POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

January 8, 2024 - Boardroom 4:00 pm and Live Stream

Welcome/Call to Order

Attendance:

Members: Deborah Lukotch, Brian Mickelson, Kathleen Coughlin JP Devilliers, Robert Williams, Matt Zimmerman, Richard Taylor (Zoom), Keith McCloskey

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

Board Liaisons: Jan Hagan, Jackie Gain

Visitor/Guest: Alan Atkins-Zoom: (candidate for committee to replace C Stockman, term expiration 2025.)
Approximately 50 POA members to discuss gun range.
George Feller, POA member to discuss Pickleball availability at BVRC.

Current Business:

- Committee unanimously approved Alan Atkins joining the REC JAC, will present for Board vote 1/25.
- Trailblazer monthly usage statistics: 557 daily average, 7,274 monthly total, 309,004 YTD. Top 3 trails: Huntley/Gravity Zone, Blowing Springs Greenway, Blowing Springs Trail head. Bottom: Flowride

New Business:

Tom Judson gave a presentation on the range closure:

- Explained issue.
- Detailed steps taken.
- Shared *current* thoughts for go forward plan.
    - Could change as learn more, all in interest of safety.
    - Listen with an open mind to all proposed solutions.
    - Baffle and Berm most likely resolution
    - Working with Cooper on potential land purchase
- Partnership established with Ozark Sportsman in Springdale subsidized by POA until it reopens.
- Reopen date and cost currently unknown.
- Will provide an update at each REC JAC meeting going forward.

Joan G. suggested Blue Bird Trail be added to amenity review in late Spring, it is not yet complete.

Amenity Reports:

Amenity: **Metfield**
Committee Member: **Robert Williams**
Review Month/Year: **January 2024**

Overall Condition:
Fitness center looks good and busy most days I visited. Pavilion area was clean and not being used at the time I visited. Playground all looked good. Pickleball courts were not 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.

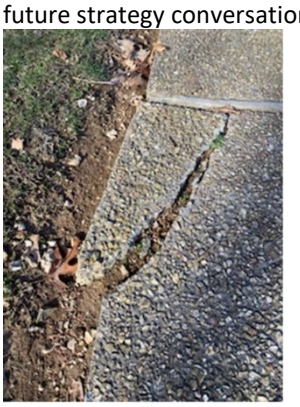
Areas for Review:
The door does not close on the men's restroom at the fitness facility (included picture). Also, the upper hinge is falling off on the cabinet door under the sink in the men's restroom and door does not close (picture included). Another bench padding is about to come apart in the fitness room (picture included). It was pointed out to me that there is a tear in one of the chairs near the front door that could easily be patched at this stage (picture included).

Member Interactions:
Spoke with a few members in and around the center and all comments were positive.

Additional Observations: none

Amenity: **Branchwood**
Committee Member: **Deborah Lukotch**
Review Month/Date: **January 2024**

Overall Condition:
Sunday early afternoon, high 40's, parking lot was close to full. There was a grade school age birthday party at 1:30 bringing in a large amount of traffic, pickleball courts full with a wait, several groups playing disc golf, and the fitness center was full with new year's resolution activity.
Areas for Review:
A portion of the sidewalk leading down to the pickleball courts has broken away.
Member Interactions: None
Additional Observations:
Seeing the large group of grade school age kids playing catch in the grass and hanging in the hot tub waiting on their birthday party intensifies the awareness of lack of activities for that age range and should be front of mind for future strategy conversations if that is something we want to provide for on this side of the city.



Amenity: **Loch Lomond Recreation Complex**
Committee Member: **Deborah Lukotch**
Review Month/Date: **January 2024**

Overall Condition:
Sunday, mid-day, very active, softball field in use, dog walkers, small dog park being used.
Areas for Review:
The large dog park has not seen much activity in my visits. Despite the straw, the area seems to stay wet and muddy.
Member Interactions: None
Additional Observations:
There is a sign reminding members that what *looks* like a path up through the grass to the top of the dam is not a walking trail. Perhaps we could include where the access to the top of the dam is. The first time I visited there I was not sure, and there were quite a few people walking and biking on the dam.

Amenity: **Blowing Springs**
Committee Member: **Kathleen Coughlin**
Review Month/Date: **January 2024**

Overall Condition:
The park looked great, as usual. The grounds were manicured and clean and the trails were cleared but it. was a bit muddy in some areas. There were quite a few people on the trails. A few families rented the tiny cabins together and were having what appeared to be a birthday party. They had a good set up with a pinata and everything. There were also people at the gear garden who brought lunch and were enjoying the day.
Areas for Review:
The women's bathroom was out of toilet paper in one of the stalls. This seems to be a regular occurrence. Recommending again to add a holder that holds more than one roll. The bathroom was heated which I love that you do that each winter.
Campsite 10 was muddy - this will only get worse as we head into the spring. Not sure if we need to add gravel to help mitigate some of the mud.
Member Interactions:
No member interactions. Everyone was on trails or eating lunch, so I did not interrupt.
Additional Observations: None

Amenity: **Tiree Park**
Committee Member: **Brian Mickelson**
Review Month/Year: **January 2024**

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 are locked in the winter season and a single outhouse

is placed in the parking area and was found to be relatively clean and stocked. The personal watercraft storage rack is in good condition. 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:

There were no members or guests available from which to solicit feedback on the amenity or recreational activities at the time of evaluation.

Additional Observations:

There are no additional observations for this report.

Amenity: **Granton Park**
Committee Member: **Brian Mickelson**
Review Month/Year: **January 2024**

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. 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:

There were no members or guests available from which to solicit feedback on the amenity or 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: **January 2024**

The beach is closed for the season.

As expected, very little activity. I did meet a couple from Colorado who had just closed on a house and are planning their move, they were going around looking at the amenities, A few folks walking their dogs. The doggy bags were full in the dispenser close to the covered seating area, but the one closer to the beach was empty.

Walking down to where the canoes are stored, just past the storage shed the ground was covered with dog droppings. I think we should place a dispenser down on that side of the park.

Areas for Review: The doggy bag dispensers

Member Interactions: Couple from Colorado.

Amenity: **Kingsdale Complex**
Committee Member: **Richard Taylor**
Review Month/Year **January 204**

Tennis Center
Overall Condition: I visited the tennis facility on December 27th. The overall condition of the facility is good.
Areas for Review: None at the time.
Rec Center
Overall Condition: I visited the Rec Center on December 27. While I was touring the facility, I met Johnny who is an employee at the Center. He was very helpful and gave me a brief tour of the gym and some of the audio-visual equipment and offered to take me around the center. They were setting up for line dancing in the Arena and several folks were wrapping up playing pickleball. One of the players inquired as to why the kitchen lines on the courts were blue while the other lines were yellow. They indicated that the blue line at the kitchen is difficult. to see while serving. Everything I saw at the Rec Center looked great.
Areas for Review:
A cornerstone is still missing from the flagstone planter in the SE corner of the building. There is a cue rack laying under the pool table which needs to be put on the wall. Should we use yellow tape on the kitchen lines on the P Ball courts?
Pools
Overall Condition: Everything seemed to be in good shape. Tarps have been placed over the pools for the winter.
Areas for Review: None currently.
Golf
Overall Condition: I visited the Mini Golf the last week of December and it was in good condition.
Areas for Review: None currently.
Playground and other areas
Overall Condition: The playground area was in good shape. The Pavilion was in good shape and the bathrooms were clean. The southeast corner post of the Pavilion is rotted and needs to be replaced.
Areas for Review: SE corner post of the Pavilion shelter needs to be replaced.

Amenity: **Lake Ann**
Committee Member: **Keith McCloskey**
Review Month/Year: **January 2024**

Overall Condition: Dam Park:
Waterfall bridge and trail in great shape. Love the bench and other sitting areas. Covered fishing dock and fish cleaning station in great shape. All trash cans empty except one by Port-a-let. But it may have been filled by someone dropping off bags of trash.

Ramp Area:
Park is free of leaves. Picnic & BBQ areas in great shape.
Ramp & fish cleaning station in great shape. Port-a-let also in fine condition.
Area for Review:
Couple of canoes and kayaks have missing or expired registration.
Member Interactions: None available

Amenity: **London Park (Lake Windsor)**
Committee Member: **Keith McCloskey**
Review Month/Year: **January 2024**
Overall Condition:
Great condition overall. Leaves extremely well blown. Grill & picnic areas well maintained. Bathrooms well maintained and stocked (smelled great). Trash cans empty. Fish cleaning station clean
Areas for Review:
Depression or hole at bottom of boat ramp may need filling while water level is down. Plenty of available loose gravel where creek merges with lake. Washed out area on road in will need paving at some point. See photos:

Member Interactions:
Dog walker Dave Ellington lives within walking distance to park. Dogs used to get into fish remains during summer that were left at park. But it appears people have done a better job removing them. Kept him from coming to park in prior summer months. But he has noticed people seem to be taking them at times to empty lot on an unnamed road just west of park entrance. Not really upset about it. He just needs to keep his dogs away.
Additional Observations:
All canoes and kayaks have current stickers

Amenity: **Gun Range**
Committee Member: **Matt Zimmerman**
Review Month/Year: **January 2024**

Overall Condition:
I visited the trap and skeet range Saturday and Sunday. The weather was cold which is why I would imagine why I did not see anyone using the trap and skeet. On Sunday, the weather was warmer, and I drove through in the morning to see if anyone was on the ranges. There were 4 vehicles in the parking lot, and someone was actively using the range area. The areas were clean and in good order. The walking areas around the range were in good shape. The building appears to be in good shape. Signage for the ranges is in good shape. The benches and covered metal areas are clean and in good shape. The road leading back to trap and skeet is in good condition. The transition from asphalt to rock is a little rough but serves its purpose. The rock parking lots were in good condition and clean. All the building areas and storage building are all in good condition. The gate that is locked when the range is not open is in good working order. This range is well kept around the area which makes the appearance when you drive up a good one.

Areas for Review: None
Member Interactions: None

Amenity: **Tanyard Creek**
Committee Member: **Brian Mickelson**
Review Month/Year: **January 2024**

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 restrooms were clean, well stocked, and functional. Other structures were in good and serviceable condition.
Areas for Review:
No additional items were noted for review.
Member Interactions:
Members/guests were not solicited for feedback on the amenity or recreational activities at the time of this evaluation.
Additional Observations:
A few of the vegetation identification placards have yet to be replaced.

Board Liaisons:

Jan Hagan: Large member turnout tonight shows we have members that care, amenities they care about and use.

POA Staff Reports:

Rick Echols: Update on Lake Windsor drawdown, ranger statistics, and informed us they have stocked Rainbow trout twice, in December and in January.

John Urquhart: Provided monthly statistics on ranges showing usage up year over year.

Joan Glubczynski: BVRC utilization is high, 40-50% are first time visitors, showing improvements wanted were made and the growth of the community. Still working behind the scenes to evaluate and provide the best opportunities. Have added additional pickleball hours and open play. Tennis pro shop open when 35 degrees or warmer.

Jessica Anson: Fitness calendars for all recreational centers have been combined and can be found online. Excellent, easy to use resource.

Next Committee Meeting February 12, 2024, 4:00 pm Boardroom and Live Stream