions:

None. Several people were there with dogs but since it was cold no one seemed interested in speaking.

Additional Observations: None

Amenity: London Park
Committee Member: Chris Stockman
Review Month/Date: January 2022

Overall Condition:

Excellent condition overall, restrooms and fish cleaning station nice and clean. There's a little gravel wash on the road in a couple places.

Areas for Review: None.

Member Interactions: None.

Additional Observations: I usually see folks walking their dog here when I visit and that was no exception today.

New Business:

Committee voted to approve public sponsored events for 2022. The following events were approved unanimously:

- Swim lessons and swim teams
- Paddle Board Camp
- Trail Race at Little Sugar Trails, Kingsdale
- Spring and Fall craft Fair at Riordan
- Cancer Challenge gun range charity event
- High School shooting team events
- Poultry Federation at Gun Range
- BV Police training at Gun Ranges 1-2x's/month

POA Staff Reports:

Tom Judson: There are plans to build 1-2 fish hatcheries at the Loch Lomond Sports Complex in 2022, to replace the ones at Berksdale that flood. Tom reported on 2020 vs 2021 stats:

- Activity cards +13% (2020 plan and fee schedule working)
- Boat registration +10.7%
- Guest Passes +51%
- Golf Rounds +4.1%
- Range Buckets +8.4%
- Lot sales +71.9% (Online auction drove up price per property)

John Urguhart: Draw down at Loch Lomond at goal, begin fill March 8, working on several dredging projects. Will add straw to dog park. Light remodel work at gun range. Work to begin on Lake Ann sink hole in 7-10 days, water level down 2'. Ranger activity, contacts, and removals down to ly. Accepting Christmas trees for fish habitat at Lake Windsor Pontoon Park through the end of the month.

Joan Glubczynski: Congratulations to Jessica Anson, promoted to Sr. Mgr Aquatics and Recreation. Fencing on order for Branchwood Pickleball courts. Work beginning on Metfield tennis courts, including reorienting north and south. Blowing Springs tiny cabins in next week. Letters to Santa at Riordan a success. Work beginning on Kingsdale and Metfield pool infrastructure projects.

Kim Carlson: Introduced Eric Halverson, new Digital Content Mgr. for North Star project, will also oversee social media. Need volunteers to help with member training on North Star in Boardroom in April.

Next Committee Meeting February 14, 2022, 4:00 pm, Boardroom