

POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

April 11, 2022, Zoom 4:00 pm

Attendance:

Members: Chris Stockman, Deborah Lukotch, Mary Elizabeth Jones, Maci Echols, Scott Dreas, Kathleen Coughlin
Staff: Tom Judson, Jessica McCrary, Joan Glubczynski, Jessica Anson, Nicole Finney, Rick Echols, Judy Griffin, John Urquhart
Board: Jan Hagan

Chris Stockman called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Amenity Reports:

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

Overall Condition:

- Sunday 12:30 good weather. Pickleball players, basketball players, quite a few walkers, fitness area slow, pool active, players on racquetball court, several disc golf groups playing. Area and grounds in good shape.
- New pickleball courts and entire area with sun cover really looks very nice. The orange netting is not keeping people off the newly planted grass, it has been cut open to access shade area and falling in other areas.
- Nicole Finney really did a great job of following up on areas for review from last month and took the extra step to send a note indicating which would be delayed and why. Thank you!

Areas for Review:

- There is an area of washout next to the walking trail, close to disc basket number 8
- There is an area where water is running off the side of the incline, washing mud and leaves onto the walking path, near marker .75

Member Interactions: None

Additional Observations: None



Amenity: Loch Lomond
Committee Member: Deborah Lukotch
Review Month/Date: April 2022

Overall Condition:

Sunday afternoon, beautiful weather, 15 cars in lot, people walking, both dog parks very active. One family hanging out at the Gazebo and another flying kites in the softball field. Overall area maintained

Areas for Review:

- There are three green benches under the trees, the paint is really beginning to splinter and peel, will need sanded and repainted. There is a large branch on the ground behind one of them that could be a trip hazard.

Member Interactions:

- I had a Facebook chat with a member asking about the softball field as he had recently been to the park, he was looking to join a team, but not interested in starting one up on his own.
- Google review posted 3 weeks ago by Larry Linn: *“Very nice well maintained dog park, separate areas for larger dogs over 30 pounds. Water, poo bags, trash cans provided. Shaded with lots of room to run.”*

Additional Observations: Question: Are dog parks “sprayed” during flea and tick season? (Per Rick Echols, yes, May through September)



Amenity: Blowing Springs Recreational area
Committee Member: Kathleen Coughlin
Review Month/Date: April 2022

Overall Condition:

LOTS of people were out enjoying the nice weather – it was great to see! I went around lunch time and there were quite a few people having picnics at the gear garden and pavilion. Quite a few families were out enjoying the day together. The grounds and facilities all looked great; trash cans were tidy. Parking was at capacity. I was out of town on opening day but Deborah was nice enough to send a picture of people waiting in line which was great to see!

Areas for Review:

The laundry room could use new table and chairs.

Member Interactions:

I talked to Jordan at the front office, and she mentioned that the laundry room could use a new table and chairs. Outside of that she had a great report.

The two families I spoke to were both local and enjoy coming to the park.

Additional Observations: N/A

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

Overall Conditions:

Mowers were out. It appeared that everything was clean and in good order. I think work had been done on the brush and limb debris mentioned in last month’s report, but bigger items like tree trunks and larger limbs remain. Lake was back up to normal level apparently. I didn’t do a detailed inspection of all free-standing picnic and playground structures, but they appeared to be in decent condition.

Areas for Additional Review:

None, except to continue to clean debris from areas surrounding the park.

Other Observations: None

Member Interaction: None. No members were present.

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

Overall Condition:

Beautiful. Green grass and surprisingly no trash with all the wind. Zipline play equipment has fresh mulch, volleyball sand had been raked since last month, just a few sticks in it.

Generally clean bathrooms. Drinking fountains were turned on and working.

Areas for Review:

(Pics attached for each item)

- There is a concrete picnic table with a broken bench. I assume we are aware since it has caution tape on it. Needs to be fixed, removed, or replaced.
- While the bathrooms are generally clean, the sink and wall under the soap could use attention.
- When will the net for the volleyball pit go up? Members are out there now wanting to use it.
- Algae at the beach is an issue. Last summer got very mucky, and it is already starting to bloom. Is there a plan for treatment or mitigation?



Member Interactions:

Talked to 2 young women out at the shore on an inflatable floatie, getting some sun. It was a bit windy for it, but they were happy to get out. They asked about cleaning up the algae at the beach shoreline, as it is already visible from the fence.

Additional Observations:

I counted at least 15 members at the park within the hour we were there, and almost every amenity was being utilized. The boat launch, the dock area for floating, the grass area for kite flying, the zipline by multiple families, the trails by hikers and bike groups, and an attempted volleyball game without a net. Also saw Lake Patrol stop by everything seemed in order.

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

Overall Condition:
Skills area and playground:
Everything looked good.

Area of review:
Bathrooms looked like something brown was smeared on the floor and kind of had an odor to it. Also, on the upper picnic area there is a trash can with graffiti on it.

Member Interaction:
I spoke with a mom who said she was over all happy with the area. I noted her daughter playing and enjoying the day. The mom did have one suggestion and that was to leave the pools open longer when they do open for the season. Especially on the weekends and maybe an hour longer during the week.

Metfield Clubhouse: Wasn't able to get to this month.

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

Overall Condition:
Riordan Hall was very busy on the day of my visit. The Bella Vista FD was holding their COVID vaccination clinic. Ashley told me that they had filled up all the time slots. The fitness center had about 15 people working out, the auditorium was hosting the tap dancers. All the other rooms were being used for the COVID vaccination clinic. The bathrooms and locker rooms were in good order with nothing to report. Staff is preparing Riordan Hall for the Easter Egg hunt and 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 is still in good condition with a couple playing on the course the day of my visit. Over the weekend the playground and mini-golf course had many people enjoying both amenities. The tennis courts were empty as the morning league had just finished. The new awnings have been installed on the tennis court fence. The privacy screen on courts 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 all had loose sections that need to be reattached. The cut-up pieces of the tree that was removed by court 5 needs to be removed.

Areas for Review:
There are a few patches of concrete in the Kingsdale pavilion pad that needs repaired. The cut-up pieces of the tree that was removed by court 5 needs to be removed.

Member Interactions: None



Amenity: Lake Ann Boat Ramp and Park/Lake Ann Dam/London Park
Committee Member: Mary Elizabeth Jones
Review Month/Date: April 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 and restrooms appeared in use-able condition.

Areas For Review:

Picnic/ dock area far East side:

Looks great super clean and well maintained. The Lights are now working in the shelter area (thank you for addressing this). There are some signs in the shelter that could be replaced.

By the dam/waterfall area West side:

NA all looked great. The sink hole sign is still up, and area is blocked off in a good manner.

London Park:

This is such a tucked away hidden gem. Everything was well maintained. The restrooms were clean and in working order. We even saw a cute groundhog enjoying this park

Member Interaction:

At Lake Ann I spoke to a POA member. He only lives 2 minutes up the road. This is his favorite park/amenity. It's always looks nice, and he said he seem to have good luck fishing on Lake Ann. There was only one person at London Park, and they were on the lake.

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

Overall Condition:

I visited on Thursday 3/31 at 9 am, and for the first time the lot was empty! The bathroom cleaner arrived to do the bathrooms and did a good job but didn't empty the trash. The Pavilion was clean and free of debris, but trash needs to be emptied here as well. We picked up some trash and discarded clothing along the trails.

Randy's crew has begun their spring schedule of Tuesday morning work sessions. They are working on invasive vine removal, interpretive sign replacement, painting the remaining two bridge tops and planting native wildflowers in the prickly pear garden. The plants have been donated by the AR Master Naturalists.

Areas for Review:

The erosion along the streams from social trails is quite severe and most of the trees have severe root exposure. It wouldn't be surprising if trees begin falling into the creek especially when the soil is saturated. Just west of the Dave Weimer bridge, the trail is almost impassable and has been seriously eroded by the creek and the dripping bluff line above. Both have been reported on previously. (Per Rick Echols, the bluff line will be worked on once the weather dries)

Member Interactions: None today, saw a few dog walkers but it was a cold morning.

Additional Observations: None currently.

Amenity: Gun Ranges
Committee Member: Chris Stockman
Review Month/Date: April 2022

Overall Condition:

Rifle and pistol ranges were in good order. Everything was clean and tidy.

It was a very busy morning at trap and skeet. Dozens of shooters practicing for the Sunday tournament. Several registering to shoot. Everything on the ranges and in the building looked in good order.

Areas for Review:

There is a wooden POA property sign on the outside fence in front of the pistol range that is in very poor condition.

Member Interactions:

Two shooters were active on the rifle range when I visited on Saturday morning.

Additional Observations:

Fred was tending the rifle/pistol range and was inquiring about some new signage that was coming.

New Business:

Chris informed us there will be term expirations in June, and he is looking for volunteers to run for Chairperson. Chris is recommending Mathew Thompson as one of the committee member backfills, Mathew ran for a committee position in February but only two slots were open.

POA Staff Reports:

Tom Judson: Reminder Board elections have begun. Activity cards up in March compared to 1y by 558, and boat registrations increased by 204.

Rick Echols: Loch Lomond refill complete. Due to rain haven't gotten Lake Ann levels low enough for sin hole repair yet. Ranger contacts up over 1y. Catwalk at Loch Lomond repaired, will make some additions to railings. Removing brush and invasive creeper from Tanyard. Looking to hire 6 rangers, asking for candidates to apply. Reminder June 14 Kids Fishing Derby at Metfield Pond.

John Urquhart: Classes going great, last weekend competition largest turnout, 12,000 targets!

Joan Glubczynski: Reminder of Easter Egg Hunt, Spring Bazaar, Kids summer program sign up and vaccination clinics. Work beginning on Metfield Pickleball court expansion, timing contingent on weather. Tiny Cabins in final stages for completion, campgrounds sold out every weekend the last two months. New mulch has been added to all playgrounds. Tennis mix doubles was a great success. Marina now open and boat rentals available. Working on design phase of Riordan.

Next Committee Meeting May 9, 2022, 4:00 pm Boardroom