POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

October 10, 2022, Boardroom 4:00 pm and Live Stream

Attendance:

Members: Chris Stockman, Deborah Lukotch, Mary Jones, Brian Mickelson, Kathleen Coughlin, Cindy Thompson
Zoom: Maci Echols, Matt Zimmerman
Staff: Tom Judson, Joan Glubczynski, Judy Griffin, John Urquhart, Rick Echols, Clay Lewallen

Guests: None

Amenity: Metfield Complex

Committee Member: Maci Echols
Review Month/Date: October 2022

Overall Condition:
Overall, everything looked great. Grounds nice and very inviting for a fall picnic or cookout.

Area of Review:
The female bathroom could use a touch up. The vent in the ceiling looks like it's never been touched. Probably the same for the men. The new barrier at the playground is starting to pop up at the ends of the boards where its steaked down, could be a trip hazard if someone comes down the hill going to the playground. The way find sign is still by the female restroom.

Amenity: Branchwood

Committee Member: Deborah Lukotch
Review Month/Date: October 2022

Overall Condition:
Sunday afternoon, very low level of activity despite the beautiful weather. Playground and pickle ball courts in use. Adult swim taking place and one person in the fitness center.

Areas for Review:

- Dry weather conditions have affected the grass at hole 13, just below hole 12, and at hole 8
- Should consider painting and cleaning up around maintenance shed, sits right next to hole 2 starting pad
- There is a quaint wooden chair near hole 9 that is wobbly and weathered, could tighten up and put a protective seal and it would be good.
- Pickleball courts 3 and 6 need a score board
- Sign for court rotation torn and should be replaced if still needed

Member Interactions:
Reviews from UDisc:
Sep 03, 2022 "Awesome rec facility and well-maintained course. Great intro to Arkansas disc golf!"
Sep 18, 2022 "Definitely would play again. Some technical and some wide open"

Additional Observations:

- Many of the signs along the disc golf course are beginning to show signs of age and mold growth. Should consider replacing them to maintain positive aesthetic appeal as the course is ranked number 5 in AR and hosts events drawing players from all the United States.
- Attended Tai Chi demonstration on Wednesday October 5. Approximately 20 people, wide range of age and skill levels. Instructor did a really good job of not only explaining what to do, but why it was important.

Dry weather has taken a toll on the grass around the Disc Golf Course

Hole 13

Just below Hole 12

Hole 8

Shed near hole 2 starting pad could use paint and exterior cleanup

Wooden chair at hole 9

Example of signs showing age

Sign on fence at Pickleball Court

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

Overall Condition:
Sunday afternoon, low activity level, couple in dog park and a few walkers. Well picked up from the Wiener vs. Corgi Races Animal Shelter fundraiser the day before

Areas for Review:

- Several trash cans overflowing, likely from fund raising event the day before
- There is a “No motorized vehicles on walking trail” sign, however, it is horizontal to the trail and faces Glasgow. You cannot read it unless you walk into the grass to see the front of it.
- A large branch fell from a tree. Not a hazard but should remove when possible

Member Interactions: None

Additional Observations: None

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

Overall Condition:
The park looked great, as usual. The grounds were manicured, trails were cleared, and the campsites were full and busy for fall. Flea in the Park was in full swing on its second day with a great turn out - Joan and the team did an incredible job. The parking was organized, shuttles were running and there were activities for kids and families. All the POA employees were incredibly friendly and helpful
.
Areas for Review: No areas currently

Member Interactions:
Everyone I spoke with said they were glad to have the event back and were looking forward to coming again next year.

Additional Observations: N/A

Amenity: **Tiree Park**
Committee Member: Brian Mickelson
Review Month/Date: October 2022

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 has a closet flange gasket leak. Left a message with Rick Echols for repair. Mutt Mitts were available. Other structures are in good condition, except as noted: (Images below)

- The eastern most picnic table and pad still exhibit considerable organic growth as noted in previous month’s report.
- Clean-out pipe broken off between the two western most picnic tables.
- Dead tree north of the west corner of the boat trailer parking area and four rotted stumps in approximate area of playground should be removed.
- No trashcan liner in one of the receptacles.

- Pavilion roofing nearing the end of its life cycle and exhibits organic growth and excessive debris. Underside of roof decking shows water staining at the south
- Refinish picnic pavilion, although some guests/members seem to be indifferent.

Member Interactions:
Talked with two mothers on September 17th that were part of a child's birthday party being held at the park. They were enjoying the facilities and had no immediate suggestions for improvement. On the same day, there was a considerable gathering of people (app. 50) of all ages attending a picnic gathering at the pavilion and adjacent picnic tables. Talked with a fisherman who complained of debris (pallets) in the cove northwest of the dock and had stated that he'd lost fishing gear due to its presents.

Additional Observations:
Motorcycle burnout on the shuffleboard pad. (Image below)

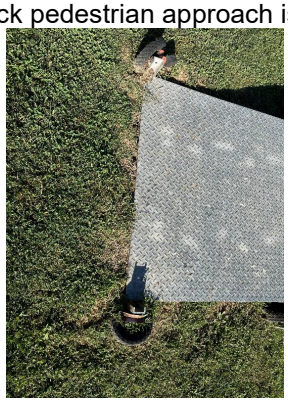
Amenity: **Granton Park**
Committee Member: Brian Mickelson
Review Month/Date: October 2022

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 but was lacking hand sanitizer. 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:

- One of the west end grills is corroded through, creating a potential burn hazard to users.

- Westernmost picnic table missing a cap on the end of one of the benches creating a possible laceration hazard.

- Center boat dock pedestrian approach is flanked by anchors that present a potential trip/laceration hazard.



Areas for Review:
Plan for re-striping parking/loading areas.

Member Interactions: No members/guests present at the time of evaluation.

Additional Observations: No additional observations currently.

Amenity:	**Lake Avalon**
Committee Member:	Cindy Thompson
Review Month/Date:	October 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 2 boats docked, 1 couple fishing, 1 couple enjoying a picnic lunch, and a few other cars in the lot, possibly out on the trails. This park is always in use.

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

Overall Condition:
Riordan Hall is closed for remodeling. Kingsdale pool is closed for the season. Kingsdale tennis facility was empty the day of my visit. 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: None

Amenity: **Lake Ann and London Park**
Committee Member: Mary-Elizabeth Jones
Review Month/Date: October 2022

Lake Ann 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's still the concrete picnic bench that is all broken down and probably needs to be fixed or replaced. Please see attached pictures for reference.
By the dam/waterfall area West side:
This area looks fantastic.

London Park Overall Condition:
This park looks fantastic as always. Only area for concern is still the roadway going in but I know that that's something that we're going to be working on as the season changes. Otherwise looks amazing.

Member Interaction:
When I was at London Park, I had the opportunity to meet with a newer resident of Bella Vista that moved here from Little Rock she brings her Weimaraner down there all the time and likes to let him run off leash with his clicker collar on. Just loves that area.

When I was at Lake Ann on the damn side I met a gentleman that was visiting from Dallas biking on our trails. He thinks this area is just beautiful with great weather wishes he could convince his wife to move here. When I was at Lake Anne Park, I met really nice girl that was visiting from Wisconsin for a wedding she was staying at an Airbnb and thought Northwest Arkansas was more beautiful than she even imagined.

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

Overall Condition:
There were 5 people actively shooting on the gun/rifle range. Three were shooting pistols and the other 2 were shooting rifles. Everything looked great and clean. The gun range area is in good shape. The bathrooms are always clean when I go out there. The shelters and benching are still in good shape. Concrete seating and

tables in the rifle range are in good shape. All the concrete in the area seems to be 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. The hours are changing not by much do the seasons and they are well posted so you see the slight hours change.

Areas for Review:
On the pistol range the yellow marking of “Stop. No Shooting” is faded and needs repainted. I had this on last month and went back not long after last meeting so not sure if had been painted yet or not. I will check on this item on my next visit.

Member Interactions:
My visit was a little shorter than usual. One younger gentleman said that he shoots his handguns here a lot and likes the area.

Additional Observations:
Lots of trees in the area. Imagine this time of the year the grounds crew will have to deal with the trees shedding their leaves in the mulched areas and landscaping.

Amenity: **Tanyard Creek**
Committee Member: Chris Stockman
Review Month/Date: October 2022

Overall Condition:
Tanyard Creek looks good. I visited early in the morning and only a few dog walkers and hikers were in the area.

Areas for Review:
The photo below is of the south end of the Dave Weimer bridge, the bridge at the south end of the paved pathway. This erosion has worsened in the past several years due to rainwater that flows unimpeded down the pathway that begins at the west end of the dam and runs steeply downhill to the place shown in the photo. Since this path is not properly graded, water has created a channel in the path, which gets deeper as time goes on. Tanyard Creek volunteers are prepared to repair the mess you see in the photo, but not until the path is graded and the water is redirected into the lily pond.
With the proper tractor and attachments, we feel this is a fairly simple job, probably within the expertise of POA personnel.

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

Overall Condition:
The greenway and soft trail system are in great condition.

Areas for Review:

The bridge on Blowing Springs south upper is showing some deterioration. This was reported to Chuck Woods by a trail volunteer.

POA Staff Reports:

Tom Judson: Activity cards up 1,974 from prior year, guest passes up 2,110 from prior year, boat registrations up 555 from prior year. Staff is working hard on budgets. Presenting to the community on November 10th

Rick Echols: Lake Ann drawdown will start on Nov. 14th and end in early December. Lowering 3in per day. Fixed erosion at the base of Lake Avalon and Rayburn. Things are slowing down seasonally - staff will now drop from 12 to 6 going into the winter. Grounds maintenance is keeping up with the facility usage. Got a variance to put in the fishing dock at Lake Windsor - coming soon. Bench replaced at Tanyard Creek. Fall lake cleanup is ongoing. New kayak rack construction at Tiree will start soon. Capital requests - Windsor dam paving, two aquaculture ponds, replacement truck. All lakes received channel catfish except for Avalon.

John Urquhart: Off to a great start, busier starting in Sept. Attendance is on par with last September. Fully staffed, classes are full, maybe put more classes in. Replaced a piece of concrete to prevent trip hazard.

Joan Glubczynski: 4th Flea in the Park was a success - 700-1000 people. Airstream rally was also a success with 25 in total. Metfield and Branchwood are both going well after taking on the exercise equipment from Riordan. Bridge went missing at the disc golf course at Branchwood. Storage containers will be placed in three spots around Riordan and the Kingsdale pool. Pavilion at Blue Bird trail will be finished this week - benches will be added over time. Metfield pickleball fencing is in progress. Avalon will be closed in the winder. Dog Days of Summer raised over $1k, almost 100 dogs. Marina will be closed starting next week - 1hr boat rides are up from last year. Not-so-haunted Halloween starts on Saturday.

Judy Griffin: Marketing is back to normal, working on the winter magazine. Pleased at how popular the magazines are at the airport.

Next Committee Meeting November 14, 4:00 pm Boardroom and Live Stream