POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

May 8, 2023 - Boardroom 4:00 pm and Live Stream

Attendance:

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

Staff: Tom Judson, Joan Glubczynski, Rick Echols

Board Liaisons: Jan Hagan, Jan Simms

Visitors: Applicants for the open committee positions:
- James Belk
- J.P. Devilliers
- Richard Taylor
- Robert Williams

Deborah called the meeting to order at 4:00

Current Business:
- Cindy Thompson resigned her position on the committee, we have three openings.
- Applicants introduced themselves and reasons for wanting to join the committee.
    - The committee will vote via email and results sent to the Tom Judson to present to the Board for approval.

Amenity Reports:

Amenity: **Metfield Recreation Complex and Clubhouse**
Committee Member: Deborah Lukotch
Review Month/Date: May 2023
Recreation Complex Overall Condition:
Sunday late afternoon, very busy. Every pickleball court in use, basketball court busy, playground very active, skills park being utilized, riders stopped for a break at the pavilion, people all over the grounds. Only thing not being used were the shuffleboard courts and the horseshoe area.
Areas for Review:
- The portable toilet was on its side; however, the restrooms are in working order and accessible.
- There are two water “spickets”, both are turned off, however one had a large pool of water under it, perhaps a leak?
    - At Loch Lomond these have a cement slab under them that prevents the ground erosion from the running water.
- At the skills park, one of the “bridges” has parts of the board breaking off. Feels sturdy. Perhaps should look at it.

Member Interactions:
On social media a POA member commented they rented the large pavilion and expected grills, which there are not any.
There are grills at the small pavilion, also near the seating around the skills park, but that is quite a bit away from the large pavilion.

Additional Observations:
There is a QR code under the trailhead sign that informs you of the Gear Garden 2 miles away, very clever!

Metfield Clubhouse Overall Condition:

- I arrived at 3:14 on Sunday, it closed at 3:00, I did not have another opportunity to go back to review.
- Since last month's meeting a POA member wrote in providing us with some ideas to correct the google situation noted last month, all information has been shared with Jessica Anson.

Amenity: **Branchwood**
Committee Member: Deborah Lukotch
Review Month/Date: May 2023
Overall Condition:
Sunday afternoon, relatively quiet. Family on playground, basketball, disc golfers, setting up inside for a private party.
Areas for Review:

- Someone created another creek walkover from the disc golf course, just behind hole #6. They laid two logs and covered them with several thin pieces of wood.

Member Interactions: Spoke to Ty, he and his friends come once a week to play wallball on the racquetball courts. This is similar to racquetball however more difficult and strenuous; you use your hands to hit a small rubber ball off the walls. It is considered a minor sport in the US, maybe 40 clubs in the US, mostly in large cities and colleges.
Additional Observations:

- A huge shout out to the maintenance team. The storm cleanup after last month's storms was very well done, no sign of washout left anywhere on the walking trail. That had to have been a lot of work.
- The "*Young Lungs at Play*" no smoking signs have been reinstalled at the playground.
- The bulletin board in the entrance has been replaced with a television monitor advertising restaurant weekly special, looks very professional.
- The front wall of the lobby has updated graphics against a blue background, very nice look.
- The entire pickleball area with new seating looks very nice, well put together, very welcoming.

Amenity: **Loch Lomond Recreation Complex**
Committee Member: Deborah Lukotch
Review Month/Date: May 2023
Overall Condition:
Sunday at 2:00, more activity than at Branchwood, very busy. Family flying kites, family picnic under one of the large trees, girls' softball team practicing, both dog parks being utilized, and the irises blooming along the walking path are beautiful. The new Astro Turf batter box/home plate looks nice and was being used.
Areas for Review: None
Member Interactions: None
Additional Observations:

- Compliments once again to the maintenance team, the clean up from last months washout from the creek overflow was well done, and it had to be a large amount of work.

Amenity: **Blowing Springs**
Committee Member: Kathleen Coughlin
Review Month/Date: May 2023
Overall Condition:
The park looked great as always, manicured, and clean. No trash to be seen. Pavilions and bathrooms were tidy and stocked.
Areas for Review:
There is still a bit of a pothole as you pull into the back parking near the Gear Garden. It looks like it might have been filled in a bit, but it appears to be washed out now. Kids were swinging from the rafters and climbing in questionable areas. Not sure if you've considered adding a sign that outlines some potential rules, so people don't get hurt.
Member Interactions:
I spoke with Susan at the front office, and she said that things have been super busy. Lots of compliments from guests and no issues to report this month. I also spoke with Warren at the Gear Garden, and he said it's already been much busier so far this year compared to last. He had a couple recommendations: A new POS system where guests can sign but it doesn't

require pro ring receipts. This would allow the line to move much more quickly. He also suggested moving the empty kegs behind the shipping container to allow for more coolers inside to carry more beer - especially the Trailhead. The new menu signs look great and much better than last year. Already out of pioneer cups - timing on receiving more?
Additional Observations: None

Amenity: **Tiree park**
Committee Member: Brian Mickelson
Review Month/Year: May 2023
Overall Condition:
The lawns are well groomed and there was little to no notable litter. The trash receptacles were being emptied. 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 on previous reports or as listed below:
Areas for Review:
Protective cover is still 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:

The restroom AC compressor vapor line Insulation has deteriorated and needs to be replaced.

This condition will cause excessive wear and premature failure of the unit.

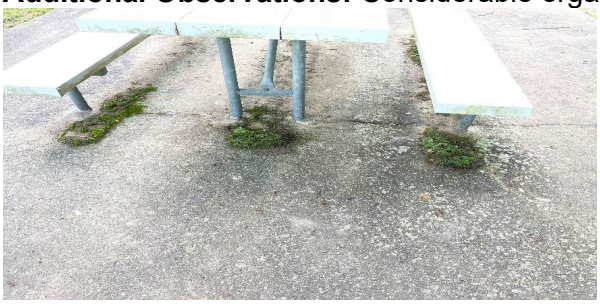
The floor drains in the restrooms are backed up and water rises when a fixture drains water. A call was placed to address the issue.

Amenity: **Granton Park**
Committee Member: Brian Mickelson
Review Month/Year: May 2023
Overall Condition:
The lawns are well groomed, and the trash receptacles are 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 on previous reports or as listed below:

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

Member Interactions:
Talked with a woman who was walking/training her dog. She is a recent transplant to Bella Vista and it was her first time at Granton Park. She said she happened on it by accident and enjoyed the quietness of the park.

Additional Observations: Considerable organic growth on far West picnic pad.



Amenity: **Lake Avalon**
Committee Member: Deborah Lukotch
Review Month/Date: May 2023
Overall Condition:
Sunday late afternoon, many young families utilizing amenities, sand volleyball, picnics, the kids love the “disc sliding swing”! Two boat trailers. The bridge to the trail looks inviting.
Areas for Review:
Quite a few branches down in the area under the tree with the seating.
Member Interactions: None
Additional Observations:
Questions:

- There is a pontoon bottom, with a flat carpeted surface tied up the kayak rack, what is it?
- No fish cleaning station, why do some parks with boat ramps have them and others not?
- There are small posts along the water edge with wooden signs, numbered, what are these used for?

Amenity: **Riordan Hall & Tennis Complex**
Committee Member: Scott Dreas
Review Month/Year: May 2023
Overall Condition:
Riordan Hall - currently closed for remodeling construction.
Kingsdale pool closed for the season. The pool covers have been removed. Chairs and lounges have been brought out and placed on the deck. The pool reception area looks ready to open for the Memorial Day weekend.
Kingsdale tennis center is in good condition. There was a lot of activity the day of my visit.
Kingsdale playground equipment is in good condition. Kingsdale mini golf course holes are clean and clear of debris and the surfaces are still in good condition. Kingsdale pavilion is in good condition.
Areas for Review:

1. 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.
2. Graffiti on the concrete floor in Kingsdale pavilion
3. Deadfall around the trees to the west of the mini-golf course
4. Deadfall around the trees by the picnic table on the playground

Member Interactions: None
Additional Observations: None

Amenity: **Lake Ann**
Committee Member: Mary Jones
Review Month/Date: May 2023
Overall Condition:
The lawns were mowed and well maintained The garbage cans were empty and the doggy bags were full.
Areas for Review:
The spigot by the pavilion is not working. Also the lights in the pavilion are not working. The water at the fish cleaning station has a slow leak and might need to be addressed.
Member Interaction: None
Additional Observation: None

Amenity: **London Park**
Committee Member: Mary-Elizabeth Jones
Review Month/Date: May 2023
Overall Condition:
The biggest area for review is the restrooms. Not only does it look like some animal has started removing some of the siding it looks like there's also some damage on the corner of the trim of the north side of the restrooms. That also looks like somebody has maybe hit the doggie bag dispenser at the entrance of the park it is leaning pretty far over.
Member Interaction:
I had no interaction this time when I was at either one of my amenities it looked like everybody was already out on the water in their boats enjoying their day.
Additional Observation: None

Amenity: **BV POA Shooting Range**
Committee Member: Matt Zimmerman
Review Month/Date: May 2023
Overall Condition:
I visited the gun range yesterday around 11am. There were 5 using the gun range. I used the rifle area and there were 3 others using it. Upon signing in I noticed that Saturday looked to have been a busy day. I asked when I signed in and he said that Saturday was a busy day. The weather was a lot warmer than the last time I went. With the nice, shaded areas to shoot from it helps from the sun. The areas were clean and in good order as usual. The mulch walking area leading into the range was in good shape. The rock walking areas were clean and clear. 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 clear and visible to anyone using the ranges. The bathroom was clean and in good working order. The parking area is maintained and clean. The grass was kept down on the range areas. The new rifle racks add to the rifle area. They were providing stakes to hold targets secure due to the winds that we have been having lately. This was nice so your target stayed upright while shooting.

Areas for Review:
I noticed that on the rifle area there were a few large wood bees flying around. May suggest looking into this. I know some people take their kids and I had my daughter with me yesterday. Nothing major at this time, but thought it was worth the mention.

Member Interactions:
I spoke to one member on the rifle range, and he said that he liked the addition of the yardage markers on the fence. He found that very useful when moving his targets to different yardages to shoot at. He was happy that they had been put up and showed thanks for it being done.
Additional Observations:
I checked the trap and skeet area entrance, and the gate was locked and secure. This is good to prevent anyone from getting back to the area while no one is present.

Amenity: **Tanyard Creek**
Committee Member: Chris Stockman
Review Month/Year: May 2023
Overall Condition:
The Tanyard Creek area is in good condition. Two busses of school kids were visiting the area when I was there on Monday morning, May 8th.
Areas for Review:
The trail closing chain blocking the steep social trail near the falls needs to be extended. The picture below shows that people are walking around the existing block and may expose the hill to erosion again.

Amenity: **Trails/Greenway**
Committee Member: Chris Stockman
Review Month/Year: May 2023
Overall Condition:
The trails are in great condition overall. The Trailblazers had an organized workday was recently to repair the Rago trail in front of the Metfield clubhouse. Twenty volunteers showed up to work under professional supervision to re-condition the trail so that rain waters flow properly to preserve the trail and surrounding area.
Trail adopters have logged 250 volunteer hours so far this year going into the busy season. Weed cutting will now dominate their work through the summer.
The Snow Bird trail is getting a lot of positive talk on social media. A porta-Poti is requested here.
Areas for Review: None

POA Staff Reports:

Tom Judson: Extremely busy in all areas. Activity cards are extremely popular again this year - golf and activity cards are outpacing the previous year. Vote for the POA board if you haven't yet. May16th is the next Riordan Hall Tour at 3:00 - same day at 6pm in the boardroom is the annual meeting.

Rick Echols: Approve Lake Windsor 4ft draw down Nov.6-March 11th. Should be down by early Dec. POA rangers have seen an uptick in April 3097 up from 1419 in March and up from 1735 in April of 2022. Boat registrations are now past due. Starting to see teenage groups and some problems - drag racing at the damn. Will be locking the dam from noon until 7 in the morning. Ground maintenance crew has been busy. New kayak rack is complete at Lake Anne. Also replacing rotten boards on various docks around the POA. Potential for some short-term grounds maintenance needs - summer work that may lead into something more year round. Both gun ranges have been well attended. April was a record for revenue for April. All upcoming classes are full. Lakes ecology dept are hard at work. Completed one of our aquaculture ponds. Successful open house - 150 people in attendance. Spring fish sampling is complete. Yearly kids fishing derby is May 30th at Metfield Clubhouse Pond from 7:30-noon. Open to kids from 3-15.

Joan Glubczynski: Marina is up and running - new merchandise to check out. Shout out to Trey for being so amazing. Vandalism is continuing to be a big problem across POA amenities - if you see something, say something. Next Riordan Tour on May 16th at 3:00 - if you can't make it there is a video you can watch. Pools are the highest maintenance amenity next to golf - it takes a long time to get them up and running. Bringing in new white sand next week to the beach at Avalon. New floatable dock will be made - will no longer have the inflatable. Major damage at Metfield and other locations from the windstorm - everything has been repaired. All tennis courts are power washed along with the deck. Crazy Willy's ice cream truck will be at Tanyard Creek 4 days a week. Youth Triathlon registration will be open May 1st. They are also doing a clinic that's being run by a third party. Will be at Lake Avalon on June 20th. Still openings for swim lessons and swim team, same with tennis and paddle board camps. Presented two playground equipment options for the Kingsdale playground. This would be a two-phase project. Committee gave their feedback on the options.

Next Committee Meeting June 12th, 4:00 pm Boardroom and Live Stream