POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

October 9, 2023 - Boardroom 4:00 pm and Live Stream

Welcome/Call to Order
Attendance:
Members: Deborah Lukotch, Brian Mickelson, Chris Stockman (Zoom), Kathleen Coughlin, JP Devilliers, Richard Taylor, Robert Williams, Mary Jones, Matt Zimmerman
Staff: Tom Judson, Joan Glubczynski, Rick Echols, John Urquhart
Board Liaisons: Jan Hagan

Visitor/Guest: None

Amenity Reports:

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

Overall Condition: Fitness center was looking good and very busy most days I visited. Pavilion area when I was there Friday the 29th looked OK but the restroom trash bins were full and no toilet paper in the dispensers. Playground was not being used at the time. Pickleball courts weren't being used at the time but looked great. Pool area was closed for the season and as far as I could see everything looked great.

Areas for Review: I noticed in the bicycle park there are several boards rotting out on the wooden elevated structures. These would be a problem if they caved in while riding over them. I've included pictures. Also, one of the smaller drum fixtures in the playground has the skin broken and looks like someone duct-taped it together. I've also included a picture.

Member Interactions: spoke with a few members in the fitness area and a few suggested we add a piece of core equipment piece and expand the gym area - of which I avoided making any comments on other than I would pass it on. All other interactions I've had while in the fitness areas have been great.

Additional Observations: none

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

Overall Condition: Sunday 1:00, minimal traffic, busiest area was the walking trail, followed by Fitness Center and Open Swim.

Areas for Review: None

Member Interactions: I did not speak to anyone Sunday; however, I did come across a social media post from a member with several pictures of the paved walkway, complimenting how beautiful it was. Several people tagged on stating it is *"beautiful", "gorgeous",* and *"very natural looking for a hard surface path"*. One other stated *"great disc golf course, absolutely love it".*

Additional Observations: It seemed the porta potties may not have been serviced as two were out of toilet paper, one of them had a roll sitting on the "bench area". I did alert the employee at the front desk of the need for paper for the one on the walking path

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

Overall Condition: Sunday 2pm, 15 cars in the lot, most activity was walking trail, followed by small dog park. Overall, the park was in good condition.

Areas for Review: None

Member Interactions: None.

Additional Observations: The new flag is up and looks beautiful, thank you. Something to be proud of.

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

Overall Condition:
The park looked great, as usual. The grounds were manicured and clean and the trails were cleared. I popped in a couple times over the last month but most recently this past Friday for Flea in the Park.

Areas for Review:
The bathrooms and trash could use some more attention. Maybe consider adding a couple new trash cans to help with the overflow?
It would be great if we could move one of the new bike racks over by the bathrooms.

Member Interactions:
Susan up at the front office and Warren at the Gear Garden said everything is going great and that it's been a busy fall so far. I spoke with one member and she had feedback on the check out process. I explained to her that all POA POS would need to be updated together and that it would hopefully be happening soon. I ran into Kevin Kerley and was excited to hear that he's over the Gear Garden now. We frequent the CC quite a bit so I'll be able to chat with him about feedback really easily.

Additional Observations: A meeting was mentioned to discuss Blowing Springs and plans for the future. I was wondering if that has happened yet and if there are any updates?

Amenity: **Tiree Park**
Committee Member: **Brian Mickelson**
Review Month/Year: **October 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 and with current registration. Other structures are in good condition, except as noted on previous reports or as listed below:

Areas for Review:
There are currently no new concerns 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:
It was noted that someone had been driving on the lawns in a reckless manner at both the east and west ends of the park.

Amenity: **Granton Park**
Committee Member: **Brian Mickelson**
Review Month/Year: **October 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 and with current registration. 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:
Spoke with a gentleman who was exercising his dog. I had previously spoken with this same individual last month. He stated that he continues to enjoy the park but did not particularly care for the maintenance barges that are usually moored at the dock.

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

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

Overall Condition:
The beach is closed for the season. I think the slightly colder weather over the last weekend kept folks indoors. There was no-one using the park, the park is, as always, spotless. The Maintenance folks really do an exemplary job. Thank you!
Areas for Review: None

Member Interactions: None

Additional Observations: None

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

Tennis Center
Overall Condition: I visited the tennis facility on several occasions during the month. The overall condition of the facility is good.

Areas for Review: None at the time.

Rec Center
Overall Condition: Everything seemed to be looking good.

Areas for Review: A cornerstone is missing from the flagstone planter in the SE corner of the building.

Pools
Overall Condition: Everything seemed to be in good shape. Tarps have been placed over the pools for the winter. (It looked like someone threw a golf ball on the tarp on the South pool.)

Areas for Review: None

Mini Golf
Overall Condition: I visited the Mini Golf the first week of September and it was in good condition. It looked like the numbers on the holes had been freshly painted. There were a few empty water bottles left on the course.

Areas for Review: None

Playground and other areas
Overall Condition: The new playground structure had been installed. Other areas appeared to be in the process of some renovation. The Pavilion was in good shape and the bathrooms were clean.

Amenity: **Lake Ann Park/London Park (Lake Windsor**
Committee Member: **Mary Jones**
Review Month/Year: **October 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:
There is a leak at the water meter/ main? By the pavilion. Picture attached. Everything else looked perfect.

By the dam/waterfall area West side:
Everything looked well maintained and in good order.

London Park:
There is still wash out in road. Everything looked clean and well maintained. The men's bathroom was locked and there was no one in there I was wondering if there was a reason why it was locked up?

Member interaction: None.

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

Overall Condition: I visited the gun range awhile back. The gun range and rifle ranges had members using them. The weather was a nice day to be out using the range. The areas were clean and in good order as usual. The walking areas leading into the range were in good shape. The parking lot is clean and 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 have good information on them for using the range. The surrounding fence is in good shape. 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. The walkway leading into the range was clean and clear.

Areas for Review: None

Member Interactions: I spoke to a member, and he enjoys coming to the range and uses it a lot, especially this time of the year to shoot his rifles.

Additional Observations: The email update that comes out about the shooting range has good information on it and has good information about the classes that are being held.

Amenity: **Tanyard Creek**
Committee Member: **Chris Stockman**
Review Month/Year: **October 2023**

Overall Condition:
The Tanyard Creek area is in great condition. Many folks, mostly visitors were hiking around the area on Columbus Day morning.

Areas for Review:
There is a small sign on the pavilion stating that you should contact Riordan Hall for rental. This needs an update.

Member Interactions:
I talked to a couple of ladies watching the waterfall. One was from Rogers and she had brought her friend there from Utah to see the natural beauty and feel the relaxing vibe of the park.

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

Overall Condition:
The greenway and soft trails are in good condition. There are no extraordinary matters to note.

Member Interactions:
Social media is constantly full of visitors seeking information about the trails and compliments about the awesome time had riding in Bella Vista.

Additional Observations:
The Trailblazers have the volunteer group highly mobilized this week grooming the trails of Little Sugar and Back 40 systems for the mountain bike race this coming Sunday. The Big Sugar Classic has attracted an international field of top pro riders competing for a $65K purse as well as hundreds of amateurs.

New Business:

- Joan Glubczynski indicated that the trail usage numbers had not been released and that she would update the committee at the next meeting.
- Chris Stockman proposed that a strategic roadmap/mission plan for the future of Blowing Springs and the Gear Garden be established prior to scheduling of events for 2024.

POA Staff Reports:

Tom Judson:

- Two large projects were approved at the last POA Board Meeting. The Kingsdale project which includes the renovation of the clubhouse, pro shop and restaurant will commence in December. The Tanyard Creek practice facility project includes the complete renovation of the facility and will commence in November. Once renovation starts, the driving range will be closed until the renovation is complete (probably until next September.
- Last week was the last tour of the Rec Center. It was well attended by @ 200 people.
- The Trailblazer Appreciation event was well attended, and we raised @ $1,000 for trail maintenance.
- The community presentation of the budget will be held November 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the board room.

Rick Echols:

- The Lake Windsor drawdown will take place from 10/16 -02/19.
- The rangers had 3427 contacts during September and 205 non-members were removed.
- Docks are currently being repaired, sealed and waterproofed.
- Staff – We will be letting our seasonal lake rangers go the week of 10/16.
- We are stocking a new pond which with Bluegill which should be released in the Spring.
- Next month Lake Brittany will be stocked with trout for the winter.

John Urquhart:

- Attendance was up 30% year over year.
- The large tournament last weekend was a success.

Joan Glubczynski:

- The new playground equipment has received good feedback. We are planning to add a second playground structure at some point in the future.
- Flea in the Park at Blowing Springs went well and there was a lot of positive feedback.
- There will be an Airstream RV rally at Blowing Springs starting 10/11 through the weekend and next week there will be another RV rally with Discover Ozarks group.
- The Haunted Mini Golf will be lit Saturday 10/14 and will run the two weeks surrounding Halloween.
- The Dog Days of Summer event was held at the Kingsdale pool. There were @ 50 more dogs participating than last year and we raised over $1,500 for the BV Animal Shelter. There is another event this weekend with wiener dog races at Loch Lomond.
- We added new lights to the Metfield pickleball courts.
- The Lakepointe Marina has closed for the season.
- The REC Center will be opening in early/mid November with a “soft” opening to be announced.
- The last tennis mixer of the season was held last month. Monthly mixers have been held since April.
- We are working on the Tree House on the Bluebird Trail and are @ 85% complete.

Next Committee Meeting November 13th, 4:00 pm Boardroom and Live Stream