POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

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

Welcome/Call to Order

Attendance:

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

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

Board Liaisons: None

Visitor/Guest: Chuck Janzen and Carl Kimble raised an issue relating to a long standing Men's tennis group that were unable to make Saturday court reservations due to USTA leagues reserving the courts on Saturday. Joan Glubczynski informed them that the issue had been addressed with the Tennis Director and had been resolved by blocking time on Saturday mornings for the Men's tennis group.

Sara Evans raised an issue regarding being a new resident and having difficulty finding playing opportunities at the Tennis Center. She indicated that she had contacted staff at the Tennis Center about becoming involved with drills, teams and leagues and the staff had not been particularly responsive. Joan Glubczynski indicated that she would look into the matter with the Tennis Director.

Current Business:

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

New Business:

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

Amenity Reports:

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

Overall Condition: Fitness center was moderately busy the days I visited. Pavilion area was clean and not being used at the time I visited. Park restrooms looked great and were well stocked. Playground all looked good and was being used by several families at the time. Pickleball courts were in use and looked great. Some folks had their dogs in the court area chasing balls at the time. They weren't bothering anyone. Pool area still closed.

Areas for Review: Seems the repairs in the fitness room left the window frames scraped up significantly of which I've included pictures. It doesn't affect anything accept aesthetics.

Member Interactions: spoke with a few folks on the playground that noted the pile of mulch just outside the fence was beginning to wash away. All the comments were positive especially over the slide structure.

Additional Observations: Some folks had their dogs in the court area chasing balls at the time but they weren't bothering anyone.

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

Overall Condition: Sunday 12:30. Very quiet, only 15 cars, two pickleball courts in use, two groups playing disc golf, a family playing volleyball on racquetball court, just a quiet day. New mulch on playground and parking lot striping looks fresh and welcoming, repairs have been made to the fence along the walking path, looks great.

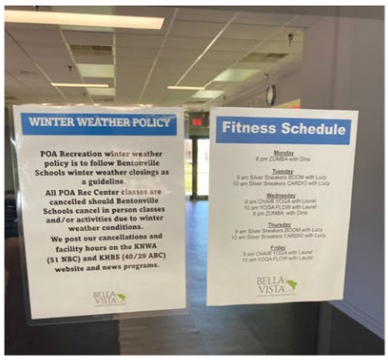
Areas for Review: The maintenance shed in front of tee #2 doesn't put our best foot forward. Since it is next to the tee off for hole #2, it is in line of sight of our members.

Member Interactions: None

Additional Observations: Recommend keeping disc golf signs on the radar for replacement. They are showing signs of weather and mold growth.
Would suggest looking at the number of laminated paper signs taped to glass doors and windows throughout the facility. Many share information repetitive of permanent signs, and distract from a professional and welcome "feel".

Trivia from the 2023 UDisc annual report (an app and website designed for disc golfers worldwide as a resource for keeping score, improving their game, finding and rating courses, etc.)

- The number of disc course in the US has double in the last 6 years
- There are more disc golf course in the US than there are Dunkin Doughnuts shops
    - 10,063 disc golf courses
    - 16,000 golf courses
    - 50, 003 pickle ball courts
    - 101,142 tennis courts
- Short course are being built at twice the rate of 18 hole



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

Overall Condition: Sunday around 1:30, only 7 cars, social group gathered at small dog park, few walkers.

Areas for Review: There is a remnant of a plastic storge box full of gravel deteriorating on the softball field in front of the dugout. The pitch training net appears to be broken, someone should look and perhaps replace or discard.

Member Interactions: None

Additional Observations: A future thought for the aqua pond area would be to place an information sign describing the fish hatchery process, types of fish, etc. Plantings of natural habitat for monarch butterflies, or tall sweeping grasses. Perhaps the Fly Tyer group and/or Master Gardeners organizations would be interested in helping with design and support. Create something *"Osage Park Like"* for member education and aesthetic enhancement.

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

Overall Condition: The park looked great, as usual. The grounds were manicured, the bathrooms were clean and the trails were clear.

Areas for Review: No areas for review

Member Interactions: Spoke with Susan at the front office and she said everything has been great, nice and busy. Talked to a family from Minnesota that is here visiting for the eclipse. They loved the park and had spent most of the afternoon there playing in the creek. Looking forward to the Gear Garden opening soon! Always receive lots of great feedback.

Additional Observations : Bathrooms were stocked which was great to see.

Amenity: **TIREE PARK**
Committee Member: **Brian Mickelson**
Review Month/Year: **April 2024**

Overall Condition:
The trash receptacles were being emptied and Mutt Mitts were available. Restrooms have been locked for the winter 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:
The onset of erosion was noticed at the gravel approach to the boat dock. This could become a trip hazard in the future.

Amenity: **GRANTON PARK**
Committee Member: **Brian Mickelson**
Review Month/Year: **April 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 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:
There is a pair of boat trailer rails that were left at the north corner of the parking lot.

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

Overall Condition: Excellent
The beach is closed for the season (7 weeks to opening)
It's spring and the Avalon area is spectacular. The facility is gorgeous. The pavilion toilets were open and clean. Zero pet mess anywhere.

Areas for Review: None
7 canoes or Kayaks on the stands only one had at 2024 tag.

Additional Observations:
I think it might be a good idea to post the beach opening day. It is not that easy to find online and would be convenient for folks coming to the park.

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

Tennis Center
Overall Condition: The tennis courts were in good condition. There were a few windscreens down due to recent storms/winds. Court 8 has large crack in it and needs to be resurfaced. Court 7 also has a long crack in the surface.

Areas for Review: None.

Member interactions: Received numerous telephone calls, texts and emails from men tennis members who were upset that the USTA tennis leagues in NW Arkansas were reserving courts on the weekends effectively preventing the men's group of @ 30 from reserving a block of courts on Saturdays. The members are apparently only allowed to reserve a court 7 days in advance but the USTA groups, comprised predominately by non-members, are allowed to reserve courts months in advance. (Note: Joan Glubczynski has informed us that the issue has been resolved by blocking some time for the Men's group to play Saturday mornings.)

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

Areas for Review: None

Pools

Overall Condition: Everything seemed to be in good shape.

Areas for Review: None at this time.

Mini Golf
Overall Condition: The course was in good condition.

Areas for Review: None.

Playground and other areas
Overall Condition: The playground looked fine. The playground equipment has been closed and fenced off due to damage incurred. The Pavilion was in good shape.

Areas for Review: None at this time.

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

Overall Condition: Great overall. Nice to see levels rising as it makes park much more appealing. Minimal leaves and trash cans good. Grill & picnic looking good. Bathrooms well maintained and stocked. Fish cleaning area in fine shape. All boats properly registered.

Areas for Review: none

Member Interactions: Corey and Victoria have been in BV for 1.5 yrs. from upstate NY. LOVE the area and use London Park often. It actually influenced their decision to buy their house close. They walk their dog here and launch paddleboards. Also, like bathrooms and fish cleaning station. Use our trails often for hiking and biking.
Additional Observations: none

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

Overall Condition: Dam Park - Spring starting to bloom some trees making the waterfall area even more pretty. Waterfall bridge and trail in great shape. 4-5 cars parked by waterfall but appear to be hiking or biking. Some trash by the trail northeast of waterfall bridge. I will bring a bag next visit and pick up. 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 – dock board rotted and pulled apart from frame and dangling in water on east side of fish cleaning station (see pic).

Ramp Park – 7 total kayaks/canoes have missing or expired registration. One canoe and one kayak blown from top rack and hanging by their locking cable. It may take 2-3 people to reposition them without keys to their locks, (pics below). One eyesore pontoon has blown sideways along the bank (see pic).

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

Overall Condition:
I visited the trap and skeet range Saturday. The weather was nice and warmer. There were several 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 is 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. This range is well kept around the area.

Areas for Review:
None

Member Interactions:
Spoke to a member and he said he enjoys using this area and has shot skeet for years and enjoys doing it.

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

Review Month/Year: **April 2024**

Overall Condition:
Visited on March 19 working as a volunteer for the Tanyard Creek Nature Trail volunteer group. Spring break visitors filled the park and the parking lot! Overflow parking spilled out onto the adjacent neighborhood street.
TCNTV's worked several areas including litter patrol, nature trail diorama sign rehabilitation, while also interacting with visitors as park interpreters.
Overall the amenity was in amazing condition!

Areas for Review:
Street sign needs replacing.
Parking lot needs to be resealed and striped.
Additional parking lot needed.

Member Interactions:
March 19 visitor interactions. Interviewed four families, three from Missouri and one from Bentonville. Spring break families were out and enjoying the Park.

Additional Observations:
Several questions from visitors about the Pavilion.
Signage located in the Pavilion directing potential guests to the website for information and also links to other POA amenities would be helpful.

Amenity: **Blowing Springs Greenway Trail and Trails**

Committee Member: **Alan Atkins**
Review Month/Year: **April 2024**

Overall Condition: BSGT in super good condition. Walked the trail several times during spring break, everyone is doing a super job on litter control. Seems like if you keep it clean people are more likely to use the trash receptacles.
Several trees on ground next to the Cabins, but clear of trails, from the earlier storm.
Usual gravel wash onto paved trail at Low Ride intersection.

Areas for Review:

Member Interactions:
Two member interactions. One hiker with dog on the Blowing Springs trail; nothing but high-fives about the whole amenity.
Interviewed three MTB's on the N-Upper Trail; first time to the area and all were blown away and having a blast.

Additional Observations:
Consider a Bike Repair station to be located at the Blowing Springs MTB Trail Head parking lot.

POA Staff Reports

Tom Judson

- Gun Range – Plans to make the range ADA handicap compliant. Ozark Sportsman in Springdale is still available for use by Bella Vista members. There have been 344 visits to Ozark Sportsman through March.

Rick Echols

- Windsor Lake drawdown closed on March 1 and the lake is filling again. It is still down @ 23 inches.
- Lake Rangers contacts are up this year. There were 2400 contacts in March.
- The Avalon fishing dock project has been completed.
- There was a sunken boat on Lake Windsor. The gas tanks were retrieved to prevent gas from leaking into the leak. We are attempting to contact the owner to retrieve the sunken boat.
- The RV Storage gate will need to be replaced in the near future.
- Lake Brittany has been stocked with trout for the year. In the future it will only be stocked in the Spring.
- Grass carp and red ear are being collected and removed from the lakes.

Joan Glubczynski

- There was some damage to the Kingsdale playground and it has been temporarily closed. We are waiting on parts.
- The Spring Bazaar is scheduled for April 13.
- The baby pools at Kingsdale and Metfield are going to be replastered.
- The BVRC Pavilion will be power washed and cleaned this Spring.

Next Committee Meeting May 13, 2024, 4:00 pm Boardroom and Live Stream