

POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee
June 13th, 2022 - Boardroom 4:00

Attendance: Chris Stockman, Maci Echols, Mary-Elizabeth Jones, Matthew Zimmerman, Cindy Thompson,
Staff: Jessica Anson, Tom Judson, Joan Glubczynski, Ashley Wood, Rick Echols
Guests: N/A

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

Overall Condition:

Sunday 3:00, pickleball courts active, family on playground and basketball court, pool busy, fitness center active, walkers and a group playing disc golf. Grounds in good condition, items for review from last month all have been addressed, thank you.

Areas for Review:

- The surface of the basketball court showing wear
- Tree on playground dropping large dead branches. It was partially taped off, therefore assume it is being addressed.

Member Interactions:

Spoke to a member walking, he wanted me to inquire if the POA cuts vines from tree trunks, as they will eventually overtake and kill the tree. The picture is a tree directly behind the windows in the back of the fitness center, there are others. He suggested if not that we ask for volunteers or see if the Garden Club would help.

Additional Observations:

The brochure rack in the lobby has been filled with flyers about summer activities and camps. What a great way to bring to light the youth activities we have to offer. It looked good.

The **Branchwood Open**, a PDGA sanctioned disc golf tournament is taking place June 25th. This will be similar to the event held last fall. Joan or a member of her team will give an update later in the meeting. Would be good to have the *Weekly Vista* cover the event.

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

Overall Condition:

Sunday afternoon, 4:00 over 20 cars in the lot. Both dog parks busy, walkers, families fishing in the stream, group gathered at the pavilion, father and son practicing on the softball field. The grass is taking nicely in the large dog park.

Areas for Review:

The portions of the paved walkway that are raised due to root growth are a trip concern. I noticed at the Momentary in Bentonville they use fluorescent "tape strips" to identify potential trips hazards, this may be an idea.

Member Interactions: I spoke to the father and son practicing on the softball field. He said they come out every Sunday afternoon. The day before he was at the park fishing and said he saw two different families had come to utilize the softball field. He said the main thing that must be done at the park is to address this hole. (He pointed to the Astro turf at the batter's box/home plate, see picture below)

Additional Observations: None

Amenity: **Blowing Springs**
Committee Member: Kathleen Coughlin
Review Month/Date: June 2022

Overall Condition:

Overall the condition of the park looked great. The water runoff issues from the previous month looked to be fixed with new gravel added to the problem areas.

Areas for Review:

The menu looked really rough with items crossed out, sticky notes and sold out signs. Would be great to showcase a menu that can be easily edited based on what is available.

Member Interactions: This month I went on a Friday evening and I was able to gain a lot of great member feedback around the Gear Garden as well as speaking with Leora who was working at the time. Some of the feedback below:

- Members would love to have more food options whether it be food trucks or more packaged items (nothing for children to eat)
- The amount of cups that are being ordered are not enough
- The Gear Garden employee was fielding a lot of after hour questions around campsites, etc.
- POS system is slow - a lot of people have started to bring cash bc of this
- More entertainment - members use the space as their "living room" hence the entertainment and food considerations
- Met Nick McCurry from IMBA - hosts the FAST rides. "Not enough to support the riders after their FAST rides."

Additional Observations: None

Amenity: Lake Avalon

Committee Member: Cindy Thompson

Review Month/Date: June 2022

Overall Condition:

Everything looked lovely, both times we visited this month. Clean and well kept. Broken picnic table has been removed, still waiting for replacement, but looks so much better.

I am always impressed to see all of the amenities being utilized, SUP and kayak rental, boat launch, beach, dock swimming, volleyball court, birthday party in the Pavillion...

Areas for Review:

Beach water looked great, clear, no algae. When the water warms up and algae comes back, is it possible to skim out the chunks? (Remembering what I saw last year)

Member Interactions:

Talked with the Lifeguards who were just so kind and helpful in all the interactions we saw. They kept an eye on the kids swimming, and swam out to address them calmly when they got a bit wild (as opposed to whistles and yelling you see other places).

Lots of grandparents and grandkids happy to have a place like this to bring them in the summer.

Amenity: Metfield

Committee Member: Maci Echols

Review Month/Date: June 2022

Metfield Clubhouse

Overall, everything looked good and clean. Only saw one person working out.

Metfield Park

Overall, looked good. A lot of people were out enjoying the day at the pool and in the park. There was a church group even playing baseball in the open field area.

Member interaction

Spoke with a member of the church group while he was grilling burgers, said overall he was pleased with the area.

Overheard a member of the same group telling another member that she was really happy with the park and thought it was lovely, the only problem was that google maps took her a different way.

Area for review:

Nothing from both areas but the way find sign is still by the restrooms.

Amenity: Riordan Hall Complex & Tennis

Committee Member: Scott Dreas

Review Month/Date: June 2022

Overall Condition:

Riordan Hall was very busy on the day of my visit. The Cancer Challenge was in full swing with many events in progress. The fly tiers club was finishing up their monthly meeting and the fitness center was full of people working out. Ashley said that clubs/groups have already started moving out their belongings/equipment in preparation for the impending closing of Riordan Hall. The Cancer Challenge utilized Riordan Hall for the kickoff dinner and the kitchen was being utilized by that group. The tennis center has been very busy at the start of summer. The Memorial Day Mixer was a huge success with 60+ tennis players participating in the event. The Cancer Challenge was set to finish on 6/9 and 6/10. The next upcoming events for the

tennis center are the first youth camp and then the 4th of July mixer. The Kingsdale pool is open and has had good attendance already with classes. The day I visited there were very few swimmers although the weather was perfect. Kingsdale pavilion is in good condition, except for the areas of review below. Kingsdale playground is in good condition and there were multiple families out enjoying the day. The mini-golf course is in good condition although nobody was utilizing that amenity the day of my visit.

Areas for Review:

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

Member Interactions:

Talked to several members on the Kingsdale playground, many positive comments about the pool, playground, and mini-golf course. The most repeated comment was they really like all the shade on the playground. Several members were unaware that they could go to Riordan Hall or the pool to obtain putters and balls for the mini-golf course. I talked to one member who was walking her dog and she informed me that she and her husband had just moved to Bella Vista last year and live within a 15-minute walk to Riordan Hall. She said she has been to the fitness center several times, taken fitness classes at Riordan Hall, and was looking forward to going to the pool in the near future. She said her husband was at the gun range at the time we spoke. They said they love living in Bella Vista and really enjoy having so many amenities so close to where they live.

Amenity: Lake Ann / London Park

Committee Member: Mary- Elizabeth Jones

Review Month/Date: June 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 clean and well maintained. No areas for review. It looked lovely.

By the dam/waterfall area West side:

Looked great. There is no hand sanitizer in the porta-potty. I loved the wild flowers on the dam.

London Park:

The road going into the park is still rough with pot holes. The lights were not working in the shelter. The bathrooms were clean. It looked very well taken care of.

Member Interaction:

At London Park I talked to a fisherman and his family they use this park a lot. Their only suggestion was if we could have someone come cleaning the fish cleaning station more often.

At Lake Ann I chatted with 2 female POA members. They had many things to suggest but the one they really recommended was getting more areas to store kayaks/ boats It took one of them 2 years to get a spot.

Amenity: Tanyard Creek

Committee Member: Denise Klinger

Review Month/Date: June 2022

Overall Condition:

I visited on Wednesday 6/8 at 1 pm, with 15 cars in the lot. The bathrooms and pavilion were clean and trash emptied. The front of the park looked great. There were several groups with kids wading and playing in the creek. A group of mountain bikers led by a knowledgeable local walked off the bike trail into Tanyard Creek to observe the falls. This is an exception to the usual behavior, though, because the signage at the intersection of these areas is not clear and many bikers end up drifting into the park, getting confused and rolling through smaller trails and virgin land looking to get back onto course. I recommend more signage in this area and the restoration to natural terrain in an area that has become a steep social trail that is promoting high velocity water runoff and major erosion.

Areas for Review:

Add a trail user counter

Member interactions:

I talked to a local mountain biker was proud to show friends from Nevada the Tanyard falls.

Amenity: Trails/Greenway

Committee Member: Chris Stockman

Review Month/Date: June 2022

Overall Condition: Excellent

Areas for Review:

On the east end of Blowing Springs where the mountain bike trail crosses over the greenway a deep gutter has eroded on the side of the greenway. This is a bit of a safety risk and should be repaired soon. If a greenway biker drifts off the greenway in this area and tries to get back on a hard crash is possible as the tires skid out trying to make the sharp transition back onto the concrete surface.

Member Interactions:

A woman emailed me complaining about poor maintenance conditions on the greenway. She included pictures of what will be the regular after effects of heavier rains. This includes prolonged water seepage and minor amounts of dirt and gravel washing onto the trail. I included two pictures of areas within Blowing Springs. I recommend these be hit with a blower periodically like when the grounds are mowed and trimmed. Perhaps this greenway can be added to the trail adoption program for cosmetic upkeep outside the park.

New Business:

Start annual process for recreation amenity budget recommendations

- Budget allocations due August 25th
- Joan will provide a list of things that she's seeing with her team

Staff Reports:

Tom

- Guest passes up 41% / activity cards are up 15% and boat registrations are up 7.6%
- Food is 25% over prior year and prior year was a record year. Highlands is exceeding budget by 200%

Rick

- Filled the Lake Anne sink hole last week. Still need to fill some of the intrusion points later this week. The end is in sight and then we can bring the lake back up.
- Lake Avalon will be drawn down this fall on Nov. 14th. Should be down by early December until March 6th. Will skim out the leaf packs and take care of the gravel bar.
- Lake ranger contacts (May 5527 and April 1735)
- Grounds maintenance has been doing some spraying.
- Invasive species removal continues at Tanyard Creek. Swinging bridge will get maintenance this week
- Gun range: 100 shooters at the Cancer Challenge, event on August the 13th to showcase the upgrades. Classes are up
- Fisheries and lakes: sampling is finished for the year and sampling will be available in July. Aquaculture will get started in July.
- Submit photos to what's the catch

Jessica

- Swim lessons started last week and swim team started this week. All sessions are full except for 5 & 6yr olds. Paddle board camp has 42 members. Kingsdale pool extended hours starting on the 21st: M/W/F until 8:00. Chairs delivered this week.
- Keep an eye out for vandalism
- Metfield pickleball courts should be finished in the fall. Adding two more courts and changing the orientation.
- Tiny cabins are sold out every weekend. Instagram video received 20,000 views in 24hrs.
- Tennis mixer had 64 participants and a great turn out. Next mixer is July 4th
- Disk golf tournament coming up on June 25th at 9:00
- Peak fun time!

***** Next meeting on July 11th *****