

POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

March 13, 2023, Boardroom 4:00 pm and Live Stream

Attendance:

Members: Deborah Lukotch, Mary-Elizabeth Jones, Brian Mickelson, Scott Dreas, Chris Stockman

Zoom: Maci Echols, Matt Zimmerman

Staff: Tom Judson, John Urquhart, Rick Echols, Joan Glubczynski, Jessica Anson

Board Liaisons: Jan Hagan

Deborah called the meeting to order.

Visitors: Justin Culpepper

Amenity Reports:

Amenity: Metfield

Committee Member: Maci Echols

Review Month/Date: March 2023

Metfield Complex

Overall Condition:

Looked good overall. Clean and welcoming. There were six people working out at the time I went.

Areas for review: None

Member interaction:

I spoke to the girl at the desk, and she said everything was great.

Amenity: Metfield Park

Overall Condition:

Overall looked good. A few families were out enjoying the skills part. Saw six people playing pickleball.

Member interaction: None

Areas for Review:

There is a large dead tree that needs to be cut down. It's close to the playground.

Amenity: Branchwood

Committee Member: Deborah Lukotch

Review Month/Date: March 2023

Overall Condition:

Sunday late afternoon, 71 and sunny. Parking lot 70% full, very young families using the playground and participating in open swim. Pickleball, walkers, disc golf players, hot tub, pool table, and fitness center all active.

Areas for Review:

- The disc course map holder at hole 1 is empty.
- There is a metal post near hole 3 that is broken off at the top and is not being utilized for signing.
- There was an adult sitting at the picnic table on the playground smoking, may need to consider a no smoking sign.

Member Interactions: None

Additional Observations:

- A gentleman was using the playground equipment for a workout. Resistance bands hooked to the equipment, doing pull ups, stretches, etc., while small children were also playing on the equipment.
- There are two boats "stored" next to the storage building near the disc golf course.



Amenity: Loch Lomond Recreation Complex

Committee Member: Deborah Lukotch

Review Month/Date: March 2023

Overall Condition:

Late Sunday afternoon, 71 and sunny. Facility was very busy, parking lot almost full, large group in small dog park, walkers, baseball team practicing on the field, parents in chairs watching, kids playing in the grass areas.

Areas for Review:

- The large dog park is still muddy, more brown than green now.
- There is a donated picnic table in the large dog park pulling apart, not sure if it can be repaired.

Member Interactions:

Spoke with the father of one the baseball players. They are a tribal league, practice on this field two nights a week, as does another league. They play league games at Memorial Park in Bentonville and White River Park in Fayetteville. He was also interested in the Aquaculture ponds as he has a boat on Loch Lomond.

Additional Observations: None



Amenity: Blowing Springs

Committee Member: Kathleen Coughlin

Review Month/Date: March 2023

Overall Condition:

The park looked great as always, manicured, and clean. No trash to be seen. Pavilions were tidy.

Areas for Review:

There is a big pothole as you pull into the parking lot of the Gear Garden. The bathrooms were a bit dirty - probably from the rain we've had and bikers tracking mud in right there by the trail.

Member Interactions:

None, it was a cold day, quiet and front office was closed.

Additional Observations: None



Amenity:

Tiree Park

Committee Member: Brian Mickelson

Review Month/Date: March 2023

Overall Condition:

The trash receptacles were being emptied. The outhouses were stocked and relatively clean. Mutt Mitts were available. The personal watercraft storage rack is in good condition with all boats secured. Other structures are in good condition, except as noted:

Areas for Review:

Protective cover is missing from the electrical outlet at the pavilion.



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:

Old park sign footings have yet to be removed at the park entrance.



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

Overall Condition:

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: None

Additional Observations:

Outhouse servicing vehicles should remain on paved areas.



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

Overall Condition:

Clean and beautiful as always.

Areas for Review:

With the new blue picnic tables under the tree, what is the plan for all the extra chairs? (See pic)

I have often seen the chairs moved to view volleyball. Members might appreciate keeping that ability to have spectator seating.

Member Interactions: First time ever that no one else was here!

Additional Observations:

With the lake drawdown, are there plans to "dredge" the silt from the beach area. I have seen questions about this online and looking at what's exposed at the beach right now, wondered if that would help with the "mucky feeling".



Amenity: Riordan Hall Complex & Tennis
Committee Member: Scott Dreas
Review Month/Date: March 2023

Overall Condition:

Riordan Hall is 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. The tennis center is gearing up for another busy spring and summer. Several mixers and events are planned for April, including the resurfacing of courts 5 & 6. Sign-ups for kids and teens summer camps are underway. Kingsdale playground equipment is in good condition. Kingsdale mini golf course is in good condition. Kingsdale pavilion is in good condition.

Areas for Review:

1. There are some tree branches and limbs on the ground on the west side of the entrance road to the Kingsdale recreation complex.
2. There are a couple of erosion furrows on the backside of the pickleball court running down the slope from the fence down to the sidewalk, they should be filled in.

Member Interactions: None

Additional Observations: None

Amenity: Lake Ann

Committee Member: Mary Jones

Review Month/Date: March 2023

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. The concrete bench is still broken and needs to be on the list to be replaced. By the dam/waterfall area West side: Everything looked fantastic and well maintained except the porta-potty door still doesn't stay closed.

Amenity: London Park

Committee Member: Mary Jones

Review Month/Date: March 2023

Overall Condition:

This park looks fantastic as always. Clean and so well taken care of. The only area for review is on the structure that houses the restrooms. It looks like an animal may have gotten to the siding and it may need to be replaced in one spot. (Please see image attached)

Member Interaction: None

Additional Observation: None

Amenity: BV POA Shooting Range

Committee Member: Matt Zimmerman

Review Month/Date: March 2023

Overall Condition:

I visited the gun range last weekend. The weather was a little chilly, but still not a bad day. There were members using the rifle ranges and members who were just leaving and finishing up. The areas were clean and in good order as usual. I noticed more mulch had been put down for the walkway leading into the ranges. This made it nice and kept you out of the mud with all the rain we have been having. 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. I did read a little more on the signage on the gun range and it is very clear how to use the amenity safely when setting up targets. Bathroom was clean and in good working order. I noticed that the rifle racks were new, and they looked good. Noticed the members were using them as well.

Areas for Review:

I noticed while using the gun range that 2 of the square metal borders for targets had been knocked off the post that goes into the ground.

Member Interactions: I spoke to one member on the rifle range, and he said that he had been there for a while today and thought it was great to see people coming out and using the range.

Additional Observations: Nothing currently.

Amenity: Tanyard Creek

Committee Member: Chris Stockman

Review Month/Date: March 2023

Overall Condition:

The Tanyard Creek area is in great condition. Everything is in order and there is no unusual conditions to report.

Member Interactions: N/A

Amenity: Trails/Greenway

Committee Member: Chris Stockman

Review Month/Date: March 2023

Overall Condition:

The trails are in good condition overall.

Areas for Review: None

Additional Observations:

The Trail Blazers worked with the city to help TAP (Trail Adoption Program) volunteers gain access to remote parts of the trail by allowing them to park their cars on the street in the nearest residential neighborhood. Volunteers will display a placard on their vehicle when parking for work on the trails.

Visitors:

Justin Culpepper: Used to work with Joan and Jessica - interested in joining the recreation committee. Background in recreation and a mountain bike builder.

New Business:

- Committee "team volunteer" event to support Recreation department: Group Discussion
 - Committee feedback: The committee seemed open and willing to volunteer together. Jan Hagan suggested to tour the amenities and from there identify an area that could use the most attention. It was also recommended that committee families be welcome to come volunteer as well.
- One committee term expires in June, looking for new member applicants.

POA Staff Reports:

Rick Echols: Turned off the Lake Avalon drain valves today to complete some other jobs. Delivering stackable rock to stop erosion from the trail. There is also some concrete patching in the spillway as well. Removed some stumps from near the swim area as well as a large leaf pack. The rangers are getting busier - 969 contacts in February up from 683 in 2022. Job posting out for 3-4 summer rangers this year and taking applications. New kayak rack being installed at Lake Anne. The Lake Windsor fishing dock is complete. Will be able to burn the dam banks soon after taking a prescribed burning class - should be done every other year to the grassy area. Stocked 1,200 trout in Lake Brittany - one more stocking this spring. Three aquaculture ponds are going in. All Christmas trees have been installed for fish habitat. April 15th 10:00-2:00: Lakes and Parks Open House at Loch Lomond Park - manned by the rangers, potential food truck.

John Urquhart: Up 40% year over year in attendance and March is off to a great start. Good tournament turnout last Sunday. We replaced all the rifle racks at the rifle and pistol range. Those will get stained once they are weathered.

Jessica/Joan: Flea in the Park reminder - Friday October 6th and 7th. Applications are available through Clay - also on the POA website. Spring tennis (adult and kids) classes start on March 20th. Swim team, paddle board camp and tennis camp brochures are all updated online under summer activities. Sign up day is truly for the swim lessons, but you can sign up before then. On the website you can click on the swim lessons, and it will tell you where and when so you can plan ahead. Summer sign up day will be April 22nd at Metfield Clubhouse. New kids karate lessons will start on April 1st - 8 week session. Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 8th at Kingsdale Park 10:00 start - 4 age groups. Marina opens to spring hours - Monday closed.

Vandalism is picking back up. Bathrooms will start to be locked around 7:00. Scheduling the first tour of Riordan the second half of April - one a month through the summer and then moving to 2 a month. Things are going well, all rooms have been framed, drywall will be starting soon.

The park near Bluebird Trail behind Casey's and the new Phat Tire - it's in a floodplain and the park is evolving. Because we are in a floodplain, we are limited by the city on what we can do. Looking to build a low to the ground tree house area with seating. Would be installed within the mature trees. These renderings are preliminary. This will be a gift to the POA. It will be done with wood - POA will own it and maintain it continually.

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