POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

March 11, 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, JP Devilliers (Zoom), Deborah Lukotch
Staff: Tom Judson, Rick Echols, John Urquhart (Zoom), Joan Glubczynski
Board Liaisons: None

Visitor/Guest: None

Current Business:

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

New Business:

- Tom Judson provided an update of the plans for the Gun Range.
- Three committee members terms expire in June

Amenity Reports:

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

Overall Condition:
Fitness center was again, 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 still closed for the season and as far as I could see everything looked great.
Park restrooms looked great

Areas for Review: None

Member Interactions:
Spoke with a few folks in the fitness room and a few comments were regarding the need to expand that amenity there. I assured them I had brought it up and will do so again.

Additional Observations: none

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

Overall Condition:
Saturday 3 pm walking trail busy, the pool and jacuzzi were very busy with young families. One gentleman was using the playground equipment to work out on. It appears they are laying new mulch for the playground, area that was done looked nice.

Areas for Review:
The floor in the lady's restroom was covered in water, however, it appeared to have come from people being there with wet suits, nothing was leaking. I've never seen that before, perhaps a locker mat would help.

Member Interactions: None

Additional Observations:
There are plans to stripe the parking that will delay opening tomorrow, and Friday. Morning classes on Friday will be canceled.

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

Overall Condition:
Saturday 4 pm, about a dozen cars, walking trail busy. A group of girls were wrapping up softball practice.

Areas for Review:
The cement piece on the pitcher's mound is wearing ad there is a piece of metal sticking through the top. The benches in the dugouts are showing high wear to the point of splintering. May be good to sand and repaint.

Member Interactions: None

Additional Observations: None

At pitchers' mound

Benches in dugout worn

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

Overall Condition:
The park looked great, as usual. The grounds were manicured and clean and the trails were clear. The bathrooms were clean and stocked. The RV park was full and starting to see a lot of usage again.

Areas for Review:
It looked like the limbs had been trimmed back along the road which is great, thank you. Also, I noticed that one of the OZ Trail bike racks had been moved over by the bathrooms. Thank you for relocating that so people don't lean their bikes up against the building.

Member Interactions:
No member interactions - most everyone was on bikes. Excited for the Gear Garden to open back up in April - lots of member feedback.

Additional Observations: None

Amenity: **TIREE PARK**
Committee Member: **Brian Mickelson**
Review Month: **March 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:
I spoke with a father who was there with his two sons. He stated that they live just minutes away and he brings his kids to Tiree Park often, so they can enjoy the playground equipment. He was curious about all the tree debris in the area of the play equipment and restrooms.

Additional Observations:
Do we need “NO PARKING ON THE GRASS” signs at Tiree?

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

Overall Condition:
Excellent The beach is closed for the season. The warmer weather has brought out members and guests. The facility looks fantastic, no issues to report.
Areas for Review: None

Member Interactions:
Family from Dallas that was up for Spring Break, visiting grandparents. They were play with beach toys in the volleyball sandpit. They said the love the facility and will be back for the 4th of July weekend.

Additional Observations: The toilets are still locked, could we not open as the parks are in use and the porta potty is not ideal. I watched a father looking at it with an open door, contemplating if he should let his toddler daughter use it, he eventually let her climb inside, but

struggled to get in and close the door behind him. (I had checked for cleanliness just before and it was clean)

Amenity: **Kingsdale Complex**
Committee Member: **Richard Taylor**
Review Month: **March 2024**

Tennis Center
Overall Condition: I visited the tennis facility on Saturday, March 9. The facility was in good shape. There was an accumulation of old tennis racquets in the men's restroom.

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

Pools
Overall Condition: Everything seemed to be in good shape. Tarps have been placed over the pools for the winter.

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

Playground and other areas
Overall Condition: The playground looked fine. The Pavilion was in good shape.

Amenity: **London Park**
Committee Member: **Keith McCloskey**
Review Month: **March 2024**

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

Areas for Review: none

Member Interactions:
Sheryl and her two dogs live nearby and use the area to exercise the dogs. Lived in area 11yrs. She would like to have a dog park closer to 71, as Loch Lomond is too far. She also finds B-ville park too crowded. I suggested she try the area north of Allens and she had used that prior. Maybe we could consider the area north of JJ's with the new playground.

Additional Observations: none

Amenity: **Lake Ann Dam Park / Boat Ramp Park**
Committee Member: Keith McCloskey
Review Month/Year: March 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. Interesting to see them spraying water on the road to keep the dust down.

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 – no issues to report. Ramp Park – couple of kayaks/canoes have missing or expired registration.

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

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Overall Condition:
I visited the trap and skeet range Saturday. The weather was colder than it had been. There were 10 to 15 vehicles in the parking lot. A lot of them were actively using the range. 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 rock parking lots are in
working condition and clean. Concrete areas are in good condition. 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:
Spoke to a member and he said he uses the area a lot. He said that he does even more now that the gun range is temporarily closed.

Amenity: **Tanyard Creek/Blowing Springs**
Committee Member: **Alan Atkins**
Review Month: **March 2024**

Blowing Springs:
Overall Condition
Visited the BSGT several times. All areas clean and well attended. Hiked the Blowing Springs trail beginning at the parking lot trailhead to Mighty Pine, merged with Rabbit Hole, returned to parking lot. Trail in excellent condition.

Areas for review:
Water shutoff valve located between BSGT and Manchester Rd. Missing cover plate.
Downed timber from recent storm still on ground. Trail is clear and passable gravel wash onto BSGT from confluence of Lower Trail.

Member Interactions:
Encountered several MTB's on the Mighty Pine hike. Used safety and courteous as they passed. Couldn't convince them to stop and chat- they were on the move!

Additional Observations:
Bike repair station located at trailhead would be convenient. Parking at Gear Garden needs to be studied.

Tanyard Creek:
Overall Condition:
Very active. Visited on Sunday February 25. Main parking lot full(35 cars), parking adjacent to pavilion on grass along the paved path(30 cars), overflow parking (30 cars). Returned following Tuesday, pavilion was clean.

Areas for review:
Pig pen trail renovation.

Member Interactions:
Interviewed 7 visitors. All very complimentary of TC.
Couple visiting from Denver, Colorado fell in love with BV; TC put them over the hump-they called their realtor to say they have found the place , found the house!

Additional Observations:
Emphasis needed on parking for pavilion rental consumers.

POA Staff Reports

Tom Judson

- Tour of Kingsdale restaurant scheduled for 03/19
- Tanyard Creek – Re-opened overflow parking lot. May still need to be closed temporarily at time.
- East side dog park – It has been very difficult finding a suitable location for an east side dog park.
- Gun Range – Plans to make the range ADA handicap compliant. Ozark Sportsman in Springdale is still available for use by Bella Vista members. Usage was 106 visits in January and 115 visits in February.

Rick Echols

- Windsor Lake drawdown closed on March 1 and the lake is filling again.
- Lake Rangers contacts are up this year, particularly at Tanyard Creek.
- Roof replacements are being scheduled for the pavilions at Tiree Park, London Park and Lake Ann.

- The parking lot at Tanyard Creek is scheduled to be sealed and striped.
- The fourth pond at Loch Lomond is being lined and will be filled with fish.

John Urquhart

- Usage of the Trap/Skeet range is up 32% year/year.
- Firearm training was offered in February.

Joan Glubczynski

- There was some damage to the Kingsdale playground, and it has been temporarily closed.
- The Spring Bazaar is scheduled for April 13.
- Parking spaces will be added on the grass adjacent to the pickleball courts to accommodate overflow parking.
- The Easter Egg Hunt will be March 30.
- Flea in the Park will again be held in October.
- The Dogwood Room at Metfield is available for rent.
- 2 new red benches were added to the Snowbird Trail.

Next Committee Meeting April 8, 2024, 4:00 pm Boardroom and Live Stream