

POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

September 12, 2022, Boardroom 4:00 pm and Live Stream

Attendance:

Members: Chris Stockman, Deborah Lukotch, Mary Elizabeth Jones, Scott Dreas, Brian Mickelson, Kathleen Coughlin
Zoom: Maci Echols
Staff: Tom Judson, Joan Glubczynski, Ash Wood, John Urquhart, Rick Echols, Clay Lewallen
Board: Jan Hagan
Zoom: Jan Simms
Guests: None

Amenity: Trails/Greenway

Committee Member: Chris Stockman

Review Month/Date: September 2022

Overall Condition:

The greenway is in excellent condition and used heavily. There was a FAST TAP trail maintenance day to spruce up the Rago trail in late August.

Areas for Review:

Access trails from private homes to the trail systems in BV have been common but I recently saw a trail that gave me concern. This trail was very wide, straight down a slope and lined with downed trees. It looks uncharacteristic to the trail system and is a major erosion risk. Because of this it may be time to establish standards or permitting for private trails that run through POA common property to the formal trail systems. This is needed to protect the land from erosion especially if more and more people construct their own trails.

Amenity: Tanyard Creek

Committee Member: Chris Stockman

Review Month/Date: September 2022

Overall Condition:

Tanyard Creek continues under high use. My visit was on Saturday afternoon, September 10 th. Overflow parking was in play, there was a small event in the pavilion, but most visitors were swimming in the creek and set up to picnic on the shore. They were mostly families and a group of teens. The front of the park was clean and groomed. Restrooms were in decent shape relative to the high use of the day.

Areas for Review:

The steep straight social trail near the falls was blocked off with chain and erosion control was constructed.

Member interactions: A gentleman said it is a nice place he likes to bring his kids to play in the water and cool off in the summer.

Amenity: Metfield Complex

Committee Member: Maci Echols

Review Month/Date: September 2022

Overall Condition:

Overall clean and orderly. Lights were on so it made it very welcoming. Four people were using the machines.

Areas for Review: None

Member Interaction: None.

Metfield Park: Overall looked good. Pool looked lonely with no one using now Noticed the progress on the pickleball courts, concrete was poured. No one was in the park, so I was not able to speak with anyone.

Amenity: Lake Ann and London Park
Committee Member: Mary-Elizabeth Jones
Review Month/Date: September 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. There is a picnic table (one of the older cement ones) that is broken, and the bench part is falling apart, and you can see the rebar sticking out. Can we get it replaced?

By the dam/waterfall area West side:

The sink hole appears to be filled in. The orange safety fence is gone. The waterfall was not running ATM. The porta-pottie was clean.

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

Overall Condition:

Looks great no areas for review. everything was clean and up to standard. The cleaning station was very clean.

Member Interaction:

Ran into a POA member Fishing off the dock at London Park. He has been a member for 7 years. Really likes fishing at this park. It is clean and quiet.

Amenity: Granton Park
Committee Member: Brian Mickelson
Review Month/Date: September

Overall Condition:

Grass had been recently mowed and there was no notable litter. The trash receptacles were being emptied. The outhouse was stocked and relatively clean with some litter on the floor. Picnic table areas exhibited some debris (trash/food). Looks as though maintenance is doing a good job keeping up with parking lot paving fractures. Fish cleaning station in good condition. Personal watercraft storage rack in good condition with all boats secured. Other structures in good condition, except as noted: The westernmost and easternmost grill stations are loose and detach from their respective pedestals. The "PLEASE DEPOSIT FISH REMAINS IN CREEK CHANNEL" sign is in poor aesthetic condition and needs replaced. Warped decking board on east dock is major trip hazard.



Areas for Review: Restripe parking area.

Member Interactions:

No members solicited. Boat launching and loading only. Someone had used one of the grills prior to my arrival, indicating picnic activity.

Additional Observations: None

Amenity: Tiree Park
Committee Member: Brian Mickelson
Review Month/Date: September

Overall Condition:

Grass had been recently mowed and there was no notable litter. The trash receptacles were being emptied. Restrooms were stocked and relatively clean. The women's restroom toilet was clogged and there had been a recent overflow but had been addressed prior to my departure by BV maintenance personnel (Michael). Mutt Mitts were available. There was a pile of weathered bamboo apprx. 75ft west of the boat ramp lying in the grass. Picnic tables exhibited some debris with the eastern most table and pad showing considerable organic growth. Other structures in good condition, except as noted:

- The main park sign needs complete replacement.



- Stop sign at exit is faded and stake is twisted. Replace entire assembly with new.



- The grill at the southernmost table site is at the end of its serviceability due to excessive corrosion.
- Infant swings showing signs of cracking/deterioration.



- Incomplete screw installation on swing hardware.



- Considerable erosion/asphalt deterioration at main drainage culvert under roadbed.



- Potential roof leak at south corner of pavilion.
- Remove 4ea rotted stumps (3 at playground and one at SW corner of parking area).

Areas for Review:

- Better accessibility to southernmost picnic sites.
- Pavilion needs refinishing.
- New/refurbished signage at boat ramp and new signage at Mutt Mitt dispenser.



- Install curbing/barriers at parking area.



Member Interactions:

Talked to a woman who was there fishing with her father and uncle. She and her husband enjoy fishing from the shoreline and frequent the park often. Chatted with a gentleman who was there with his two college aged daughters and their golden retriever. They are recent transplants from Texas and often walk the dog at the park and consider this amenity as a “hidden gem.”

Additional Observations:

Need to review trash can(s) replacement and type.

Amenity:

Branchwood

Committee Member: Deborah Lukotch

Review Month/Date: September 2022

Overall Condition: Saturday at noon, majority of activity was outdoors, weather was perfect, indoor activity minimal. Six groups playing disc golf, walkers, pickleball active, family at playground. Grounds looked amazing, everything noted in last month’s report was addressed, thank you very much!

Areas for Review: Nothing to note this month

Member Interactions: Tim mentioned that the basketball hoops are at two different heights, and it does appear the one closest to the pickleball courts is a bit taller than the other?

Additional Observations:

Drop The Gloves (DTG) Cup, a two round Professional Disc Golf Association sanctioned tournament, took place at Branchwood August 27, 8:30 am. There were thirty-one contestants, while most participants were from all over the state of Arkansas, there were contestants from Missouri, Kansas, and California.

A portion of the entry fee for each participant goes to the POA to help with upkeep of the course.

Amenity: Loch Lomond Recreation Complex

Committee Member: Deborah Lukotch

Review Month/Date: September 2022

Overall Condition:

Saturday afternoon, very little activity. One family utilizing the softball field. The first Razorback game of the season was on at 2:00 so perhaps everyone was getting ready for the game!

Areas for Review:

- The Astro turf at Homeplate is a trip hazard and needs to be replaced
- Spider webs in the women's restroom
- Spider webs starting to form on the pavilion

Member Interactions:

Spoke to Linda and her mom, they expressed concerns over the large high spots (from tree roots) on the walking trail as they are a trip hazard.



Additional Observations: Could we get another update on the hatchery ponds?

Amenity: Riordan Hall Complex & Tennis

Committee Member: Scott Dreas

Review Month/Date: September 2022

Overall Condition:

Riordan Hall continues to prepare for closing on September 19th. Kingsdale tennis facility was empty the day of my visit. The Labor Day mixer event was a success with over forty tennis players taking part. The Kingsdale pool has had a good summer, and this will be my last report for the pool this year before closing for this summer. Kingsdale pavilion is in good condition. Kingsdale playground is in good condition. The mini-golf course is in good condition.

Areas for Review: None

Member Interactions:

Met a new member shooting baskets on the basketball court. First time I had seen that amenity used. He said that he lives close to Riordan Hall and is just learning about all the available amenities.

Amenity: Blowing Springs

Committee Member: Kathleen Coughlin

Review Month/Date: September 2022

Overall Condition:

The grounds looked great, grass was mowed, trails clear. The Gear Garden was busy as usual - lots of kids and families.

Areas for Review:

Low water bridge sign is still down

Member Interactions:

I spoke with Warren who was working at the Gear Garden, and he said that things have been going well. The new lights looked great, and everyone has been enjoying the new tables and concrete pads. Members are still looking for more food options in the form of a food truck. Also, the cups are still incredibly popular. He recommended increasing the price to potentially help with inventory. He recommended placing some info on the Gear Garden at the check-in, so people camping is aware that it is there.

Amenity: BV POA Shooting Range

Committee Member: Matt Zimmerman

Review Month/Date: September 2022

Overall Condition:

There were six people actively shooting on the gun/rifle range. Two were shooting pistols and the other four were shooting rifles. I was the seven the person to sign in and it had only been open just over an hour. Everything looked great and clean. The gun range area is in good shape. The bathrooms were clean. The shelters and benching

are in good shape. Concrete seating and tables in the rifle range are in good shape. The parking area is in good shape and the area around it clean. The walkways were clean and free of any debris. As I was leaving more members were showing up to use the gun/rifle range. The skeet/trap range was very full. The parking lot was full, and most all the parking spots were getting filled. The range was very full. Very nice and clean area.

Areas for Review:

On the pistol range the yellow marking of "Stop. No Shooting" is faded and needs repainted. This might be an area to address so they know when to let other shooters they are crossing the area to enter the range. Just a little trash from the targets but figured it would be picked up as it was getting windy for the day.

Member Interactions:

Spoke with one member and said this time of the year he starts using the rifle range a lot since it is coming up on hunting season and this is a great area for him to practice.

Additional Observations:

The rifle racks were still old and chipped. John had mentioned last meeting this was on the list to be reconditioned.

Amenity: Lake Avalon

Committee Member: Cindy Thompson

Review Month/Date: September 12, 2022

Overall Condition:

Everything is clean and well-kept. With beach season over, that area is cleaned up and packed away. I am happy to see the volleyball net remaining up for a while longer.

Areas for Review:

Nothing to report

Member Interactions:

Even on an off-season weekday, there were two boats docked, one couple fishing, one couple enjoying a picnic lunch, and a few other cars in the lot, possibly out on the trails. This park is always in use.

POA Staff Reports:

Tom Judson: Please vote! Amenities doing well, increases across the board. 5-year plan - video is available on the website for viewing. Two surveys have been sent to members (Berksdale and 5-year plan) Reported on KPIs: Activity cards up 1,900, Guest passes up 4,400 since 'twenty-one, boat registrations up 550 since '21 - mostly kayaks.

Rick Echols: Avalon drawdown will start on Nov. 14th and end in early December. Lowering three inches per day. Lake Ann sinkhole is fixed. POA rangers are winding down, letting seasonal rangers go. Grounds facility and staffing have been

an issue: identified three grills that need to be replaced, ordered a new home plate for the ball field. Received the green light from the city for a new dock at Lake Windsor Dam. 1,700 channel catfish remaining.

John Urquhart: Outstanding showing at the open house. Approx. 120 attendees. Classes are at capacity as we are heading into hunting season. Still a bit short staffed.

Joan Glubczynski: Introduced Clay Lewallen - new Rec Ops Manager. Kingsdale pool closes this Sunday. Dog Days of Summer event supporting the Animal Shelter will be held on the 24th - please bring your dogs out for a swim. Metfield is prepping for Riordan to go dark - moving classes and some equipment over. Working on 2023 budgets – due end of October. Flea in the Park will be held at Blowing Springs on Oct. 7th and eighth - free event, live music. New trail behind Phat Tire is largely finished - new, temporary pavilion has been added. Pickleball - concrete is curing, last will be the fence install. Gearing up the not-so-haunted mini golf course - will be running the 2 weeks leading up to Halloween

Next Committee Meeting October 10, 4:00 pm Boardroom and Live Stream