POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

November 14, 2022, Boardroom 4:00 pm and Live Stream

Welcome/Call to Order

Visitors: None

Attendance:

Members: Deborah Lukotch, Mary-Elizabeth Jones, Brian Mickelson, Kathleen Coughlin, Matt Zimmerman, Maci Echols, Scott Dreas
Zoom: Chris Stockman

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

Board Liaisons: Jan Hagan,
Zoom: Jan Simms

Deborah called the meeting to order

Amenity Reports:

Amenity: Metfield

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

Overall Condition: Metfield Park looked good. No one was in the park due to the cold. Did notice the pickle ball courts looked great.
Area for Review: none.
Member interactions: None
Overall Condition: Metfield Complex looked to be in great shape.
Area for Review: none
Member interactions: I did speak with a member who was one of the ones uprooted from Riordan and she said that the morning yoga class was her first time at Metfield and she LOVED IT! Loved the instructor and how she made the work out into a game.

Amenity: Branchwood

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

Overall Condition: Late Friday afternoon, several walkers, one group playing disc golf. Due to colder weather most activity was indoors, pool very busy and fitness center active. Grounds in good condition, greeted with a warm inviting “welcome” when I entered the Rec Center. Water fountains not working, I assume all have been turned off for winter.
Areas for Review: None
Member Interactions: None
Additional Observations:
Trends in Pickleball:

- America’s fastest-growing sport, with 4.8 million participants, according to Sports & Fitness Industry Association Topline 2022 participation report released in February
- Grown over 39% in the past two years

- Forecast to become a quarter-billion-dollar industry by 2028
- There is a push to have it officially sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee

- Bentonville announced it is changing original plans for Creekside Park (25-acre site from SW 28th Street to SW Greenhouse Road) and adding an 8-court lighted pickleball complex.
- In October Osage Park (Peel Compton Foundation) expanded their pickleball courts from 4 to 8.
- Rogers is installing a lighted 8 court pickleball complex in their new 70-acre Mt. Hebron Park opening early next year.

Amenity: Loch Lomond Recreation Complex

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

Overall Condition: Late Friday afternoon, only 3 cars in the lot, it was in the low 40's. No changes from last month report.
Areas for Review:
The metal K9Corral sign for the small dog corral is detached from the fence and lying on the ground.
Member Interactions: None
Additional Observations: None

Amenity: Blowing Springs

Committee Member: Kathleen Coughlin
Review Month/Date: November 12, 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 really 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 of the POA employees were incredibly friendly and helpful.
Areas for Review: No areas at this time
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: November 2022

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:
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:
There are no additional observations for this report.

Amenity: Granton Park

Committee Member: Brian Mickelson
Review Month/Date: November 2022

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 noted:
Areas for Review:
The bottom of the trash receptacle located within the main picnic area is almost completely separated from the container wall due to corrosion and excessive damage. Replacement is recommended.
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:
There are no additional observations for this report.

Amenity: Lake Avalon

Committee Member: Cindy Thompson
Review Month/Date: Nothing for this month

Amenity: Riordan Hall Complex &Tennis

Committee Member: Scott Dreas
Review Month/Date: November 2022

Overall Condition:
Riordan Hall is currently closed for remodeling construction.

Kingsdale pool closed for the season. Kingsdale tennis center is in good condition. Fall leaves are back at all the Kingsdale facilities and being the nuisance that they normally are at this time of year. The windy conditions in the last few weeks have exacerbated the problem it normally poses. Even though the maintenance crew cleans off the courts in the morning by noon, more leaves have accumulated meaning members need to clean them off before they can play. Courts 1, 2, 3, and 4 are experiencing some cracking in the tennis surface as the weather has cooled off from the summer heat. Kingsdale pavilion has a large number of leaves that have accumulated under the picnic tables. Kingsdale playground also has a large number of leaves covering the playground.
Kingsdale mini-golf course has several smashed pumpkins laying around leftover from the Halloween decorating. The course also has a large amount of leaves on the holes.

Areas for Review:

Tennis courts 1, 2, 3, & 4 have some very long/large cracks that have started since the weather has cooled off. Some are by the nets; others are on the playing surface that could pose issues for players. The trees in the Kingsdale facility are a huge benefit during the spring and summer, but in the fall as the leaves fall, they create a maintenance nightmare as the courts and pavilion become a collection point for leaves. Until all the leaves fall from the trees, maintenance may need to be done a couple times in a day to keep up with the mess. The men's restroom by the Kingsdale pavilion looked like it had recently had water on the floor, the concrete was wet, but I didn't see any evidence of leaks.

Member Interactions:

I talked with a couple playing on the mini golf course. They said they normally play on the golf courses in Bella Vista but today thought they would try the mini golf course for the first time. They were trying to brush off the leaves from the holes to allow them to play better. There was also a mother with her two children enjoying the warm day on the playground and her only comment was about all the leaves on the playground.

Additional Observations: None

Amenity: Lake Ann

Committee Member: Mary-Elizabeth Jones
Review Month/Date: November 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. Porta potties appeared in use-able condition.

Areas For review: The Picnic Bench that is broken under the tree needs to be repaired, Replaced or removed

Member Interaction: It was a very cold morning but there was an older couple out walking. They like the peacefulness of this park they only wished it was warmer

Additional Observation: None

Amenity: London Park

Committee Member: Mary-Elizabeth Jones
Review Month/Date: November 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 restrooms are well maintained.

Areas For review: When will the road be fixed? It is still in not very good conditions. Also, there was what looked like building materials out by the dock. What is that for? I believe they may have turned the heat on the restrooms which made it smell funny can we get air fresheners installed in those restrooms?
Member Interaction: None
Additional Observation: None

Amenity: BV POA Shooting Range

Committee Member: Matt Zimmerman
Review Month/Date: November 2022

Overall Condition:
I visited the gun range yesterday morning and was the 4th member that day. I used the gun 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 rifle area was clean and in good order as well. Check in is very easy and they always greet you well. Signage around the area is in good shape. Bathroom was clean and in good working order. One person had showed up on the rifle range and one more was showing up as I was leaving. 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. For it being a colder day, the amenities still appear to be utilized.
Areas for Review:
Only thing I saw that needed repair was one of the two rifle racks. It could be refurbished. The other one was in good shape.
Member Interactions:
I did not get a chance to talk to any members on this trip. The one member that showed up to use the rifle range was at the far end setting up targets. The other was pulling in the parking area as I was leaving.
Additional Observations: Nothing currently.

Amenity: Tanyard Creek

Committee Member: Chris Stockman
Review Month/Date: November 2022

Overall Condition:
In general, the Tanyard Creek area looks clean, groomed and in great condition but there is a large limb

that fell onto the side cables of the suspension bridge. The volunteer group needs the POA team to chainsaw it out so they can repair the cables.

Areas for Review:

The steep trail leading to the South edge of the David Weimer bridge is suffering long term erosion and remains the biggest maintenance concern of the area's volunteer group. They decided to partially bury a railroad tie as a water bar on that trail but if it doesn't work professional help will be needed for a permanent fix.

Member Interactions:

Met vacationers from Michigan. They found their way to Tanyard creek by Googling easy hiking trails. They enjoyed their hike and the area's natural beauty.

Additional Observations:

Amenity: Trails/Greenway

Committee Member: Chris Stockman
Review Month/Date: November 2022

Overall Condition:

All trails are in great condition overall. The greenway through Blowing Springs is clean and very active. The volunteer program working in conjunction with trail staff is working well to keep up with tree falls.

Areas for Review:

The new road surface through BS looks amazing but I am seeing cars moving through the park at higher speeds pretty regularly now. This concerns me for the safety of park users.

Member Interactions:

Some disappointment expressed on social media about the Tunnel Vision reroute in the Northwest corner of the trail system which went from something special to something just ok. The circumstances that drove this seem to be understood.

Additional Observations: None

New Business:

Motion made to permit lake use for the April *Adventure Race*, passed unanimously
Motion made to use Lake Avalon for the June *Kids Triathlon Race*, passed unanimously
Motion made to cancel December amenity reviews and RJAC meeting, passed unanimously

POA Staff Reports:

Tom Judson: Budget: Kingsdale playground will happen in two waves now. Will more than likely start with the younger age equipment for the first wave. The Kingsdale pool house was not able to make it into the budget nor was the quarterly magazine. There is a delay in the new member resource building due to increased building costs - hope to make it a reality in 2024. Labor has also been a big impact - down 10% all year.

Rick Echols: Lake Avalon draw down began today - refill will happen on March 6th - disconnected the heated dock. Removing the leaf pack and gravel bar. Concrete repair happening at Tanyard Creek. Six rangers will remain on board through the winter. Tiree Park - kayak rack completed. Lake Windsor dock at the dam is almost complete - revisiting the high railing. Completed paving at Rayburn. Lake cleaning is continual. Reminder: please don't blow leaves into the lake.

1700 channel catfish released into Lake Avalon. 8,750 channel catfish released into the other lakes. 1600 striped bass as well as trout in Lake Brittany.

John Urquhart: October was a busy month, especially for rifle and pistol - up YOY 15%. Trap and skeet up 10%. November looks promising so far - classes are slowing a little bit.

Joan Glubczynski: New furniture will be installed under the new shade structure. Working on January youth programming - youth karaoke at Metfield. Blue Bird trail is being worked on, pavilion installed and parking lot on the way. Will be adding benches as well. Snow Bird new artwork is being installed. Sept. - Oct. Branchwood +11%. Metfield + 59% from the Riordan overflow. Riordan demo is underway. When we go down with power, we will lose power at the outdoor restrooms and the pavilion. Kingsdale playground: new border around the swing set and mulch. Working with vendors on new equipment for a smaller footprint. Cabins at Blowing Springs are booked and going well.

Next Committee Meeting January 9th, 4:00 pm Boardroom and Live Stream