

**POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee**

**July 18, 2022, Boardroom 4:00 pm**

**Attendance:**

**Members:** Chris Stockman, Deborah Lukotch, Mary Elizabeth Jones, Scott Dreas, Kathleen Coughlin,  
**Zoom:** Maci Echols, Matt Zimmerman  
**Staff:** Tom Judson, Jessica McCrary, Joan Glubczynski, Jessica Anson, John Urquhart, Hannah Barwick  
**Zoom:** Rick Echols,  
**Board:** Jan Simms

**Chris Stockman called the meeting to order**

**Amenity Reports:**

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

**Overall Condition:**

Sunday 11:30, very warm, one couple playing pickleball, large group playing disc golf, couple walkers. All other activity was in the fitness center or pool. The dying tree on the playground has been removed.

**Areas for Review:**

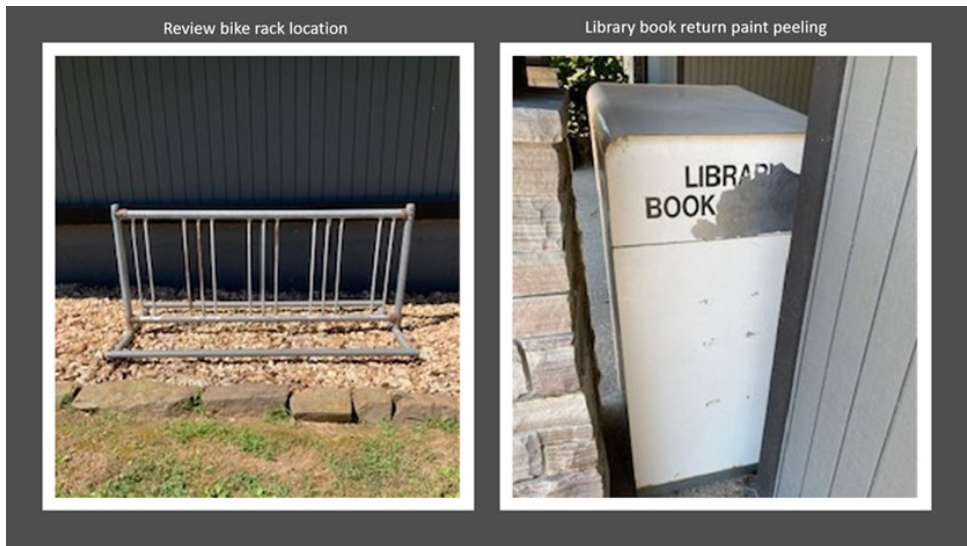
- The drinking fountain next to the pickle ball court is not working, is this intentional?
- The plexiglass holder for disc golf maps at Tee 1 is empty
- Consider moving the bike rack to a more accessible location. It is in the decorative gravel with access only from the lawn.
- Library Book return paint is peeling off

**Member Interactions:** None

**Additional Observations:**

I have been reviewing this park for one year, and I have never seen evidence of anyone having used the shuffleboard court. Is there anything in the plan to repurpose this area? On a recent vacation to Florida, I visited several parks and found bocce ball to be very popular, is this something to look at? Or could it be repurposed for something targeted toward youth? There does not seem to be much available on this side of Bella Vista for kids. We should pursue something for them, although this area may be too small.

Any feedback on the **Branchwood Open** June 25th?



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

**Overall Condition:**

Sunday around noon, weather very warm, not many people out. Several groups fishing in the creek.

**Areas for Review:**

- The Astro turf at the batter box/Homeplate is still a trip concern and should be replaced.
- There are spider webs on the ceiling and stalls in the lady's restroom

**Member Interactions:** None

**Additional Observations:**

Construction has begun on the ponds/fish hatchery

## Astro turf at batter box/home plate is a trip hazard



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

**Overall Condition:**

The park looked great, bathrooms in good condition, trash taken care of, trails clear, grass mowed.

**Areas for Review:**

The "Caution Low Water Bridge" sign is down right past the entrance. Gear Garden needs more cups. Flies have become an issue inside and outside. The menus that highlight the types of beer better (Ex. IPA)

**Member Interactions:**

I spoke with Leora at the Gear Garden, and she said that things have slowed down a good amount with the heat. Susan in the office said that everything was going well, lots of repeat visitors. I spoke with two ladies that were ordering drinks and they had a lot of questions around the types of drinks which a new menu layout might help with.

**Additional Observations:** None

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

**General Conditions:**

Equipment and landscaping were in good condition. Picnic areas were clean and free of debris; playground was well maintained. Restrooms were immaculate.

**Areas for Review:** None

**Other Comments:**

Grass mats from mowing were collecting on the AC grates.

**Member Interaction:**

No members on the grounds; pickup with trailer close to the loading dock; trash cans were close to full (Friday at noon) which would suggest the park was being used.

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

**Overall Condition:**

Monday morning, after a busy weekend, everything is wonderfully clean and well kept. No trash anywhere. The beach is already busy, rental kayaks are out, people are fishing... a wonderful amenity for a sizzling summer.

**Areas for Review:** Nothing to report

**Member Interactions:**

Talked with a family at the beach, enjoying the kid sized kayaks. They were happy to have that option in a safe, small area.

**Additional Observations:**

Algae situation looks good!

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

**Overall Condition** Complex over all looked good. I got to spend a great deal in the pool there this time. The pool was clean and inviting. The dressing rooms were clean and orderly. I just want to take a second and thank the swim teachers. Highly informative and patient with the kids in the class. Clara Ruth now has confidence in the water thanks to them. The grounds to the complex looked great. The pickleball courts are coming along nicely.

**Member interaction:** Since I was there with my daughter for swim, I asked another mom what she thought of complex. Overall, she was pleased with it. I also spoke with one of the staff members and they too said that other members were happy as well.

**Metfield Clubhouse:** I did not get a chance to make it over to the clubhouse this month.

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

**Overall Condition:**

Riordan Hall continues to have a lot of activity. During my visit, the fitness center had several people working out and the auditorium was hosting a fitness class. The closing date for Riordan Hall has been changed to September 19, with the final day for meetings and classes being September 18<sup>th</sup>. Groups have already started moving out their items and some are already meeting at their alternate locations. The tennis center youth camps saw an increase in the number of youth tennis players compared to last year. The Labor Day mixer is the next event for the tennis center and sign-up sheets should be available the week of July 18. The courts are in good condition and the lights that were out have been replaced. The tennis center is seeing their most activity early in the morning or late at night. Jake is scheduling an exclusive POA member only tennis tournament sometime in October. The potential start of the rebuild on courts seven & eight in the fall is making that scheduling difficult. The Kingsdale pool is open and has had good attendance as well as with water classes. The pool was around 50% capacity on the day of my visit. Kingsdale pavilion is in good condition, except for the areas of review below. Kingsdale playground is in good condition. The mini-golf course is holding up in the high heat and still looks to be in the terrific condition as when it was rebuilt.

**Areas for Review:**

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

**Member Interactions:**

None. With the extreme heat, the tennis center, playground, and mini-golf course were empty.

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

Committee Member: Mary Elizabeth Jones

Review Month/Date: July 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 Lake Ann:

Looks clean and well maintained. The Lights were not working in the shelter. This park looked fantastic.

By the dam/waterfall area West side:

The sink hole is filled in. The orange safety fence is still up (the concrete is still curing?)

London Park:

Looks great no areas for review. everything was clean and up to standard.

**Member Interaction:**

It was a drizzly overcast day. There were not members at my parks except out on the lakes fishing.

**Amenity:****Tanyard Creek**

Committee Member: Chris Stockman

Review Month/Date: July 2022

**Overall Condition:**

I visited on Wednesday 7/18 at 12 pm, parking lot was about half full. The bathrooms and front of the park looked good. The pavilion was in use for an annual luncheon of golfers. The waterfall was crowded with people standing in the falls and the surrounding waters. No current issues to report.

**Areas for Review:**

The area where the Tanyard trails and the mountain bike trail run adjacent to each other needs some work to sign off and block unofficial trails. Trail braiding is occurring where many paths are being formed into the land and this will lead to destruction of plant growth and destructive erosion on the whole area. I can show Rick the trail of greatest concern for aggressive water rundown.

**Member interactions:**

The luncheon group said Tanyard, and the pavilion was nice and did not have any other comments.

**Amenity:** BV POA Shooting Range  
Committee Member: Matt Zimmerman  
Review Month/Date: July 2022

**Overall Condition:**

There were four people actively shooting on the rifle range. One was shooting pistols and the other three were shooting rifles. I used the gun range area myself. Everything looked great and clean. The gun range area is in good shape. The wood shelter area that you shoot from was clean and good shape. The walkways were clear of any casing. One cool thing I thought is seeing the old casing at the range. The rifle range was in great shape. All the landscaping looked good, and the grass was mowed. The restroom was clean, and the extra portable was clean as well. The board that had the rules and other information on them were in good shape. As I was leaving the gun/rifle range there were three more people showing up to use the amenity. I then went to the trap and skeet range. It was highly active with 10 cars in the parking lot. This area was in good shape. Everything was clean and looked great.

**Areas for Review:**

I looked at the wooden rifle rack and it was chipped/cracked at the bottom. This would look nicer if refinished. The yellow warning line that is for no shooting once it is crossed when you go out on the range was faded at the gun range area and may need to be on the list to be repainted.

**Member Interactions:**

Spoke with one member and he uses this amenity he said regularly. He mentioned that it was always in good shape and the areas are clean and well kept. This was my first time to use the gun range. I really liked the area and thought it was a great amenity. I am looking forward to going back and using the skeet range.

**Additional Observations:**

Everyone was enjoying the ranges. It was also quick to register. I thought the rules they had up were crystal clear and it being my first time they helped me know what to do and what the rules were.

**Amenity:** Trails/Greenway  
Committee Member: Chris Stockman  
Review Month/Date: May 2022

**Overall Condition:**

The soft trails and the greenway are in good condition. Gravel washes last reported on the greenway was cleared. The POA maintenance crew continues to remove reported tree falls promptly and I have seen them tackling some of the weed clearing in bad spots on the Back 40.

**Areas for Review:**

The new trees planted on the greenway between Blowing Springs and Metfield are in desperate need of watering to prevent mass death. If the city or POA cannot address this, I can organize a volunteer effort to do this with assistance on access to equipment the organizations may have.

**Member Interactions:** None

**Additional Observations:** None

**New Business:**

- Janet Conboy has resigned from the committee, will look for new applications
- Vote held for leadership positions; the following passed unanimous:
  - Chairperson: Deborah Lukotch
  - Vice-Chairperson: Chris Stockman
  - Secretary: Kathleen Coughlin
- 2023 Recreation amenities budget discussion:
  - Committee Suggestions:
    - Look at Tanyard parking and trail accessibility
    - More youth programs/activities, all sold out this summer
  - Tom informed us the 5-year plan includes work around Tanyard and may be able to incorporate this into the plan

- Joan shared her priorities:
  - Replace Riordan playground \$100,000
  - Update pool houses, Kingsdale this year, Metfield next year
- Committee to consider specific ideas, rank and share at August meeting, capital is \$10,000 and up

**POA Staff Reports:**

**Tom Judson:** All areas up overall; golf rounds, activity cards, guest cards (+42%) and boat registration (led by non-motorized). Desperately need staff positions filled

**John Urquhart:** Draw down for Lake Avalon is planned November 14. Lake Ann sink hole filled, working on surrounding area to wrap up the project. Provided update on ranger contacts and success of the Cancer Challenge. Conducting an Open House at Trap & Skeet August 13, 5:00-7:00 pm, come out and see the amenity improvements.

**Joan Glubczynski:** Vandalism is up, particularly Metfield and Blowing Springs. Concrete framing this week on Metfield pickle ball courts. Riordan will be closed on September 19, planning a “garage sale” for assets that will not be used going forward, details forthcoming. Nothing on the radar yet to repurpose the shuffleboard courts at Branchwood or Metfield which are underutilized.

**Jessica Anson:** Despite the heat, the Branchwood Open Disc Golf Tournament June 25<sup>th</sup> was successful with sixty-seven participants.

**Hannah Barwick:** Assessment campaign up and running.

**Next Committee Meeting August 8, 4:00 pm Boardroom**