POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

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

Welcome/Call to Order

Attendance:

Members: Mary-Elizabeth Jones, Brian Mickelson, Chris Stockman, Kathleen Coughlin, Matt Zimmerman, James Belk, J.P. Devilliers (zoom), Richard Taylor, Robert Williams, Deborah Lukotch

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

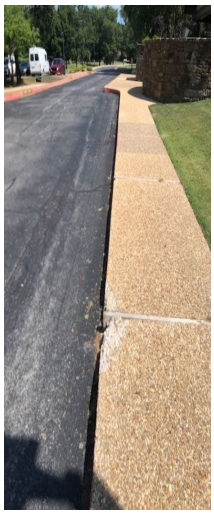
Board Liaisons: Jackie Gain, Jan Hagan, and Mike Abb

Amenity Reports:

Amenity: **Metfield Recreation Complex and Clubhouse**
Committee Member: **Robert Williams**
Review Month/Date: **July 2023**
Recreation Complex
Overall Condition:
The main facility looks great overall. The main fitness area was being used by members. At times it gets a bit crowded in the exercise room, but traffic moves pretty smoothly from station to station.

- Pavilion was being used by a small group and children playing on the playground equipment.
- The Pickleball courts weren't being used at the time, but they are in spectacular condition.
- The pool was being used by several young families with children and looked great.

Areas for Review:
Fitness Building**: t**he sidewalk in front of the building closest to the parking lot is chipping away (pictures provided). The door to the men's room doesn't always close because the door is not sitting square in the frame (picture provided).
Member Interactions:
Several contacts were made with members, and all were very positive, as well as the staff.
Additional Observations:



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

Overall Condition:
Sunday afternoon, very quiet, largest group were disc golf players. The sidewalk deterioration noted last month has been corrected.

Areas for Review:
- The swings could use a shot of WD-40
- There is still, or a new, makeshift bridge over the creek on the disc course, near hole 6.

Member Interactions:
Spoke to two members that had been “practicing” pickleball. Remarked how helpful Nicole, Rec Center Mgr., had been awhile back when they expressed concerns over mud puddling near pickleball court and it was corrected with gravel and pavers. They commented they didn’t know how to get shuffleboard equipment, however, preferred it be turned into an additional pickleball court.

Additional Observations:
Richard noticed that the gate to enter the 4 pickleball courts on the west side is located in the middle of the court. Suggest the gate be moved in between the courts. During busy times, it creates a constant disruption of play for the people on that court and creates a safety issue when people enter during play. We will add this to our budget recommendations and have it prioritized.

Makeshift bridge crossing creek on course

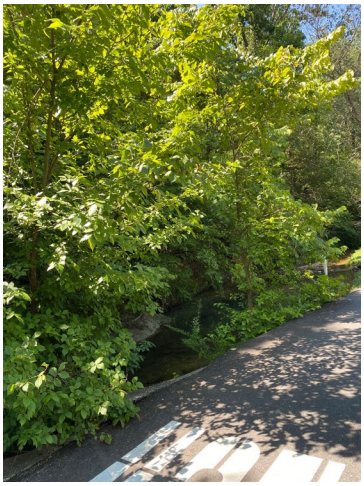
Amenity: **Loch Lomond Recreation Complex**
Committee Member: **Deborah Lukotch**
Review Month/Date: **July 2023**
Overall Condition:
Sunday afternoon, an extremely quiet day. Debris noted last month from construction has been removed.
Areas for Review:

- Spider webs in lady's restroom around light fixture
- Toilet in the lady's restroom furthest in has difficulty flushing then runs consistently.

Member Interactions: None.
Additional Observations: None

Amenity: **Blowing Springs**
Committee Member: **Kathleen Coughlin**
Review Month/Date: **July 2023**
Overall Condition:
The park looked great as always, manicured and clean. No trash to be seen. Pavilions, bathrooms, and doggie bags were tidy and stocked.
Areas for Review:
There are some trees along the road that could be trimmed back to give cars the full road.
Member Interactions:
I spoke with Lisa at the front office, and she said that things have been super busy and no complaints. Lots of compliments from members and visitors. I spoke with Larry and Wendy that were running the gear garden during jazz night last night and they also said things have been really running smoothly. A faster POS is still needed - printing two receipts for each transaction which is slowing the line down. At its peak there were probably around 100 people there so that can add up. New signs for the menu are also needed and have been requested. I spoke with four different groups - all happened to be locals - and they are really enjoying the fun programming this year as well as the food trucks which were the two biggest themes of feedback from last year so thank you for addressing those.
Additional Observations:

More bike racks could be useful by the bathrooms still and also by the parking lot fence where people tend to line their bikes up. I'm adding these to my budget recommendations but also another service window might help to save time. I'm excited to see the new tables that are going up front in place of the concrete ones.
On another note I wanted to give a big thank you to Joan and Ash in marketing for promoting the lake Windsor boat parade. We had a great turn out and a lot more spectators this year.



Amenity: **Tiree park**
Committee Member: **Brian Mickelson**
Review Month/Year: **July 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:
A mature tree at the southern tip of the main parking lot by the picnic table should be evaluated for its overall integrity/health.

Member Interactions:

A couple was sitting on the dock while their son swam at the boat ramp. They stated that they visit the park a couple times a month and enjoyed the amenity. The man stated that he was concerned about the condition of the dock as it was buckled and unlevel.
Also spoke with a local retired couple that were walking their small dogs. They said they visit the park at least twice a week and use it for walking and launching their boat.

Additional Observations:
There are no additional observations for this report.

Amenity: **Granton Park**
Committee Member: **Brian Mickelson**
Review Month/Year: **July 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:
The trash receptacle at the west picnic tables still needs replacement. This discrepancy was previously mentioned in the November 2022 report.

One of the western most grills is continuing to corrode, creating greater cavities in the grill's bottom plate. This discrepancy was previously mentioned in the October 2022 report.

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: **J.P. Devilliers**
Review Month/Date: **July 2023**

Overall Condition:
Visited the park in the late afternoon of July 4th. Park was busy. When we got there no-one was on the Zip lines, so family used them and loved it, when we left others were using it. The toilets were clean but well used, with some paper on the floor. Ladies' toilet had no toilet paper. The men's toilet was very hot. There seems to be a vent/ac (See photo) but I think it was not working.
Spoke to Charles in the kiosk, he said there were only about 25% of the crowd left, from the midday high. No issues at all with the crowd and everyone seemed to enjoy the day. Charles himself said it was his 2nd year at the facility and he really liked working there. I liked his approach which showed he was empowered to do the right thing for the guests, to make their time at the beach valuable, for example that late in the day he was not going to charge us for coming in.

Areas for Review:

1. There seems to be a lot of underwater weeds along the right bank, below where the deck is that can be rented. It takes away from the overall pristine look of the beach. I think it should be removed if possible. (See Photo)
2. The hours could be extended to sunset, there were lots of people enjoying the beach until well after 6:30, it seems wrong to close it at 7:00 at this tie of the year, when the sun is still high in the sky. Probably the best time of the day when the heat is starting to abate.

Member Interactions:

Additional Observations: None

Amenity: **Riordan Hall & Tennis Complex**
Committee Member: **Richard Taylor**
Review Month/Year: **July 2023**
Overall Condition:
Tennis Center
Overall Condition:
I visited the tennis facility on several occasions during the month. The overall condition of the facility is good. When I visited on June 18th there were several windscreens that were down due to the recent storm. The windscreens were repaired within a couple of days.
Areas for Review:
Courts 7 and 8 have dead spots in the court where the ball does not bounce. They will probably need to be resurfaced at some point in the near future. In speaking with tennis players, some were wondering why there is no longer water on the courts. Prior to Covid, water was provided on the courts. Also, there were players that would like the shop opened a bit earlier. It typically opens at 8:00 a.m. and there are players arriving earlier than that during the summer.
Pools
Overall Condition: I visited the pools on June 18th and all three pools had a lot of activity. Everything seemed to be in good shape, and everyone was enjoying the pools.
Areas for Review: None at this time.
Mini Golf
Overall Condition: I visited the Mini Golf on June 18th, and it was in good condition. There were several families there enjoying the course. Many of the holes run downhill from the tee and it is a bit difficult to set your ball down and keep it from running downhill. The putter stand seemed to have too many putters along with a 3 iron, a 7 iron, and a child's driver in the stand. Areas for Review: I would suggest culling out about half of the putters and removing any other clubs not appropriate for the mini golf course. It could be a safety issue if young kids decide to

hit golf balls with lofted clubs around the park. Also, I think it would be nice to install some rubber mats that could be used as teeing area to keep the ball from rolling when it is placed on the tee.

Playground and other areas

Overall Condition:

On June 18th I walked the other areas and found the Playground to be busy with lots of kids enjoying the playground. It was in good shape. The Pavilion was also in good shape. The bathrooms were clean. The basketball net needed to be rehung as it had come loose from the rim. The shuffleboard courts need painting, and the horseshoe pit has tree branches overhanging over it and one of the stakes is bent at a 45 degree angle.

Areas for Review:

The horseshoe pit needs to have the tree trimmed and the stake straightened if it is ever used anymore. If not, we should probably just remove the stakes. The shuffleboard court is in need of a paint job if it is going to be used.

Amenity: **Lake Ann**
Committee Member: **Mary Jones**
Review Month/Date: **July 2023**

Overall Condition:

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

Areas for Review:

Picnic/ dock area far East side Lake Ann: Everything looked fantastic at this park. The only thing that needed to be addressed is that the lights are not working in the picnic shelter.
By the dam/waterfall area West side: Everything looked good and well maintained.

Member Interaction: None

Additional Observation: None

Amenity: **London Park**
Committee Member: **Mary Jones**
Review Month/Date: **July 2023**

Areas for Review:

The women's restroom has a leak underneath the toilet it looks like the ring needs to be replaced (picture is attached). The road coming into the park also needs to be addressed; there is some washout still there. And it looks as if the shelter where the siding is getting worn off has not been addressed either.

Member Interactions:

I had the pleasure of visiting with two ladies that were kayaking on Lake Windsor from London Park. They talked about kayak launches on some of the other lakes other than just Loch Lomond would be nice. They really like London Park.

Additional Observation: None

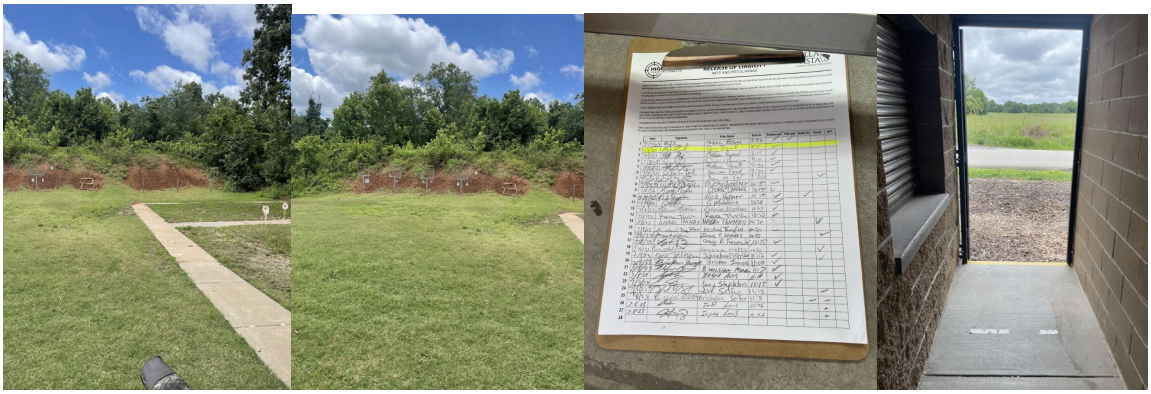
Amenity: **BV POA Shooting Range**
Committee Member: **Matt Zimmerman**
Review Month/Date: **July 2023**

Overall Condition:
I visited the gun range on Saturday around noon. The gun range and rifle ranges were packed. There was someone at every station on the rifle range and most of the stations on the gun range. I was the 28th person to sign on this day. The weather was warmer and it seemed people were getting out to use the amenity. The areas were clean and in good order as usual. The walking areas leading into the range were in good shape considering the storms overnight. The parking lot was in good shape. The entrance and sign in the area were clean and in good order. Targets were nicely stacked that were not in use. The gun/rifle range area was clean and in good order as well. The bathroom was clean and in good working order. Concrete and wood areas are in good shape. Signs for the range are in good shape and look good. Gates that lock up the range are in good shape. The surrounding fence is nice and looks good. The concrete and wood shooting areas for the rifle range are in good shape. The covered area for the pistol range is in good condition and the walkways were clear.

Areas for Review:
First thing is that 2 of the metal squares for the targets on the shooting range had been knocked off and would need to be put back up. (Photos attached.)
The second thing is I noticed some smaller branches in the area by the check-in building that were down. I imagine that was from the storms that we had in the early morning hours.

Member Interactions:
I spoke to a husband and wife, and they said that they enjoy the gun range and use it a lot. They said that it is a good place to come practice as they do shooting events.

Additional Observations:
I noticed that when I was leaving the pistol range that people that were using the range were sweeping up the casings with the provided brooms/pans. This is good that people using the amenity do this which helps keep the areas clean.



Amenity: **Tanyard Creek**
Committee Member: **Chris Stockman**
Review Month/Year: **July 2023**
Overall Condition:
The Tanyard Creek area is in good condition. The pavilion and restrooms and dog watering area are in good order. I visited on a Sunday evening and the parking lot was still full. Many folks were splashing in the creek and families were dominant among those that were hiking the trails.
Areas for Review:
Nothing is out of the ordinary for review at this time.

Amenity: **Trails/Greenway**
Committee Member: **Chris Stockman**
Review Month/Year: **July 2023**
Overall Condition:
The trails are in good condition overall.
Areas for Review:
Trees along the greenway near the Blowing Springs camping registration building need a little trim. Light branches have grown into the trail at head height and are starting to slap the bike riders.

Open Discussion:

- Chris wanted to open a discussion around the balance of events at Blowing Springs, while still being able to maintain the line of customers *and* beauty of the space.
- Kathleen to meet with Ash and Sydney next week to discuss. Kathleen is also reaching out to Tommy Lee to share the Gear Garden feedback she is receiving.
- The consensus is to not to grow the venue at the Blowing Spring, it will ruin its “ambience”, however, take the success as a sign our members are clamoring for more outdoor venues or amphitheater type amenities and consider that in long term planning.

New Business:

- Nomination and election for officers, the following were approved unanimously:
    - Deborah Lukotch: Chairman
    - Kathleen Coughlin: Vice Chairman
    - Richard Taylor: Secretary

- 2024 Recreation amenities budget: Joan Glubczynski

Location/Dept	Project	Estimated cost	Est Completion date	
050 - Tennis Center Redo 2 Courts (delayed for 5 years		$ 240,000.00	April, 2024	
046- KD Pool	Renovate Pool House	$ 225,000.00	May, 2024	
046- KD Pool	Adult Pool Deck, surface and coping	$ 175,000.00	May, 2024	
046- KD Pool	New Playground Phase II	$ 150,000.00	April, 2024	
045 -Metfield	Pickleball Shade Structure	$ 11,000.00	March, 2024	
053 -BW Park	BB court resurfacing	TBD	April, 2024	
046 -Met Park	BB court resurfacing	TBD	April, 2024	
049 - Marina	Boat Motor (was not cap but now is)	$ 12,000.00	March, 2024	
	TOTAL	**$ 573,000.00**		

- Rec committee is in the process of submitting their 2024 budget recommendations - due Aug.

POA Staff Reports:

Rick Echols:
The Lake Windsor drawdown will now start on Oct. 16th - Feb. 19th. The city requested an earlier date to take care of the Chelsea culvert repair. 8,121 contacts in the month of June. 582 folks removed and that's relatively low. Still looking for expired boat registrations. Helping in other areas - Blowing Springs and the Gun Range. Tree repair from the storms - using a chipper to handle the tree removal. Lake fertilizations over the past month. Broken water line at Tanyard Creek has been fixed twice. Trimming trees at Lomond Park. Dock board replacement at various parks. Placed gravel. Tough to stay fully staffed - still have some new rangers and looking to bring on one more. A third staff member is scuba certified now. Lake's ecology - continue to monitor the lakes and the safety of our lakes monthly.

John Urquhart:
Really busy June and cooling off now in July. Catching up on maintenance tasks. We didn't hit the attendance record in June - that's only because last June was so good - only missed by 38. Concealed carry classes have been full. Now offered every two weeks. Ready to go when it gets busy again starting again in Sept.

Joan Glubczynski/Jessica Anson:
The Youth Triathlon was a big success - well organized with around 85 kids. Potential to do this again next year. Splash Down - winner was 4 - super fun event. Sand Fest - super busy and huge success - sand castle competition and limbo. July 4th tennis mixer went great. Marina was super busy on July 3rd for the fireworks. The next BVRC tour will be Tuesday July 18th at 3:00pm - just show up, no need to make a reservation. Pickleball courts - keep your eyes out for vandalism. Still ongoing vandalism at Metfield park. Pavilion rentals are going strong. The KD pavilion was put on hold because of the remodel but will be re-open soon. Three tennis camps this summer and paddle board camp coming up the last week of July.

Next Committee Meeting August 14th, 4:00 pm Boardroom and Live Stream