

## POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

May 9, 2022, Boardroom 4:00 pm

### Attendance:

**Members:** Chris Stockman, Denise Klinger, Deborah Lukotch, Mary Elizabeth Jones, Scott Dreas, Janet Conboy, Kathleen Coughlin, Cindy Thompson  
**Zoom:** Maci Echols

**Staff:** Tom Judson, Jessica McCrary, Joan Glubczynski, Rick Echols, Judy Griffin, John Urquhart  
**Zoom:** Jessica Anson

**Board:** Jackie Gian

**Guests:** Ashley Wood introduced, replacing Kim Carlson, Director Marketing & Communication, retirement in June

Chris Stockman called the meeting to order

### Amenity Reports:

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

### **Overall Condition:**

- Sunday 12:00 pleasant weather. Pickleball courts highly active, quite a few walkers, family on playground, fitness area three people, pool two people, several disc golf groups playing. Area and grounds in good shape.
- The back deck looks clean and inviting, new lounge chairs and wrought iron table appears to have been painted.
- Lights were not on for the racquetball courts, makes it hard to know they are downstairs

### **Areas for Review:**

- The area of washout next to the walking trail, close to disc basket number 8, has rocks/gravel accumulating on the walking path.
- The water running off the side of the incline, near marker .75 has the walking path completely covered in mud and water, to try and walk around in the grass is also difficult due to thick mud.

### **Member Interactions:**

Spoke to one member walking, when indicated I was recreation volunteer, she asked for an outdoor summer concert series.

### **Additional Observations:**

- With the number of new residents I have encountered at the rec center looking for information, we could take advantage of the brochure holder in the lobby and fill it with a wider variety of brochures, such as those that were available at the new member orientation, including the one pager describing the roles of the POA, City, and ACC. Treat it like a mini "visitor center".
- Have we considered adding Pickleball equipment to the retail center, add a sling backpack with Bella Vista logo?
- Has there been consideration given to adding a "disc golf summer camp" in the future? Something unique to Bella Vista. The Spring Bazaar was well attended, but the "camp sign up" got a little lost in the crowd. Consider creating its own unique event, set up display areas with the "coaches" available to talk to the kids, double as a marketing event for summer youth activities such as the Fishing Derby, Kayak Days, healthy smoothies available, etc.





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

**Overall Condition:**

Sunday afternoon, beautiful weather, fifteen cars in lot, people walking, both dog parks active. Grass is coming in nicely in large dog park. The softball ball field has been recently used due to the large amount of trash left behind, water and Gatorade bottles, and a box from a new batting tee.

**Areas for Review:**

- All trash receptacles at the park were empty except three on the softball field, one overflowing, one filled to the top, the third on its way.
- Based on my last few visits it appears the field is being utilized, perhaps we can provide them with a new piece of AstroTurf for home plate/batter box?
- The bottom of the sign for the small dog park has broken away from the fence in the bottom corners.
- The Gazebo is showing deterioration, especially the top rail.
- All areas of POA property are always well mowed; however, the top of the dam could use some attention next round.

**Member Interactions:** None

**Additional Observations:** None



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

**Overall Condition:**

With the rain we have had lately parts of the trails had some gravel and wash out as well as some pretty muddy spots. The bathrooms were a bit messier than the last time with trash on the floors and some trash on the grounds around the trash cans – I assume this is because the increase in traffic now that the weather is getting nice. The new concrete looks wonderful, and it is awesome to see live music starting each month. The grass was tall around the playground equipment when you pull in and could use some attention.

**Areas for Review:**

Grass at the playground and a possible solve for some of the water run off

**Member Interactions:**

I chatted with Bernie at the front desk, she said the crews were quick to get everything cleaned up from the rain and they are back up and running at 100%.

**Additional Observations:** It is great to see the BV POA Instagram handle active and driving awareness around the Gear Garden and the events/news associated.

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

**General Condition:**

Following the recent flooding, there was relatively little debris along the shore and lawn. The dock and boat launch appeared still in good condition. All picnic tables, grills and playground equipment showed no signs of damage. The rest rooms were a bit messy, likely in part to flooding.

**Areas for Review:**

Poison ivy is prominent on trees close to the playground equipment and in proximity to the grill closest to the exit. Many grills will soon need new coal plates.

**Additional Observations:**

Cypress trees appear to have bag worms starting. Could just be residue from the trees.

**Member Interaction:**

None. Three trucks with boat trailers were observed but no people were seen.

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

**Overall Condition:**

A beautiful sunny Saturday evening. There were quite a few families out enjoying the playground, volleyball pit, grills and tables, and boat launch. Volleyball net is up and being enjoyed.

**Areas for Review:**

Broken concrete table needs repair or removal. Algae at the beach shore needs attention before opening.

**Member Interactions:**

Talked with a large family visiting from Kansas. They commented on how well maintained the park is and enjoying the quiet. They had also been kayaking on Lake Avalon earlier.

**Additional Observations:** None

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

**Overall Condition:****Metfield Clubhouse:**

Overall looked good and clean. Saw three people working out while I was there. Was not able to talk to anyone but did ask the guy behind the desk in the golf shop if anyone had anything I need to pass along, and he said no.

**Metfield park:**

Overall looked good. There were only eleven people in the park. Three people were using the pickleball courts.

**Area for review:**

At the park there is a tree down close to the pool area by the shuffleboard courts. Also, there is a dead tree by the playground that needs attention. Also, there are some wasps that need to be taken care of.

**Member Interaction:**

I spoke with a family who were playing on the playground, and they were overall happy with the grounds. I also spoke with the three people playing pickleball and they too were happy with everything.

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

**Overall Condition:**

Riordan Hall was quiet on the day of my visit. The rain during the week had curtailed a lot of outdoor activities. The bathrooms and locker rooms were in good order with nothing to report. The pool covers have been removed on all Kingsdale Pools and the maintenance team was cleaning and prepping the pools for opening. 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 great condition. The tennis courts were empty as they were still wet from all the rain.

**Areas for review:**

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

**Member Interactions:** None

**Amenity:** Lake Ann Boat Ramp and Park/Lake Ann Dam/London Park  
**Committee Member:** Mary Elizabeth Jones  
**Review Month/Date:** May 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. Both of my parks took a serious beating due to the heavy rains.

**Areas for review:****Picnic/ dock area far East side:**

Looks clean and well maintained. The lights are now working in the shelter area it was reserved for a baby shower. It looked like a tree had been cut down and stacked need the cleaning station is that being removed? There was heavy gravel run off in the roadway that needs to be addressed.

**By the dam/waterfall area West side:**

The orange safety fence has been taken down around the sink hole and needs to be replaced. The sign is still up but you can now just walk over to the sink hole.

**London Park:**

I love this park and due to the heavy rain, there has been a huge wash out of the road that needs to be addressed ASAP. It also looks dirty near the dock area due to the runoff.

**Member Interaction:**

Lake Ann was busy, and everyone was on the water. I talked to a few groups of POA members at London Park. They use that park a lot and made it very clear that we need more parking at that park (there were even members parked on the grass) Is this a possibility? Everyone made it a point to being up the road to get into the park and it needing to be fixed.

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

**Overall Condition:**

I visited on Tuesday 5/3 at 10 am, with thirteen cars in the lot, many belonging to the Tanyard Creek Volunteers. The bathrooms and pavilion were clean, and trash emptied. The grass had been mowed. It looked really refreshed today with trails trimmed and free from debris.

The volunteers have begun their spring sessions on Tuesday mornings with lots of work planned to include bridge painting, wildflower planting, invasive plant removal, general clean up, replacing defaced signs, etc.

**Areas for Review:**

On the north side of the trail where it takes a turn to the left, there are a few steps, the middle wooden stair is wobbly.



<b>Amenity:</b>	<b>Gun Ranges</b>
Committee Member:	Chris Stockman
Review Month/Date:	May 2022

**Overall Condition:**

New signage at gun ranges looks great and provides clear guidance. Rifle and pistol ranges were in good order. Everything was clean and tidy.

It was a very busy Sunday morning at trap and skeet with a large event. 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 poor condition.

**Member Interactions:** None

**Additional Observations:** None

<b>Amenity:</b>	<b>Trails/Greenway</b>
Committee Member:	Chris Stockman
Review Month/Date:	May 2022

**Overall Condition:**

The soft trails suffered some damage during last week's flooding storms.

The volunteer trail program is engaged in fixing minor issues and has been reporting the larger washouts, trees down and the bridge that washed away to the respective responsible maintenance people.

**Areas for Review:** None

**Member Interactions:** None

## **New Business:**

### **Committee Administration:**

- Cindy Thompson partial term expiration, call to nominate full term, passed unanimous
- Maci Echols partial term expiration, call to nominate full term, passed unanimous
- Chris Stockman term expiration, call for nomination to second term, passed unanimous
- Denise Klinger leaving the committee, call for vote for Mathew Zimmerman to succeed, passed unanimous

### **Xterra Triathlon:** Joan Glubczynski

- Xterra is a series of off-road races. All the races involve an open water swim, mountain biking and trail running.
- The group approached the POA and City asking to begin the Spring 2023 event with swim on Lake Windsor and end the event in Bentonville. The city of Bella Vista denied request.
- Joan held an open discussion with the committee to hear viewpoints:
  - Several comments that large national events should not be held on BV lakes, lakes are private, too small, disruption to our members, and no overall benefit to our community or economic impact to the local business
  - Some commented it may highlight the area as more “youthful” and draw attention to BV

## **POA Staff Reports:**

**Tom Judson:** Voting continues for POA Board of Directors, only 20.3% of membership has voted thus far. Activity cards +14.3% with a significant increase in dependent cards. Boat registration up 3% with largest increase in Kayaks and SUP. Guest cards +47%.

**Rick Echols:** Lake committee to decide if drawdown needed for Avalon this fall, Rick recommends moving forward. Lake Ann sink hole work to take place next week weather permitting. Concrete table to be removed from Lake Avalon, considering a culvert to help with water runoff at London Park, 11 POA Rangers employed for the season. Mowing crew lost a week due to weather. Reviewing an area of land on Chelsea and Tudor for archery range, OK representative to weigh in on space and safety.

**John Urquhart:** Pistol range attendance +20% last month, skeet flat due to lack of ammunition. Old sign will be removed this week, one full time position open.

**Joan Glubczynski:** Riordan remodel in design phase. Tiny Cabin Village open for reservation with Airbnb. There is budget to repair and pave road at Blowing Spring. Preparing pools for the season. Trails experiencing some wear and washout due to high use and weather, are aware and addressing. October 7-8 Vintage Flea Market at Blowing Springs. Spring Bazaar was a huge success. Metfield pickle ball court work begins next week. Cleaning Avalon beach and adding new sand for the season.

**Judy Griffin:** Highland’s pizza oven still delayed due to supply chain issues. Volunteer positions still available for APT. BV Business Association holding Business Fair May 14 at Riordan.

**Next Committee Meeting June 13, 2022, 4:00 pm Boardroom**