POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

September 11, 2023 - Boardroom 4:00 pm and Live Stream

Welcome/Call to Order

Attendance:

Members: Brian Mickelson, Chris Stockman, Kathleen Coughlin, JP Devilliers, Richard Taylor, Robert Williams, Deborah Lukotch

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

Board Liaisons: Jackie Gain

Visitor/Guest: None

Current Business:

- Trailblazer monthly usage statistics

New Business: None

Amenity Reports:

Amenity: **Metfield Center**
Committee Member: **Robert Williams**
Review Month/Year: **September 2023**

Overall Condition: As always, the fitness center looked great inside and out. I noticed; however, the planters are being used as cigarette disposal stations (picture). The pavilion areas were clean and not in use at the time. Pool area looked great, and I was informed that Trey Anson is repairing the damage to one of the larger shade canopies. The pickleball courts were in use and there were several matches going on.

Areas for Review: I noticed in the fitness room that one of the benches is splitting at the top edge of the vinyl wrap around that probably needs a patch of some sort before it gets worse. (picture)
Around the back side of the pool building the recycle bin is missing its lid. (picture)
I noticed the playground is eroding significantly with bicycle tracks and water runoff. It would require a quick grading of the soil to correct. If it was just overlaid with mulch chips, I believe those would wash away in the deeper channels pretty quickly. (picture)

Member Interactions: As I stated earlier, there were several members at the pickleball courts, and they offered some insight and suggestions. They love the courts and wish or hope there are more planned. They did suggest another gathering area on the west side of the courts with benches and a few of the shade umbrellas like the ones currently on the north side. They mentioned it gets a bit crowded with just the one area. They also hoped the POA could arrange classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced someday.

Additional Observations: I noticed two shuffleboard platforms that are obviously not being used. Could we set up a net and those be used as an overflow or practice courts for pickleball? I mentioned it to a few members who thought that would be a great idea. (picture)

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

Overall Condition: Arrived at 11 am Saturday, the most activity was taking place on the walking trail, followed by the indoor fitness center, then the disc golf course.

Areas for Review:

- The dead tree across from disc golf hole 3 has begun to drop limbs onto the walking path.
- There is a tree limb too low to walk under over the walking path across from disc golf hole 13.

Member Interactions: None

Additional Observations: None

Amenity: **Loch Lomond Recreation Complex**
Committee Member: **Deborah Lukotch**
Review Month/Date: **September 2023**

Overall Condition: Noon Saturday, very little activity at the park. According to signs, the large dog park will be closed September 12th and 13th for fence repairs.

Areas for Review:

- The toilet in the ladies' handicap stall is not working properly, continues to run.
- The large dog park has large areas of dirt, no grass. Will it be seeded this Fall?

Member Interactions: None.

Additional Observations: There are two wrought iron chairs upside down "planted" in the dirt inside the large dog park.

Large dog park, large areas lacking grass

Furniture "planted" in the ground upside down

Amenity: **Blowing Springs**
Committee Member: **Kathleen Coughlin**
Review Month/Date: **September 2023**

Overall Condition:
The park looked great, as usual. The grounds were manicured and clean and the trails were cleared. I popped in a few times over the last month but most recently last night for jazz.

Areas for Review:
The bathrooms and trash could use some more attention during the busy days, especially event and holiday weekends like Labor Day where there is a lot of traffic.
There is a big fire pit that sits really close to the shipping container - I'm worried that it's in the way and could be a hazard (picture attached)
It might be helpful to have a larger signage that calls out "No outside alcohol" to prevent people from bringing it in during operating hours.

Member Interactions:

I spoke with Susan at the front office when I pulled in and she said everything has been going well - getting lots of bookings for the fall which is great. She also said people have loved the Gear Garden and the weekend events this year. I also spoke with Wendy and Larry at the Gear Garden along with three other members.

Additional Observations: Quite a few members had feedback on the music and the plan for ambient music. Some mentioned they would like to see a survey go out so members can agree on the type of music that will be played. A lot of members go there to enjoy nature and when they want to listen to music - they plan on going during one of the weekend events.
I feel like we are nearing a tipping point in capacity as more and more people find out about the weekend events like jazz Sunday. How do we continue to keep parking organized, outside alcohol out, lines manageable, etc.

Amenity: **Tiree Park**
Committee Member: **Brian Mickelson**
Review Month/Year: **September 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. Restrooms were stocked, relatively clean, and in good and functional 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:
Premature degradation to the roofing material and soffit were observed at the southwest end of the restroom building. This condition is likely caused by excessive heat within the roof structure due to a lack of appropriate ventilation.

Amenity: **Granton Park**
Committee Member: **Brian Mickelson**

Review Month/Year: **September 2023**

Overall Condition:
The lawns are well groomed, and the trash receptacles are being emptied. Mutt Mitts were available. 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:

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

Member Interactions:
Talked with a long-term resident who lives close to the park, and she stated that she walks her dogs there every day. She was pleased when the Mutt Mitt dispenser was installed because she sometime forgets to bring her own baggies and said she was appreciative of the volunteers that advise on the Recreational JAC.
Also spoke with a newer resident who has been using the park to exercise his dog and he stated that he was enjoying the amenity and had no recommendation for improvement at this time.

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

Amenity: **Lake Avalon**
Committee Member: **J.P. DeVilliers**
Review Month/Date: **September 2023**

Overall Condition:
The beach is closed for the season. The surroundings are pristine, the ablutions were very clean and all inworking order. Two ladies and their children were playing volleyball and children using the zip lines. The island dock has been properly anchored, thank you.

Areas for Review: None

Member Interactions: None

Additional Observations: The sidewalk outside the toilets were used for chalk drawing. Note sure I would let my kids sit so close to the toilet doors.

Pictures for review:

Amenity: **Kingsdale Complex**
Committee Member: **Richard Taylor**
Review Month/Year: **September 2023**

Tennis Center

Overall Condition: I visited the tennis facility on several occasions during the month. The overall condition of the facility is good. I have been told that the resident ground hog has re-established his residence in the drainpipe under Court #5.

Areas for Review: Court 5 does not have a shade structure over south side bench.

Pools

Overall Condition: Everything seemed to be in good shape.

Areas for Review: None at this time.

Mini Golf

Overall Condition: I visited the Mini Golf the first week of September and it was in good condition. There were several families there enjoying the course.

Areas for Review: None at this time.

Playground and other areas

Overall Condition: The new playground structure had been installed and there were folks there using it. Other areas appeared to be in the process of some renovation. The Pavilion was in good shape and the bathrooms were clean. The basketball net had been replaced and the horseshoe stakes had been removed.

Areas for Review: None at this time.

Amenity: **Lake Ann Park/London Park**
Committee Member: **Mary Jones**

Review Date/Year: **September 2023**

Lake Ann Park:
Overall Condition:
The garbage cans were empty. The doggy bags were full. Both areas looked well used.

Areas For review:

Picnic/ dock area far East side Lake Ann:

Nothing! Everything looked FANTASTIC! Thank you, maintenance team, for fixing the leaking fish cleaning station.

By the dam/waterfall area West side:

Area for concern: there is a board that is broken on the bridge that probably needs to be replaced before someone gets hurt (I shared with Joan at the previous meeting). The Dam got mowed or burned and looked great.

London Park:

There is still wash out in the road going into this park. Also, it looks like that the siding that has been chewed up by the animals on the restrooms has not been addressed.

Member interaction: I talked to a gentleman that was fishing at Lake Ann. He also had his kids out there who were swimming. They said that they love this park and thought it was so peaceful and beautiful.

Amenity: **Gun Range**
Committee Member: **Matt Zimmerman**
Review Month/Year: **September 2023**

Overall Condition:
I visited the gun range yesterday. The gun range and rifle ranges had a few members using them. The weather was a lot nicer this time. The areas were clean and in good order as usual. The walking areas leading into the range were in good shape. The parking lot was in good shape. The entrance and sign in 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. Signs for the range are in good shape and look good. The surrounding fence is nice and looks good. The concrete and wood shooting areas for the rifle range are in good shape. The racks are nicely stained. The covered area for the pistol range is in good condition and the walkways were clear. I went to the Trap and Skeet area, and they had a big event going on. All the areas looked good, and it looked like a good turnout. They even had a food truck for the event.

Areas for Review:
None

Member Interactions:
I spoke to a member, and he was teaching his daughter how to shoot a rifle. He said that this is a nice place that he can take her.

Additional Observations:
I went to the Trap and Skeet area and noticed they had a food truck. I had my daughter with me, so we were able to enjoy the good food.

Amenity: **Tanyard Creek**
Committee Member: **Chris Stockman**
Review Month/Year: **September 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 Monday morning, and it looked like mostly the regulars were there hiking and walking their dogs. The volunteer group will start their fall work schedule on Tuesday, September 12. In addition to deep cleaning and touch-up painting they are planning to install a couple of water diversion projects, repair a broken stone culvert, and reinstall the bench near the rapids that was washed away by a flood a few years back. they also plan to continue replacing the green informational signs as needed.

Amenity: **Trails/Greenway**
Committee Member: **Chris Stockman**
Review Month/Year: **September 2023**

Overall Condition:
The trails are in excellent condition overall. The TAP Volunteers were requested to focus on one last round of weed cutting in the coming weeks.

Areas for Review: None

New Business:
- Joan Glubczynski provided trail usage numbers. In August, there 813 users per day, 25,203 for the month and 211,242 users' year to date. The higher use areas are the Blowing Springs Greenway, the Gravity Zone, and the Ledges in the Back 40.

POA Staff Reports:

Rick Echols:

- The Lake Windsor drawdown will take place from 10/16 -02/19.
- The rangers had 5364 contacts during August which is up a bit from last August.
- Docks are currently being repaired, sealed, and waterproofed.
- A new flag for the baseball field has been ordered.
- The swinging bridge at Tanyard Creek will be repaired this fall.
- The Lake Ann water issue at the Pavilion will be repaired as the back filter part has been received.
- The London Park washout has been fixed.
- Staff – Two vacancies at the Gun Range have been filled and one new hire has been added to the Ground Maintenance department.
- 1200 catfish produced from the new aquaculture pond have been released in Lake Ann.

John Urquhart:

- Attendance was up 20% at both ranges in August compared to August of last year.
- The tournament last weekend was a success.
- Gun classes for the fall are nearly full.

Joan Glubczynski/Jessica Anson:

- The tennis facility has been very busy. Fall youth classes have started and are available in the morning or evening. Cracks in the tennis courts are being repaired as budget allows and two courts will be resurfaced.

- The Bluebird trail playground and treehouse should be completed this fall. Artwork donated from the city may be installed as well.
- Flea in the Park will be 10/6-10/7 at Blowing Springs. Vendor spots have been sold out. There will be food vendors and music.
- The Haunted Mini Golf will be the two weeks surrounding Halloween.
- The new Kingsdale playground equipment has been installed and we are waiting for the swing set to be delivered.
- On Sunday, October 8 at 4:00 p.m. there will be an event at the Gear Garden honoring the Trailblazers. The event is open to the public and $2.00/beer sold will go towards trail maintenance.
- The Avalon Beach was closed for the season on Labor Day.
- The Kingsdale Pool will be closed for the season on September 17. There will be a cookout on that date with free hotdogs. The annual Animal Shelter Dog Days of Summer event will be held on Saturday, September 23. For a $10 fee the pools at Kingsdale will be available for people to enjoy with their dogs. All proceeds go to the BV Animal Shelter.
- The Lakepoint Marina will close in mid-October depending on weather. An announcement will be forthcoming.
- The REC Center will be opening in early/mid November with a “soft” opening to be announced.
- The POA Blood Drive will be held at Lakepoint on September 25.

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