POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

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

Welcome/Call to Order

Attendance:

Members: Robert Williams, Brian Mickelson, Richard Taylor, Keith McCloskey, Alan Atkins

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

Board Liaisons: Jeff Hendren, Deborah Lukotch

Visitor/Guest: Cory Spruiell and Larry Lopardo applicants for the committee.

Current Business:

- June meeting minutes approved
- Cory Spruiell and Larry Lopardo unanimously approved to join committee
- Tom Judson provided an update on the renovation of the Gun Range
- Joan Glubczynski provided recorded trail usage statistics: June 44,387. YTD 192,697

New Business:

- Robert Williams nominated and unanimously voted in as Chairman
- Keith McCloskey nominated and unanimously votes in as Vice Chairman
- Vote delayed to August for Secretary as no one was willing to run for the position
- Brief discussion to prepare for budget recommendations due in August

Amenity Reports:

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

Overall Condition:
The fitness center was moderately busy the days I visited. The pavilion area was clean and being used by a few families. The park restrooms looked great. The playground was being used by several families that I had conversations with. Pickleball courts were in use and looked great. Pool area looks great and the building clean.

Areas for Review:
Unfortunately, it looks like the basketball hoop on the south side of the court has been damaged. I've included pictures.

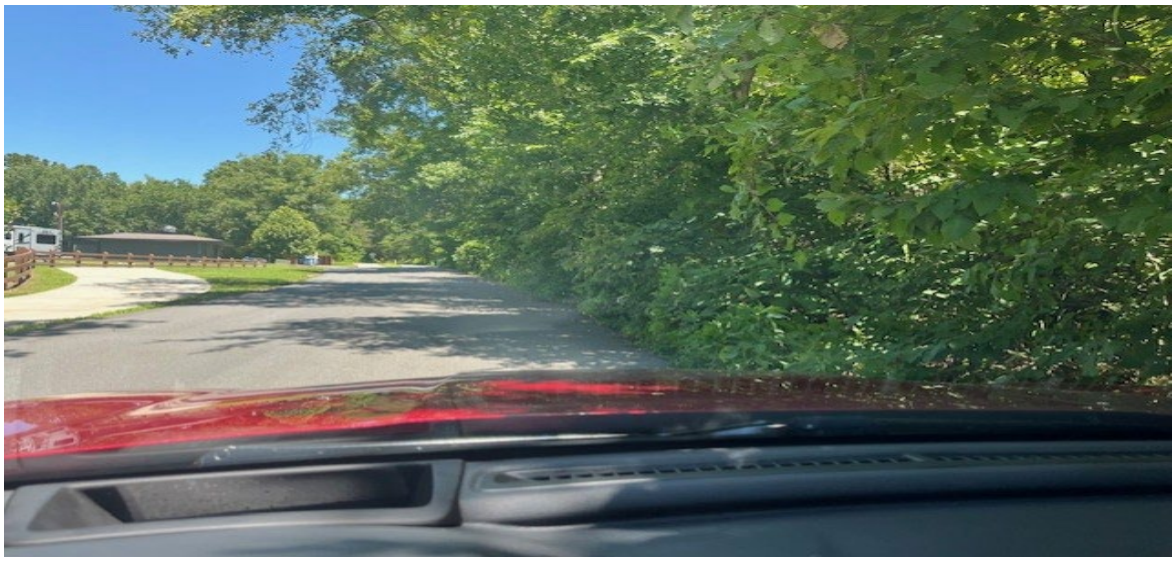
Member Interactions:
Spent most the mornings the week of the17th at the pool and playground because my grandson has swimming lessons. I spent a lot of time talking with parents both at the pool and playground.

All the comments were positive and the younger families all comment on the outdoor recreation (hiking, biking, pools, fitness centers, and lakes) as the primary reason they live here.

Additional Observations:
None

Amenity: **Blowing Springs Recreation Area**
Committee Member: Alan Atkins
Review Month/Year: July 2024

Overall Condition:
Visited 7/6 and great overall. Talked with Nancy at front gate. Low water crossing area needs weeds trimmed back. RV pads need weeds better trimmed and gravel needs to be regularly raked and limbs removed. AC in camper check in area barely keeps building cool. Nice seeing half of cars in the park being out of state. Beer garden bathrooms/trash cans good



Areas for Review:
Campground bathrooms well-kept but consider deodorizers in urinals. And why no AC but we have AC in golf bathrooms? Consider paving parking area just outside eastern edge of park. Pic below:

Member Interactions:
Spoke with two groups. One couple from Tulsa that visits/bikes about once per year. Love it here. Another couple from Centerton here for hike and picnic around beer garden. Love the recently added colors/art.

Additional Observations: none

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

Overall Condition:
The lawns are well groomed and there was little to no notable litter. Trash receptacles are being emptied and 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:
No areas for review.

Member Interactions:
Spoke with two different fathers who were there with their respective children doing some shore fishing. Also spoke with a couple who were getting ready to join their children for an afternoon of pontoon boating. All the park user I spoke with use Tiree Park frequently and all enjoy the amenity.

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

Overall Condition:
The lawns are well groomed, with minimal to no trash observed. 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:
Trash receptacles were full to overflowing.

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

Overall Condition: Excellent
The beach is open and attracts many visitors.

Areas for Review: None

Additional Observations:
The beach and surrounding area are in excellent condition. The sand in the volleyball pit and the beach is pristine, the surrounding lawns are perfectly cut. The water is great.
I spoke to Lilly, the lifeguard who was working at the kiosk when I came by, she has no issues or concerns to report regarding the attendance and behavior of guests.
One issue occurred just before I came by, someone who was leaving the area, on the road to the north of the beach area, drove in Lilly's car and banged it up, a fairly new white Subaru station wagon, and left the scene, her father came over, the police was called.
There are noticeably less canoes on the racks, and most have "24" stickers. The floating dock is in good order. Restrooms and the pavilion were clean, even with the increase in visitors
Thanks to the team who keep our facilities in such great condition.

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

Tennis Center
Overall Condition:
I participated in the Fourth of July Tennis Mixer. There were 32 people that participated in the mixer. There was food and drinks and everyone had a great time. The facility was in good shape. I noticed that the cracks in Court 1, Court 7 and Court 8 are getting worse and may become a safety issue. There is an overhanging tree on Court 7 which should be trimmed back.

Areas for Review:
Overhanging tree on Court 7

Rec Center
Overall Condition:
Everything seemed to be looking great at the Rec Center. I have noticed
that there is a Clear Fruit panel truck that seems to be permanently parked in the west end of the Rec Center parking lot. There is an overhanging tree in the NE corner of the parking lot on the north side of the building. It is likely to fall on a car at some point if not trimmed back.

Areas for Review:
Overhanging tree in NE corner of parking lot.

Pools
Overall Condition:
Everything seemed to be in good shape. Pools are all open and there were
a lot of folks using the pools.

Areas for Review:
None at this time.

Mini Golf
Overall Condition:
The Mini Golf course was in good condition. There is a sting of lights on the storage building that are hanging loose.

Areas for Review:
None at this time.

Playground and other areas
Overall Condition:
The playground looks to be open. It seems to be in good shape.
The Pavilion was in good shape.

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

Overall Condition:
Visited Thur 7/4. Trash cans good. Bathrooms good and well stocked. Picnic/BBQ areas clean and tables recently pressure washed. Boat dock in good shape and appears recently pressure washed. Fish cleaning station in great shape but lots of flies. All boats properly registered except one green kayak and one red canoe.

Areas for Review: none

Member Interactions: none

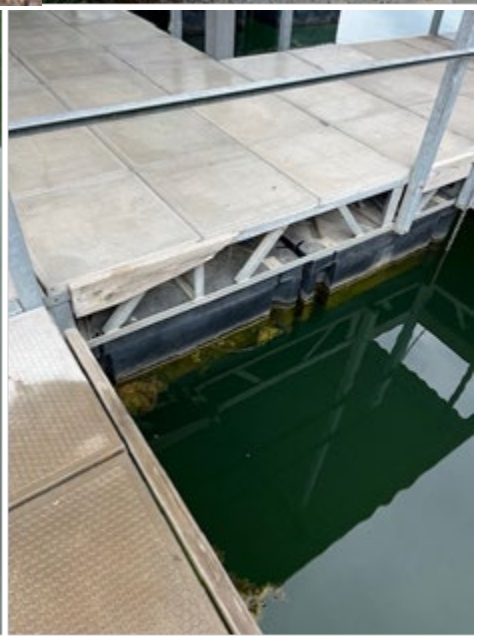
Additional Observations:
one long limb washed up by ramp. 1/3 boat trailers parked lacked POA stickers

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

Overall Condition:
Dam Park visited 7/4 - 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 was still pulled away and laying on rail. Weeds are overgrown on rock trail leading to bridge. 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.



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

Overall Condition:
Well maintained and aesthetically pleasing. Trails clean of underbrush and litter. Common areas have been recently mowed and paved trails have been cleaned. Benches have been repainted. Interpretive signs have been restored and missing signage replaced. New steps have been added to entrance of swinging bridge.

Areas for Review:
Large limb fallen adjacent to pavilion. City crew has removed. Overflow parking working well.

Member Interactions:
Family of four. Toured waterfalls only in past. Directed them to Swinging Bridge area. Children were excited. >Group of four from Indiana leaving trail. All smiles and very complementary of overall amenity. They inquired about the overflow parking lot. They expressed concern about losing the green area where they play with grandchildren and with their pets.

Additional Observations:
1. Alternative idea for additional parking using the new TC Golfing parking lot. Connect TC Golf parking lot to TCNT paved trail adjacent to the Pavilion. Trail already exists that runs parallel to road that could be paved or graveled.
2. Tanyard Creek Nature Trail Volunteers: Volunteers have wrapped up their Spring Project season of 2024. What we've done 1) Kept the trail and grounds clean, 2) kept the waterfall trash can empty, 3) touched up paint on all the sign posts, benches, and a couple of bridges, 4) added steps to the steep spot, 5) cleared the water bars of gravel, 6) added additional stone steps at large drop offs and wet spots, 7) caught up on sign replacements, 8) kept overhanging branches off the trail, 9) kept up with weed eating around benches and signs, 10) kept poison ivy well back from the trail, 11) re-mounted the chain bridge after high water moved it off its foundations, 12) maintained the cactus garden, 13) replaced missing arrows with stainless steel ones at the "No Bikes" sign on Old County Road, 14) repaired the electric wheelbarrow tires and motor, and 15) made progress on removing, stripping, repainting and reinstalling a bench with oil-based primer. What we'll keep doing over the summer We'll keep up the poison ivy, overhanging branches, weed eating and sign replacements as needed over the summer, along with trash pickup, of course. We will also finish painting the new lumber on the Weimer bridge and reinstall the repainted bench on the paved portion near your apple tree. OBJ

Amenity: **Blowing Springs Greenway Trail**
Committee Member: **Alan Atkins**
Review Month/Year: **July 2024**

Overall Condition:
Bella Vista Back 40, Blowing Springs & Little Sugar Trail Conditions. Little Sugar- all trails open except on Tunnel Vision at Bluebird trailhead. RIDE WITH CAUTION! The Back 40 - all trails open. RIDE WITH CAUTION! Areas for review: Blowing Springs Greenway Trail has two gravel wash areas from parking lot to Euston Road. 1. Intersection at Low Ride. 2. Directly behind camper cabins.

Member Interactions:
2 contacts. 1. Campground guests are extremely pleased with amenities. 2. Some guests were disappointed about the Gear Garden being closed and the Community Band Concert moving to another location on July Fourth Celebration.

Additional Observations:
Concern from staff member about the path from storage shed to Gear Garden building while transporting the large kegs of beer over the mulch terrain was awkward. Please construct paved or smother gravel walkway.

POA Staff Reports

Rick Echols: June Ranger contacts in excess of 10,000 is a record, LY June 8,000

John Urquhart: Trap and Skeet suffered lightning damage all repairs have been made. Progress happening quickly at Rifle and Pistol.

Joan Glubczynski: Kingsdale Playground open. Bluebird will be renamed Treehouse Park. Ozzie the Turtle has been added and kids can play on him.

Jessica Anson: Hosted the June 22 swim meet as Rogers Aquatic Center was suffering from damage. June 23 was the kids Triathlon with 85 participants. Swim Team had 99 participants in first session, 91 in second session, record numbers. Swim lessons have 4 sessions at Metfield, 3 at Kingsdale, and 3 toddler sessions. July 4th Splash Down at the pools was a tremendous success, parents commented how much they liked it. The July 5th Sand Fest at the beach was also a tremendous success.

Conversation around the room acknowledging and thanking all the volunteers that help keep the amenities in great shape. Comment to add more, Friends of the Park?

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