POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

June 10, 2023 - Boardroom 4:00 pm and Live Stream

Welcome/Call to Order

Attendance:

Members: Mary Jones, Brian Mickelson, Scott Dreas, Chris Stockman, Kathleen Coughlin, Matt Zimmerman, J.P. Devilliers, Richard Taylor, Robert Williams, Deborah Lukotch

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

Board Liaisons: Jan Hagan

Current Business:

- Welcome new Committee Members:
  - J.P. Devilliers
  - Richard Taylor
  - Robert Williams
- Thank you, Scott Dreas, for your community service as he completes his term on the committee.

Amenity Reports:

Amenity: **Metfield Recreation Complex and Clubhouse**
Committee Member: Kathleen Coughlin
Review Month/Date: June 2023
Recreation Complex Overall Condition:
The grounds were clean and manicured. All the pickle ball courts were in use and the playground was busy.
Areas for Review: None
Member Interactions: None
Additional Observations:
The two shuffleboard courts could be repurposed into something else or taken out.

Metfield Clubhouse Overall Condition:
The gym was about ⅓ of the way full. The facility was clean and tidy. I spoke with Hayden at the front desk and she said everything had been going really well and nothing to report on.

Amenity: **Branchwood**
Committee Member: Deborah Lukotch
Review Month/Date: June 2023
Overall Condition:
Sunday afternoon, very quiet, a group playing disc golf, few walkers, indoor fitness area was busy.
Areas for Review:

- A portion of the walkway heading from the playground to the basketball court is breaking away.
- The score keeper on pickleball court 6 is broken off the fence and laying on the ground.

- There is a large dead tree along the walking path, with a large limb over the walkway. Should look at for removal.

Member Interactions:
Spoke to member Kenny, he walks Branchwood or Loch Lomond every day and finds the facilities to be in very good condition, enjoys the area.
Additional Observations:
Should consider placing the disc golf course signs on a list for future replacement as they are showing signs of mold and age.

Sidewalk surface deteriorating

Potential for limb to fall on walkway

Disc course signs showing mold and age

Amenity: **Loch Lomond Recreation Complex**
Committee Member: Deborah Lukotch
Review Month/Date: June 2023
Overall Condition:
Sunday afternoon, only 3 cars when I arrived. As I was leaving a large group was gathering on the softball field.
Areas for Review:

- There was a large quantity of water pooling on the field along the 3rd base line.
- The flag is showing signs of wear, should be retired, and replaced.
- Spider webs forming on the ceiling in the ladies restroom.
- There is a pile of construction debris from the pond work.

Member Interactions:
Spoke with Linda and her mom, they were walking. Enjoy the area, concerned about reports of break ins, and the raised areas on the walking path from tree roots are difficult to maneuver with her walker.
Additional Observations:
Are there plans for a fence around the aqua culture ponds and enhancements to the overall aesthetics of that area?

Flag showing signs of wear and tear

Spider webs ladies restroom

Construction Debris

Amenity: **Blowing Springs**
Committee Member: Kathleen Coughlin
Review Month/Date: June 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: None
Member Interactions:
I spoke with Lisa at the front office, she said that things have been super busy. Lots of compliments from guests and no issues to report this month. The Gear Garden was closed but I'm loving the events (Food Truck Friday, Family Saturday, and Jazz Sunday).
Additional Observations: None

Amenity: **Tiree park**
Committee Member: Brian Mickelson
Review Month/Year: June 2023
Overall Condition:
Considerable activity was observed at the boat ramp/parking area with several boats being launched and retrieved. 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:
"NO PARKING" sign folded over at the east side of boat ramp. The top seal is beginning to fail on the water spigot located at the southwest edge of the main parking area.

A large branch has separated from the dead tree west of the main parking area.

Member Interactions:
A local woman and her son along with their three dogs were recreating and enjoying the water on the north shoreline of the park. They stated that they have been utilizing the park in this

manner for the past two years since their arrival in Bella Vista and viewed the amenity in a positive way. I spoke with two sisters who were loading their kayaks in a truck in the parking lot. They were new residents in the village and asked several questions about kayaking on the lakes and they also made me aware they were stopped by a ranger for lack of boat registration. They liked the park and were looking forward to checking out the other amenities that I mentioned to them during our conversation.

Additional Observations:

There are no additional observations for this report.

Amenity: **Granton Park**
Committee Member: Brian Mickelson
Review Month/Year: June 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:

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 canine waste bag dispenser with signage has been installed near the outhouse.

Amenity: **Lake Avalon**
Committee Member: Scott Dreas
Review Month/Date: June 2023

Overall Condition:

The beach looked amazing. All the work put in by Joan and Rick's teams during the off-season was very noticeable and obvious. The beach had beautiful clean white sand the water in the swimming area was clear and clean. I looked at all the outbuildings used for storage and the

office and everything looked new and freshly painted. The umbrellas were all in good condition and showed no signs of wear, the picnic area under the trees was clean and clear and all the tables, chairs, and benches were in good condition. The kayaks and paddleboards also looked to be in very good condition. There were several kids jumping off the new dock in the deep end of the swimming area and from the sounds of laughter they were having a great time. The zip rail was in good condition and the zip swings moved freely on the rails in both directions. It looked like some children had some fun playing with sidewalk in and around the pavilion.

Areas for Review:

1. Looks like a smiley face was drawn in chalk on the side of the pavilion facing the beach.
2. Some chalk art on the sidewalks around the pavilion

Member Interactions:

Talked to a member that has just lived in Bella Vista for a year and half and this was her first visit to the Beach. She was with her mom and dad who were visiting from Arizona and her 10-year-old and 3-year-old children. She was very impressed with the beach and lamented not visiting the amenity last year. She said they would be coming to the beach many more times this year. She also mentioned that she went to the Kingsdale pool last week for the first time and really like that pool. The previous summer she had taken her children to the Metfield pool, so visiting the Kingsdale for the first-time last week was enjoyable for them. She really liked the kids wading pool at Kingsdale.

Additional Observations:

None

Pictures of Areas for Review:

Pavilion and sidewalks

Amenity: **Riordan Hall & Tennis Complex**

Committee Member: Scott Dreas

Review Month/Year: June 2023

Overall Condition:

Riordan Hall - currently closed for remodeling construction.

Summertime is in full swing at the Kingsdale recreation complex. All the amenities minus Riordan Hall are open and seeing lots of visitors. Kingsdale pool is now open for the summer. I ran into Jessica at the pool, and we talked about how many swimmers have been in the pool since it opened Memorial Day weekend. She commented that on the day of my visit, attendance was lighter than previous days, but overall, they have had more swimmers in the first two weeks this year compared to last year. The pool facility looks great, and I didn't see anything that needed attention.

Kingsdale tennis center is in good condition. I was able to talk to Jake for a little bit and he informed me that all the light bulbs that were not working around the tennis courts had been replaced the day before my visit. The tennis center was very busy on Memorial Day weekend with 54 tennis players participating in the Memorial Day mixer event. The Cancer Challenge was set to start the day after I made my visit and will be concluded by the time I present this report. Jake said that 70 tennis players had already signed up for the Cancer Challenge and they were still taking late applicants. The Cancer challenge started on Thursday night (6/8) and ran all day Friday (6/9). Kingsdale playground equipment is in good condition. There were several children playing on the playground and getting pushes from parents in the swings on the day of my visit. 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 pair of groundhogs that seem to have found a home in the drains that come out under tennis courts 5 & 6 – may need some kind of barrier at the end of drains to prevent animals from building a nest that may back up the drains and not allow them to function properly.
2. Graffiti on the backside of the soda machine in Kingsdale Pavilion – Jessica mentioned she has talked with machine dispenser company, and they are not responding to requests to eliminate the graffiti.
3. All the grills in the Kingsdale Pavilion have ashes in the bottom that should be cleaned out.
4. Deadfall around the trees near the horseshoe pits
5. Mini golf course hole #15 – the carpeting at the beginning edge of the hole is starting to come up.
6. The plastic ball bucket at the start of the mini golf course is broken and the balls are falling out.

Member Interactions:

Talked to a mom pushing her daughter on the swings on the playground and she commented how nice and shady this playground is. She said she was looking forward to going to the pool with her husband that evening after he finished with work.

Additional Observations:

This is a suggestion for the 2025 budget as the 2024 budget items may already be in the planning stages at this time. My suggestion is to build a zip rail feature similar to what exists at the Beach at Avalon, in place of the shuffleboard court next to Riordan Hall. Another good place for a zip rail feature would be the open grassy area beside the playground the sidewalk going to the mini golf course.

Pictures of Areas for Review:

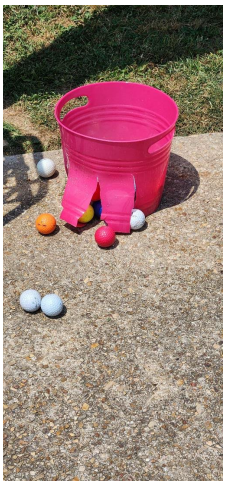
Groundhogs in drain by courts 5 & 6

Graffiti on soda machine

Ashes in grills at Kingsdale Pavilion

Mini golf course hole #15

Broken ball bucket mini golf



Deadfall by horseshoe pits

Amenity: **Lake Ann**
Committee Member: Mary Jones
Review Month/Date: June 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 fish cleaning station has a water leak.
Member Interaction: None
Additional Observation: None

Amenity: **London Park**
Committee Member: Mary-Elizabeth Jones
Review Month/Date: June 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.
Member Interaction: None
Additional Observation: None

Amenity: **BV POA Shooting Range**
Committee Member: Matt Zimmerman
Review Month/Date: June 2023
Overall Condition:
The walking and parking areas were in good shape. Bathrooms were in good shape and targets nicely stacked.
Areas for Review: None
Member Interactions:
Spoke to a dad and how much he likes to take his son there and to teach him gun safety.

Additional Observations: Good info on the BV website

Amenity: **Tanyard Creek**
Committee Member: Chris Stockman
Review Month/Year: June 2023
Overall Condition:
This report was prepared by volunteer leader Randy Hamm and sent to Rick Echols. It is being provided here for entry into committee record.
Tanyard volunteers have entered our summer schedule and will be cleaning the trail weekly as well as keeping up with overhanging foliage, weed eating around signs and benches, and managing poison ivy incursions near the trail. We are also very close to being caught up on the changeover to more long-lasting signs and will be continuing that project into the summer. In addition, here is a list of projects we accomplished during the spring work sessions just completed.
1. Beefed up several water diversion structures to cut down on trail erosion problems
2. Changed in excess of 100 signs to a longer-lasting system. We expect to be caught up sometime this summer.
3. Re-painted all 20 benches and touched up a couple of bridges
4. Re-routed a piece of trail at the far north end of the park and re-planted a bench to avoid a section of cliff that is slowly being eroded away by the creek
5. Relocated and re-secured the chain bridge to its original position after it broke its chain in high water and floated about a hundred yards downstream
6. Cleared several culverts of gravel and other debris
7. Replanted several signposts
Areas for Review:
A POA crew accomplished a very effective erosion fix just upstream from the Weimer bridge a few months back. The more serious and longstanding erosion problem a few dozen yards upstream from that is still a problem.
We have slowed an asphalt erosion problem at the north end of the Weimer bridge by constructing a kind of cement bag retaining wall. We're hoping that asphalt could be applied on top of the hardened concrete bags sometime when POA crews are working on asphalt roads or paths. Phots below.

Backlog Issues:
The water fountain has not yet been re-installed between the bathrooms, and neither outside faucet (at the dog bowl and near the pavilion) is working.

The fallen tree referenced below has not been taken care of. It is just upstream from the telephone pole bridge.

Amenity: **Trails/Greenway**
Committee Member: Chris Stockman
Review Month/Year: June 2023
Overall Condition:
The trails are in good condition overall.
Areas for Review:
I'm getting reports that private feeder trails are confusing trail users. Worn in feeders are appearing as unsigned intersections and without visibility to where one or the other goes users are finding themselves confused and going the wrong way.

POA Staff Reports:

Tom Judson: 2024 budget planning is coming up. Committee recommendations due in August. In many cases these recommendations are capital but can also be operational. Focus on the needs.

Rick Echols: The Lake Windsor drawdown will now start on Oct. 23rd - two weeks early. The city requested an earlier date to take care of the Chelsea culvert repair. March 11th, we begin to refill the lake. POA rangers have been busy. May: 5,711 contacts - 735 non-members removed - 633 contacts by boat - 88 hrs. on the water. Up from 3097 in April and up about 200 the same time last year. Grounds maintenance is busy - had to staff the gun range on occasion. Continue to replace boards at various docks. Installed new grills at various locations. Sprayed the weeds at Blowing Springs. Removed no-wake buoys from the no-wake lakes. Tidying up the eye clutter on the lakes. Repositioned buoys as well that had moved around. Installed a doggy bag dispenser at the Blue Bird Trail Park. Replaced the electrical cover at Tiree. Lake ecology has been busy. Aquaculture ponds are complete. Kids fishing derby was successful - had about 70 kids there.

John Urquhart: Really busy at both ranges. The month of May was up 55% YOY for attendance. Just completed The Cancer Challenge - 120 trap shooters - nighttime youth shoot. Thank you to the staff that worked that night. Classes are slowing with the heat. Still open spots in the classes.

Joan Glubczynski: Lake Avalon beach - brought in 125 tons of white sand to rebuild the beach. Sidewalk chalk is done by Joan and the lifeguards. Yoga on the beach started last week. Kids triathlon is coming up a week from Saturday at Lake Avalon. Expecting 70-90 kids. Variety of other camps are coming up - paddleboard and tennis. BVRC - next tour is June 20th at 3:00. Signage is being mocked up. All time high tennis mixer - another one on July 4th. Grass roots trail event on June 26th - all wrapped at 1:00 - stage up front at Blowing Springs. Jessica: Pools are super busy. Toddler and Me sessions - first swim lesson sessions are complete. Offering 5 water classes. Swim team has kicked off - 127 swimmers. Swim meet this Saturday and another one in July - 7:00-10:45. Hosting golf and tennis camps throughout the weeks.

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