

POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

March 14, 2022, Boardroom 4:00 pm

Attendance:

Members: Chris Stockman, Denise Klinger, Deborah Lukotch, Scott Dreas, Kathleen Coughlin, Cindy Thompson
Janet Conboy,
Staff: Tom Judson, Jessica McCrary, Jessica Anson, Nicole Finney, Rick Echols, Judy Griffin, John Urquhart
Guests: Debbie Sorenson, Lorene Stuart, Brian Michelson

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

Guests:

Debbie Sorenson:

- Welcome Meet & Greet March 15, 45 people registered
- Discussed Bella Vista Charity Silent Auction May 20-23, looking for donations of baskets, let Jessica McCrary know for pick up
- During Riordan Remodel don't forget about groups that reserve rooms for games and cards

Lorene Stuart:

- Representing tennis group, Joan met them this month and was very responsive, still working together on outstanding items

Brian Michelson, POA member:

- Mile marker stone at Branchwood broken, run over by BBC,
- Requested clarification on drone take off and landing regulations in the city. None in place now or being contemplated per Tom Judson.

Amenity Reports:

Amenity: Branchwood
Committee Member: Deborah Lukotch
Review Month/Date: March 2022
Overall Condition:

Sunday afternoon, 50 degrees, fairly active, pickleball players, family on playground, walkers, 1/3 fitness equipment in use, pool active. Area and grounds in good shape

Areas for Review:

- No hand sanitizer dispenser in either one of the two porta potties
- Sand in parking lot covering last two spaces
- Water hose in parking space, car literally parked on top of it
- Book return paint peeling off
- Large tree down on course in front of hole 6, may need to remove what is left of tree as well
- Two maintenance sheds really in need of painting
- Large maintenance item on table on deck

Member Interactions: None

Additional Observations:

- A gentleman was visiting the recreation center to see what is available. The lights were not on in the raquetball courts, would have no idea they are there.
 - Every time I visit I see people new to the area checking out the recreation center.
- There is a new concrete slab and large blue pole installed in front of pickleball courts, what is it for?



Amenity: Blowing Springs Recreational area

Committee Member: Kathleen Coughlin

Review Month/Date: March 2022

Overall Condition:

The weather was nice so there were quite a few people out enjoying the trails. There was a good mixture of people out both walking and biking. The overall condition of the park looked great. Bathrooms were clean, the changing room was clean, and the trash cans were empty and tidy. The equipment all looked to be intact, and the trails were clear that I could see.

Areas for Review:

The park looked very clean and nice but some general feedback on the Gear Garden:

- If you look at the hours of the Gear Garden on Facebook - it shows that it's only closed on Monday and Tuesday and not currently for the season. I would recommend updating the hours on Facebook and Google to reflect current hours of operation, so members and guests aren't showing up on nice days and being disappointed.

Member Interactions:

I introduced myself to BG in the office and spoke with him for a bit. I received a member question around the Pioneer Member Gear Garden mugs and if the savings for those mug holders are going to be offered again this year? Will you also continue to sell mugs?

Additional Observations: N/A

Amenity: Loch Lomond Recreation Complex

Committee Member: Deborah Lukotch

Review Month/Date: March 2022

Overall Condition:

Sunday afternoon, 50 degrees, 10 cars in lot, people walking, small dog park very active. Overall area maintained; restrooms were immaculate. Daffodils blooming along one side of the walking trail.

Areas for Review: Nothing new to note this visit

Member Interactions: None

Additional Observations:

There has been some activity on the softball field. The pitchers protective screen/net was out and looked to have been recently used.

Amenity: Tiree Park
Committee Member: Janet Conboy
Review Month/Date: March 2022

General Conditions:

Lawn and landscaping features were well kept. Some incidental debris/trash rested along the edge of the freshly graveled parking area. PortaPotty was clean and stocked with toilet paper and hand sanitizer. Playground equipment was in good repair. Picnic tables and areas were free of trash and debris. Boat ramp appeared stable.

Areas for Review:

A great deal of tree and shrub debris remains alongside the lower picnic area behind the runoff stream. While it poses no immediate safety concerns, the park as a whole would be more aesthetically pleasing with it removed. Wood picnic benches are rough and uneven with splinters already breaking off. Smoothing with a plane or sandpaper would help. Finally, the boat ramp which is structurally made of wood boards is beginning to show wear. One board in particular has a large hole torn from the top and side. It needs to be monitored for safety.

Other considerations: None

Member Interaction:

8 people were using the park. One man was walking his dog, using the picnic table closest to the lake for rest. Two families were active in the playground area, with children using the equipment and adults at the tables. I engaged briefly during which time they indicated it would be really neat to have a few more playground options (move shuffleboard to that area with some disks and poles; concrete pad for hopscotch, etc.)

Amenity: Lake Avalon Park
Committee Member: Cindy Thompson
Review Month/Date: March 2022

Overall Condition:

3/5/2022 Warm, Saturday evening at sunset. There were 3 other groups there besides us. A father and son playing football, and 2 other couples walking their dogs. Everything at the park was clean and well-kept. We walked a section of the trail there, which had been worked on with clearing trees, and looked great.

Areas for Review: None noted at this visit

Member Interactions:

I spoke to a couple with their dog. The husband was fishing. They are new to Bella Vista and commented on the peace and quiet, they had tried out the boat launch on a cold day in December and are looking forward to warmer weather.

Additional Observations: None at this time.

Amenity: Metfield Complex and Skills Park
Committee Member: Maci Echols
Review Month/Date: March 2022

General Condition Metfield Complex:

Overall looked good. The day I went there where 8 people working out and still had room for more. Very clean looking.

Area for Review: None

Member Interaction: I spoke with a husband and wife who were just finishing up working out and they were so pleased with how clean everything was and how friendly the staff was as well. In the words of the husband this place is "Freaking awesome!"

Metfield Skills Park:

I couldn't really get out and look due to the snow but did see a few people using the skills area.

Area for Review: None

Member Interaction: None

Amenity: Riordan Hall Complex & Tennis

Committee Member: Scott Dreas

Review Month/Date: March 2022

Overall Condition:

Riordan Hall is in good condition. Lots of buzz on the day of my visit as everyone was excited that the board approved the remodel of Riordan Hall and making plans for the remodel to possibly start in September. The woodcarvers were holding their meeting and the bridge club was enjoying their day, and the fitness center had lots of attendees. The bathrooms and locker rooms were in good order with nothing to report. Ashley is continuing to plan the spring bazaar. Kingsdale Pool is closed and winterized until summer. Kingsdale Pavilion is in good condition except for some concrete patches that need repair. The playground is in good condition. The mini-golf course had one player with her two children enjoying the 76-degree day. The tennis courts were full with lots of players enjoying the sunny warm day. There was a maintenance crew working to replace a new section of sidewalk that had been damaged by the tree removal near court 7. Jake reported that the shade awnings have been ordered and he expects to have them installed sometime in April. The spring tennis mixer planning is in progress.

Areas for Review:

There are a few patches of concrete in the Kingsdale pavilion pad that needs repaired.

Member Interactions:

The mini-golf player commented this was her first time playing on the newly remodeled course. She had visited the course before a lot and liked playing on it but commented that the new course is even better. But she was really looking forward to hitting the real golf courses soon.

Broken concrete in Kingsdale pavilion



Amenity: Lake Ann Boat Ramp and Park/Lake Ann Dam

Committee Member: Mary Elizabeth Jones

Review Month/Date: March 2022

Overall Condition:

The lawns were well 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 use-able condition.

Areas For review:

Picnic/ dock area far East side:

Looks great super clean and well maintained. The lights were not working in the shelter, Are they off for the winter? It has been since November that the lights have not worked in the shelter.

Member Interaction:

At Lake Ann I spoke to a POA member. They love this park and area the best in Bella Vista. It is their favorite area to kayak and to take their boat out from. They love Bella Vista and all the things for older folks to do (In her words)

By the dam/waterfall area West side:

All looked great. The portta-potty was in use so I could not check it out when I was there. I hope the hand sanitizer got replaced?

Amenity: Tanyard Creek

Committee Member: Denise Klinger

Review Month/Date: March 2022

Overall Condition:

I visited on Sunday 3/6 at 9 am, there were 3 cars in the lot. The restroom trash cans need emptying but they were generally clean. The men’s restroom floor has been super cleaned by the volunteers and smells better, but the floor needs sealing to prevent the same problem, especially as the weather warms. The Pavilion was clean and free of debris, but trash needs to be emptied here as well. The trails and areas where people congregate were clean and free of trash.

The volunteers have done some invasive vine removal from trees along the paved path. They have also painted several of the bridge uppers. The two largest bridges have not yet been painted. Rick, will this be done by the POA or the volunteers?

Areas for Review:

The new sign plastic isn’t holding up well and several have been vandalized. The paper to print these was previously not available because of supply chain issues and not sure if it is yet. The volunteers are aware of the sign damage.



Nothing else noted in my visit or reported by Randy Hamm and the Tanyard Volunteers.

Member Interactions:

Talked with a woman who walks, runs and bikes with her dog in the park, and she loves it, had no improvements to recommend.

Additional Observations: None currently.

Amenity: Gun Ranges

Committee Member: Chris Stockman

Review Month/Date: March 2022

Overall Condition:

Slightly snow-covered March 12th. Everything was clean and in good order at the rifle and pistol range. Two people were actively using the pistol range during my visit.

It was a busy afternoon at trap and skeet. Many cars in the lot, five members actively shooting and several registering to shoot. Everything on the ranges and in the building looked in order.

Areas for Review:

The wooden rifle rack is chipped and cracked. It would be nice to have this on the list to be refinished.

Member Interactions:

A member at the pistol range was very happy with the facility and did not have any comments for improvement. He really likes everything about Bella Vista.

Additional Observations: None

Amenity: London Park
Committee Member: Mary Elizabeth Jones
Review Month/Date: March 2022

Overall Condition:

I had the pleasure of checking out this park for the first time as a recreation member reporting on it. It is a very lovely, peaceful and well-maintained park and dock area. I feel so lucky to have this park. Everything looked great when I stopped by to check on the area.

New Business:

POA Staff Reports:

Tom Judson: Covered high level plans for Riordan remodel. Details were provided at last board meeting. March 1 start will be closed during 9–12-month project, property owner tours will be given, Grand reopen in conjunction with 50th year anniversary October 2023. Will allow for Metfield fitness area to expand by up to 40% in 2024.

Jessica Anson: Introduced Nicole Finney, new Branchwood facility manager. Reminders about Marina opening April 1, Easter Egg Hunt 4/16, and Spring Bazaar 4/23. Summer activity sign up also day of Bazaar. Sunshade being installed at Branchwood next to pickleball courts with new furniture next Tuesday.

Rick Echols: BBB Septic will not place hand sanitizers in permanently located units due to fear of vandalism. Reminder Loch Lomond filling up, Lake Ann draining for sinkhole progress, ground maintenance reports and ranger contacts low due to time of year.

John Urquhart: February is slowest month for ranges, on par with ly. Trap and Shoot renovations complete. Youth Fair last week huge success.

Judy Griffin: Looking for donations for wine pull for Charity Silent Auction in May.

Next Committee Meeting April 11, 2022, 4:00 pm, Remote only via Zoom