POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

May 13, 2024 - Boardroom 4:00 pm and Live Stream

Welcome/Call to Order

Attendance:

Members: Deborah Lukotch, Robert Williams, Kathleen Coughlin, Brian Mickelson, J.P. Devilliers, Richard Taylor, Keith McCloskey, Alan Atkins

Staff: Tom Judson, Rick Echols, John Urquhart, 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 April Recreation Committee Meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business:

- Tom Judson provided an update on the renovation of the Gun Range.
- Members term expiration June 2024 vote.
    - Kathleen Coughlin – It was moved by Brian Mickelson and seconded by Alan Atkins to recommend the approval to extend another term on the Recreation Committee to June 2027. The motion was approved unanimously.
    - Keith McCloskey - It was moved by Kathleen Coughlin and seconded by Brian Williams to recommend the approval to extend another term on the Recreation Committee to June 2027. The motion was approved unanimously.
    - Deborah Lukotch did not reapply which leaves one open position for the term expiring June 2027.

Amenity Reports:

Amenity: Metfield
Committee Member: Robert Williams
Review Month/Year: May 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. Park restrooms looked great but men's restroom was out of toiletries. Playground looked great with fresh mulch chips. Pickleball courts were in use and looked great. Pool area still closed.

Areas for Review: I am not sure when this happened but the basket and frame is missing from the backboard on the north end of the basketball court.

Member Interactions: The members I've spoken with all had positive things to say about the facilities.

Additional Observations: None

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

Overall Condition: Saturday before noon, very quiet. Walking trail most active area, followed by Disc Golf. The area looks good, everything is very green after the recent rains.

Areas for Review: None

Member Interactions: None

Additional Observations: The tree next to the back deck has died. There are several large patches on the disc golf course where the grass has died. The small book loan area in the fitness center seems to see a lot of activity based on number of books signed out.

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

Overall Condition: Saturday around noon, very quiet. A group of high school girls participating in batting practice on the softball field, no one in the dog parks.

Areas for Review: A large branch fell from a tree on the Glasgow side of the walking path. It looks like another could down, however, it is over the green area so no concern of falling on walkers.

Member Interactions: None

Additional Observations: I occasionally see people fishing in the creek. After the flood last year, it would be difficult to access the creek now. It's a beautiful spot, have we ever considered putting in a small path to access the water?

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

Overall Condition:
The park looked great, as usual. The bathrooms were clean and the trails were clear. Great to have the Gear Garden open and summer programming back.

Areas for Review:
The trees along the drive past the low water area are getting a bit long. They could be trimmed back in order to not scratch cars/RVs on their way into the park and eliminate people having to drive in the middle of the road to avoid.
Member Interactions:
Spoke with Lisa at the front office on my way through and she said things have been great. One thing to note would be more reliable Wi-Fi - a lot of people will come and work remote.
Additional Observations: Bathrooms were stocked which was great to see.

Amenity: **TIREE PARK**
Committee Member: **Brian Mickelson**
Review Month/Date: **May 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 were stocked, relatively clean, and in good and functional condition. The personal watercraft storage rack is in good condition with all boats secured. Other structures are in good condition, except as noted on previous reports or as listed below:

Areas for Review:
Damage has occurred to the electrical conduit on the utility pole next to the playground area.

Also, there is exposed wiring and wire splices on the utility pole at the ramp.

Erosion continues to be an issue on the north shoulder of the road near the large culvert.

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:
Two kayaks and a canoe were in disarray on the storage rack.

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

Overall Condition: Excellent
The beach will be opening in a couple of weeks (Memorial Day weekend)
The beach is receiving it annual sand refresh.
With all the rain, the grounds are looking a lovely green. I love this time of the year.
Areas for Review: None
Additional Observations:
Thank you for posting the date the beach will be opening.

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

Tennis Center

Overall Condition: I visited the tennis facility on Saturday, March 13. The facility was in good shape. I noticed that the cracks in Court 7 and Court 8 are getting worse and may become a safety issue.

Areas for Review: None.

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. Tarps have been removed and the pools are filled.

Areas for Review: None at this time.

Mini Golf

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

Areas for Review: None at this time.

Playground and other areas

Overall Condition: The playground still had signs indicating that it is closed. There was no fencing or tape around the playground blocking entry. Also, there is no visible issue with the playground equipment so it is likely that the playground equipment will get used by folks. If there is a safety issue, this should be addressed.

The Pavillion was in good shape.

Areas for Review: None at this time.

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

Overall Condition: Great overall**.** Lake Windsor water level appears to be 100%. Grill & picnic looking good. Bathrooms well maintained and stocked. Fish cleaning area in great shape. All boats properly registered except one kayak.

Areas for Review: none

Member Interactions: none

Additional Observations: one rough Sweetwater pontoon (see pics) tied to tree by creek with outdated registration.

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 and bathrooms in good shape.

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 – Waterfall bridge cable has pulled away. Board that was noted on April visit already corrected.

Issues on large fishing dock: One dock board showing rot and about to give way. Another board broken and 3rd board rotted and about to break loose (no pic). One board noted as damaged in March now missing. So 4 total boards either missing or damaged on large dock.

Ramp Park – 2 canoes and 2 kayaks have 2022 or later registration. All docked boats have current registration except one that appears to be a working vessel.

Member Interactions: None
Additional Observations: Nothing additional

Amenity: **Tanyard Creek and Blowing Springs Greenway Trail**
Committee Member: **Alan Atkins**
Review Month/Year: **May 2024**

Blowing Springs:

Overall Condition:

Bella Vista Back 40, Blowing Springs & Little Sugar Trail Conditions.
trails are monitored best by the riders and hikers that use them. Facebook page is best way to get updated information on current trail conditions. Recent storms have littered the trails with debris and washouts. Check before you go!

Areas for review:
Blowing Springs Greenway Trail has several gravel wash areas from parking lot to Euston Road.

Member Interactions:
4 contacts. All from local area. Nothing but positive feedback.

Additional Observations:
water- fill station somewhere along BSGT.

Tanyard Creek:

Overall Condition:

Well maintained and aesthetically pleasing. Trails clean of underbrush and litter. Signs in good working order.
Overflow parking has been added adjacent to the upper parking lot!!

Areas for Review:
Pig Pen area on main trail needs fallen tree removed.

Member Interactions:

Interviewed four groups;
>Complaints on ample parking(before over flow parking lot was completed).
>Couple came for the waterfall feature, still low flow while filling up lake.
>Family strolling along paved trail, loved everything about the park.
>Couple dog walking, very complementary of park.

Additional Observations:

Amenity has a large area inside the paved trail loop that could be used for educational programing.

POA Staff Reports

Tom Judson

- The POA is accepting applications for the open board position (vacated by Mike Abb). Interested persons need to apply by May 23.

Rick Echols

- Lake Rangers contacts are up this year. There were 4300 contacts in April.
- Roof replacements are completed for the pavilions at Tiree Park, London Park and Lake Ann.
- 30 tires were pulled out of Lake Windsor.
- The Fishing Derby is scheduled at Metfield Pond the weekend of May 19.

John Urquhart

- Usage of the Trap/Skeet range was down 10% in April but is up for the year.
- 121 BV residents made use of Ozark Sportsman in April.

Joan Glubczynski

- The Kingsdale playground remains closed as we wait for parts to be delivered.
- The BVRC has reopened after renovations.
- The cabins at Blowing Springs are sold out through the summer.
- Avalon Beach is set to open May 25 and the sand has been delivered.
- A Tennis Mixer is scheduled for Memorial Weekend.
- Early morning fitness classes have been added at the BVRC.
- Disc golf signs have been updated at Branchwood.

Next Committee Meeting June 10, 2024, 4:00 pm Boardroom and Live Stream