

POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

January 9, 2023, Boardroom 4:00 pm and Live Stream

Welcome/Call to Order

Visitors: None

Attendance:

Members: Deborah Lukotch, Mary-Elizabeth Jones, Brian Mickelson, Matt Zimmerman, Scott Dreas, Cindy Thompson, Chris Stockman

Staff: Tom Judson, John Urquhart, Rick Echols, Jessica McCrary, Jessica Anson, Clay Lewallen

Guests: None

Board Liaisons: Jan Hagan, Jan Simms,

Deborah called the meeting to order at 4 pm.

Started the meeting with New Business (See end of report)

Amenity Reports:

Amenity: Metfield
Committee Member: Maci Echols
Review Month/Date: January 2023

Metfield Complex

Overall Condition:

Everything looked great. Nice and clean. Busy with around 9 people working out and more coming in as I left.

Area for review: NONE.

Member interaction:

I spoke with the lady behind the counter, and she said overall everyone accommodating and understanding about Riordan people relocating. Also, she said that members were pleased with the new time schedule.

Metfield Park

Overall Condition:

Everything looked great. Only a few families were out. I did see a family playing pickleball on the new courts. They look amazing. The playground looks great along with the restrooms and pavilions.

Area for Review:

There is a picnic bench down by the playground that needs a new seat. The corner has been broken off and splintered.

Member interaction:

I met a mom out and about with her family. They were new to the park and said that a friend recommended it to them. She said that would be back.



Amenity: Branchwood
Committee Member: Deborah Lukotch
Review Month/Date: January 2023

Overall Condition:

January 1st, Recreation Center closed for the holiday. 3 groups walked up to the doors; several cars drove through the parking lot. All outdoor venues being utilized (except shuffleboard): walking trail, pickleball, basketball,

playground, line waiting to “tee” off for disc golf. Very active, many young families and grade school age children utilizing the outdoor amenities.

Areas for Review:

Holder for course maps empty

Member Interactions: None

Additional Observations:

- Two people were riding eBikes in the disc golf grass area.
- The basketball court surface appeared to have been power washed, looked very clean.

Amenity: Loch Lomond Recreation Complex

Committee Member: Deborah Lukotch

Review Month/Date: January 2023

Overall Condition:

January 1st, at least 20 cars, park very active. Group playing softball, large group playing football in grass area, walkers, several in the dog park.

Areas for Review:

Spider webs in women’s restroom above stalls, around light fixtures

Astro Turf home plate has a large hole that could be a trip hazard, recommend replacing

Member Interactions: None

Additional Observations:

The number of younger families and school age children at Branchwood and this recreation complex was the largest I have noted in the last year and a half, signaling the quickly changing demographics of our membership and amenity utilization.

Amenity: Blowing Springs

Committee Member: Kathleen Coughlin

Review Month/Date: January 8th, 2023

Overall Condition:

The park looked great as usual. The bathrooms were all stocked and clean. The grounds were clean, no trash. The park was quiet - not a lot of RVs and only one person camping. The new pavilion at the tiny cabins looks amazing as well as the Tiny Cabin merch.

Areas for Review: N/A

Member Interactions:

No member interactions - only saw people out on bikes. Susan at the front office said that the park has been really quiet but it appears to be picking back up with a lot of reservations already being made for the summer. People are also already asking when the Gear Garden will open back up which is great to see!

Additional Observations: N/A

Amenity: Tiree Park

Committee Member: Brian Mickelson

Review Month/Date: January 2023

Overall Condition:

The lawns are well groomed and there was little to no notable litter. The trash receptacles were being emptied. The restrooms have been locked and porta-potties have been placed in the main parking area. Mutt Mitts were available. The new personal watercraft storage rack is in good condition with all boats secured. Other structures are in good condition, except as noted:

Areas for Review:

There is an endcap missing and damage observed on the easternmost picnic table bench.



Need a concrete apron for water spigot to avoid having to stand in mud during usage.



Member Interactions:

There were no members or guests available from which to solicit feedback on the amenity and recreational activities at the time of evaluation.

Additional Observations: None

Amenity: Granton Park
Committee Member: Brian Mickelson
Review Month/Date: January 2023

Overall Condition:

The lawns are well groomed and there was little to no notable litter. The trash receptacles were being emptied. The outhouse was stocked and relatively clean. The fish cleaning station was clean and in good condition. The personal watercraft storage rack is in good condition with all boats secured. Other structures are in good condition, except as previously noted.

Areas for Review:

Barring maintenance and upkeep items mentioned in previous reports, no additional items were noted for review.

Member Interactions:

There were no members or guests available from which to solicit feedback on the amenity and recreational activities at the time of evaluation.

Additional Observations:

A motor vehicle(s) vandalized the lawn adjacent to the park entrance and also left multiple tire markings on the paved drive and parking area.



Amenity: Lake Avalon
Committee Member: Cindy Thompson
Review Month/Date: January 2023

Overall Condition:

Well maintained and clean. Volleyball net is still up and looks to get continued use. The gravel sand bar by the boat launch looks like it has been fixed. Hiked a section of the trail, and it looked great. Still can't believe people ride their bikes down some of those drops!

Areas for Review: None

Member Interactions:

Several ladies were there with their dogs, playing fetch. They said the Lomond dog park is a problem, it is always muddy and others don't clean up after their pets. They mentioned that a coffee trailer would be great since they come early.

Additional Observations:

There is a public hearing sign for the parcel at the entrance, requesting rezoning to commercial. What is the plan for that spot?

Amenity: Riordan Hall Complex & Tennis

Committee Member: Scott Dreas

Review Month/Date: January 2023

Overall Condition:

Riordan Hall currently closed for remodeling construction.

Kingsdale pool closed for the season.

Kingsdale tennis center is in good condition. There was no activity the day of my visit and the tennis center office is currently on their winter schedule. Kingsdale playground equipment is in good condition. Kingsdale mini golf course is in good condition with the exception noted in areas for review. Kingsdale pavilion is in good condition.

Areas for Review:

- Mini golf hole #7 has a large amount of mud/sediment accumulation from the drainage ditch running beside the hole. The drainage ditch may need to have a berm built up to protect the mini golf course.
- The playground between the bride and the swing set has a number of eroded areas from the top of the bottom of the playground



Member Interactions: None

Additional Observations: None

Amenity: Lake Ann

Committee Member: Mary-Elizabeth Jones

Review Month/Date: January 6th, 2023 9am

Overall Condition:

The lawns were well mowed and maintained. The garbage cans were empty. The doggy bags were full.

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. Also there is an orange cone out it appears they are replacing the grill

By the dam/waterfall area West side:

The port-a-potty needs to be replaced they are using a stick to keep the door closed. There is also a shopping cart next to the garbage can that needs to be removed

Amenity: London Park

Committee Member: Mary-Elizabeth Jones

Review Month/Date: January 2023

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. The ladies restroom is clean but very musty smelling. Also there is construction materials down next to the dock

Member Interaction: on FB I had a lady reach out wondering why there is not a proper boat launch in the south tip of Lake Windsor. I believe that the land is graded there to launch a boat is that correct?

Additional Observation: None

Amenity: BV POA Shooting Range

Committee Member: Matt Zimmerman

Review Month/Date: January 2023

Overall Condition:

I visited the gun range a couple times in December. There were several members using the gun range and rifle area. There were also several sign ins on the sheet when I signed in. Always get greeted nicely when signing in. I used the rifle range, and everything was in good condition. The areas were clean and in good order as usual. Targets were nicely stacked that were not in use. The gun range area was clean and in good order as well. Signage around the area is in good shape. Bathroom was clean and in good working order.

I went to the Trap/Skeet range and there were several vehicles in the parking lot. This area is always in good shape and very well kept.

Areas for Review:

Nothing currently. Only review would be the suggestion of the member about the yardage signs.

Member Interactions:

I spoke to one member on the rifle range, and he said that he uses the range often and says it is always in good shape. He had one suggestion, and it would be to put a few markers out on the fence to show 25yds/50yds/75yds. The targets that are there are at 100 yds, but this would make putting your moveable target at these ranges easier.

The second trip I spoke to a father and son on the rifle range and the dad told me that him and his son come a lot to use the rifle range and really likes the range.

Additional Observations: Nothing currently.

Amenity: Tanyard Creek

Committee Member: Chris Stockman

Review Month/Date: January 2023

Overall Condition:

The Tanyard Creek area looks clean, groomed and in great condition. The garden area at the front of the park was recently re-mulched and looks great.

Member Interactions:

Met visitors from Kansas. They came to the area for mountain biking but were taking the young children on a hike to see the falls.

Amenity: Trails/Greenway

Committee Member: Chris Stockman

Review Month/Date: January 2023

Overall Condition:

The trails are in good condition overall. There's some minor rutting and leave build up in spots from a recent heavy rain but this will be smoothed out when volunteers do their spring raking.

Areas for Review: None

Member Interactions: None

Additional Observations: None

New Business:

1. Waivers for non-member charity and youth-oriented events: Tom Judson
 - a. All events below unanimously passed

2023 Events for Non-member Participation

Gun Range

- Cancer Challenge Trap Shoot Tournament. This is a two-day charitable event that is held when the range is normally closed.
- Youth ATA event (AIM) – This is a one-day event happens twice per year. This event happens on a day the range is normally closed.
- ATA (Amateur Trapshooting Association). Six to eight events per year. These events are held on days the range is normally closed.
- Youth Hunter Education Challenge – This is a two-day event which happens once per year. This event happens on days the range is normally closed.
- Arkansas High School Clay League Championship – This is a one-day event

which happens once per year.

- BV Police Department Weapons Qualification and Training – Twice monthly, these events happen when the range is normally closed.
- Poultry Festival – This is a one-day event which happens once per year. This event happens on a day the range is normally closed.
- Corporate shoots – one to four events per year. These events are held on days the range is normally closed.

Recreation

- Swim Team. Many of the members of the team live in Bella Vista. Without non-member, there would probably not be enough participation to have a team.
- Paddleboard Camp. Many of the campers live in Bella Vista or are guests of Bella Vista members.

POA Staff Reports:

Tom Judson: Shared a memo directed towards the recreation committee and lake committee. This memo outlines events that non-members are allowed to participate in. Try to limit the impact that these events have on members. Same events that we have had year in and year out.

Rick Echols: Currently 38 inches down on Lake Avalon. Still looking to allow the lake to refill on March 6th. Removing leaf pack from the beach area. Evaluating the in-water portion of the beach so see if additional sand needs to be put in. Looking at removing the gravel bar by the boat ramp. Stream bank stabilization will also be addressed when the water is down. Very few ranger contacts. 532 contacts, 20 non-members removed. 14 contacts by boat and 10.5 hrs on the water. 2021 had double the contacts. Kayak rack is complete at Tiree - an additional rack will be put in at Lake Ann. The dock at Lake Windsor needs evaluated. Dog park - there are 15 areas where mowers have hit the fence - that will be repaired in the next few weeks. Looking at doing some root pruning. Will be paving the Norwood dam. Replacing a lake ranger truck. Replacing a fertilizer storage building. Currently fully staffed. Trout stocked in Lake Brittany. Getting back to work in the aquaculture ponds. Dam inspections are all complete. Collecting Christmas trees at the Granton boat ramp.

John Urquhart: December attendance was a bit slower than they would have liked. Chasing the 2020 attendance record - fell just short. Came up 7% over 2021. Most members at the range in a single year. Class slump in Dec. and will be back to capacity once classes roll around.

Jessica Anson. - Riordan remodel is going well. Some broken and leaking pipes from the weather - all are fixed except one. Tennis is going strong - Jake is doing a ton of indoor lessons. New class at Metfield starts - adult kickboxing. Yoga workshop sold out - might do another by spring. Kids karate starts this Saturday - 8-week session. The real by Berksdale - that area is not complete. We will be adding more benches to that area. This was not meant to be the greenway. This area floods which means a narrow path and a closed loop.

Next Committee Meeting February 13th, 4:00 pm Boardroom and Live Stream