POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

February 12, 2024 - Boardroom 4:00 pm and Live Stream

Welcome/Call to Order

Attendance:

Members: Brian Mickelson, Alan Atkins, Kathleen Coughlin, Richard Taylor, Robert Williams, Keith McCloskey
Staff: Tom Judson, John Urquhart, Jessica Anson
Board Liaisons: Jan Hagan
Visitor/Guest: none

Kathleen Coughlin called the meeting to order.

Current Business:

- Approval of Minutes of January meeting. It was moved by Brian Mickelson and seconded by Robert Williams to approve the minutes of the January Recreation Committee Meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business:

- Tom Judson provided an update of the plans for the Gun Range.

Vote to approve third party events for 2024:

It was moved by Brian Mickelson and seconded by Robert Williams to approve the following third part events for 2024:

- Youth Swim Team
- Paddleboard Camp
- Kids Triathlon
- Cancer Challenge Trap Shoot
- Poultry Festival Trap Shoot
- Youth ATA gun range event
- ATA Amateur Trap Shooting Event
- Youth Hunter Education Challenge
- Bella Vista Police Department Qualification Training
- 4 Corporate Shoots

All of the above events were unanimously approved by the Rec Committee by vote for each individual event.

Amenity Reports:

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

Overall Condition: Fitness center was very busy the days I visited.
Pavilion area was clean and not being used at the time I visited. Playground all looked good and was 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. Park restrooms looked great.

Areas for Review: In the fitness center the seat on the NuStep is cracking around the edges, however, it doesn't affect the function of the machine. The elevated bike track closest to the street has a board caved in and sitting loose. I've included pictures of both items.

Member Interactions: spoke with a family at the playground and they mentioned how much they enjoyed the facilities.

Additional Observations: none

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

Overall Condition: Parking lot was full; most visitors were there for a middle school age birthday party**.**

Areas for Review: none

Member Interactions: Spoke with Larry, they moved here about a year ago. He loves the BVRec remodel, he goes every other day to lift weights. Overall, so happy with the amenities in relation to the low cost. He also Kayaks, wanted to keep his kayak at Lake Windsor, but told there was an 18 month to two-year wait list.

Additional Observations: none

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

Overall Condition: Very quiet afternoon, 5 cars, few walkers and dog park utilization

Areas for Review: Unfortunately, the new flag is ripped again. Wonder of something is wrong with the pole?

Member Interactions: none

Additional Observations: none

Amenity: Blowing Springs
Committee Member: Alan Atkins
Review Month/Date: February 2024

Overall condition: Blowing Springs Greenway trail in super good shape. Blowing Springs MTB Trail Head parking area, clean and changing room clean. No trash anywhere. Busy with lots of Bikes.
One area with limited gravel washed onto trail at the intersection of the Low Ride trail and Greenway.
One tree fallen during snow event, partially cleaned up. Looks like an area with some straight-line wind knock down several trees.
Trail from Gear Garden to Euston Road still full of small branches from snow event.
BSGT from the north end of the Park along Euston road to Metfield skills park is clean. Trees recently planted that have bark scraped off on some of the lower trunk areas are from buck deer.
Restroom clean. Shower clean. Trail clear of litter.

Areas for review: None

Member Interactions: Interviewed couple walking the trail. Avid road bikers. Never ride Greenway Trail. All together very pleased with everything about the trail. Very complementary.
We discussed trail safety. They said most local people practiced safe riding techniques but felt that rental bikers were not aware of safety rules.They thought more signage about safety would be appropriate.

Additional observations: I'll make some calls on rental companies to see how they instruct riders

on safety.

Amenity: TIREE PARK
Committee Member: Brian Mickelson
Review Month/Date: February 2024

Overall Condition:
The trash receptacles were being emptied and Mutt Mitts were available. The restrooms are locked for the season and a single outhouse has been 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 in 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:
Someone vandalized the main lawn area north of the main parking area.

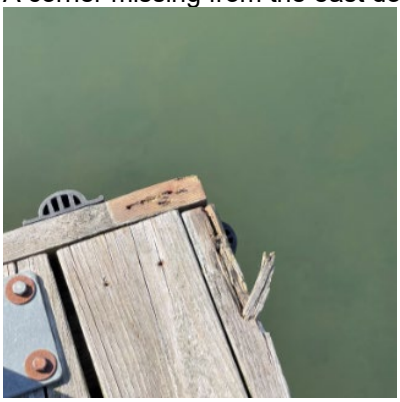
Amenity: GRANTON PARK
Committee Member: Brian Mickelson
Review Month/Year: February 2024

Overall Condition:
The trash receptacles are being emptied and 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 below and in previous reports.

Areas for Review:

One of the parking curbs has become dislodged.

A corner missing from the east dock:



Member Interactions: None
Additional Observations: None

Amenity: **Lake Avalon**
Committee Member: **J.P. DeVilliers**
Review Month/Date: **February 2024**

Overall Conditions: The beach is closed for the season. No activity when I visited last weekend. Thank you to the team for cleaning up the dog litter I called out last month. I did notice that the Pavilion had lights on (See the photos) that I had not noticed before. Could just be the time of the day or the ambient weather. I think they look great. Also noted that there were boats that looked like they were tied up for the winter, in the area that would normally be roped off. Not sure if this is normal, I have not seen this before.

Areas for Review: None

Member Interactions: None

Additional Observations: None

Amenity: **Kingsdale Complex**
Committee Member: Richard Taylor
Review Month/Year: February 2024

Tennis Center Overall Condition: I visited the tennis facility on Tuesday, February 12. All 8 courts were in use. The overall condition of the facility is good.

Areas for Review: There is an issue with some members where the expiration date of their annual tennis pass does not match the expiration date on their annual activity card.

Rec Center Overall Condition: Everything seemed to be looking great at the Rec Center.

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.

Areas for Review: None

Mini Golf Overall Condition: I visited the Mini Golf the first week of November and it was in good condition.

Areas for Review: None

Playground and other areas
Overall Condition: The playground looked fine. The Pavilion was in good shape and the rotted support beam had been replaced.

Areas for Review: None

Amenity: London Park
Committee Member: Keith McCloskey
Review Month/Year: February 2024

Overall Condition: Great condition overall. Minimal leaves and trash cans good. Grill & picnic areas well maintained. Bathrooms well maintained and stocked. Fish cleaning All boats properly registered.

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. See photos:

Amenity: Lake Ann Dam Park / Boat Ramp Park
Committee Member: Keith McCloskey
Review Month/Year: February 2024

Overall Condition: Dam Park - Waterfall bridge and trail in great shape. Covered fishing dock and fish cleaning station in great shape. All trash cans empty.

Ramp Area – Park has minimal leaves. Picnic & BBQ areas in great shape. Ramp & fish cleaning station clean. Port-a-lets both clean and stocked.

Areas for Review: Dam Park – Although no sign of trash, I am surprised no trash can placed at waterfall area. Unsure if this area is POA maintained but seems like a miss. Ramp Park – 3 canoes 3 kayaks have missing or expired registration. New 2x12 board sitting on one of the wood docs by private boats. Unsure if washed up or if docks are private property. Pics below

Amenity: **Tanyard Creek**
Committee Member: **Alan Atkins**
Review Month/Year: **January 2024**

Overall Condition: Visited several times over last two weeks.
Saturday the parking lot was full. People and dogs were all over the park. Lots of families.
Signs located on road entrance and parking lot entrance to Tanyard Creek park are dry rotted and paint is peeling.
Parking Lot needs restriping(35 spaces).
Restroom in super good condition.
Pavilion super good condition and ready for a party!
Asphalt Walkway from restroom to pavilion has one small hole that needs patching.
Asphalt Walkway adjacent to parking lot is in poor condition.
Dave Wiemer bridge is reconstructed, awesome.
Lots of interpretive signs have been refurbished, they are very bright green and are visible from a distance.
Trail to waterfalls in good shape.
New steps to Swinging Bridge completed, very good construction.
No noticeable trash anywhere.

Areas for review: None

Member interactions: Interviewed a lady with 2 young children from Washington state. They just love the

park, walk the Nature trail often. Lady says she feels very safe hiking the trails with her two children. She couldn't add anything that needed improvement .

Interviewed three ladies that just returned from the waterfall that said they bring their grandchildren often. I informed them of the Swinging Bridge area.

Interviewed a couple from California that walk the trail often. Gentlemen suggested adding a few directional signs with QR codes that would link up with maps of the area and other trails in BV.

Everyone was super friendly and so appreciative of the park.

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Areas for review: Will hike the MTB trails surrounding the Park soon.

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POA Staff Reports:

Jessica Anson

- The Spring Bazaar is scheduled for April 13.
- The Rec Center has sold over 300 after hours fobs for the fitness center
- Paul Pautsch was inducted into the Arkansas Tennis Hall of Fame
- The Easter Egg Hunt will be March 30
- The marina will open April 2

Next Committee Meeting March 11, 2024, 4:00 pm Boardroom and Live Stream