POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

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

Welcome/Call to Order

Attendance:

Members: Robert Williams, Brian Mickelson, Richard Taylor, Keith McCloskey, Alan Atkins, Cory Spruiell, Larry Lopardo, JP Devilliers

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

Board Liaisons: Jeff Hendren, Deborah Lukotch, Kathleen Coughlin

Visitor/Guest: None

Current Business:

- July meeting minutes approved
- Gun Range renovation update provided by Tom Judson
- Joan Glubczynskiwas unable to report monthlytrail usage statistics: city did not provide

New Business:

- Joint Advisory Committee Training provided by Tom Judson
- Larry Lopardo nominated and unanimously voted in as Secretary

Amenity Reports:

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

Overall Condition: Fitness center looked great with just a few members using the equipment.
Pavilion area was clean and being used by a few members.
Park restrooms looked great and well stocked.
Playground looks great with the new mulch and wasn't being used at the time.
Pickleball courts were in use and looked great.
Pool area looks great and a few families were there with whom I spoke.

Areas for Review: The large plant vases in front of the fitness center were full of cigarettes. While I was there a person heading for the golf clubhouse tossed his cigarette in one of the vases. Is there anything we can do to discourage folks from using them as ash trays?

Member Interactions: Spoke with some pickleball players that suggested more shade areas but otherwise were enjoying the use of the courts.

Additional Observations: None

Amenity: Loch Lomond Rec Area and Branchwood Complex and Trail
Committee Member: Cory Spruiell
Review Month/Year: July 2024

Overall Condition:

Branchwood– Gym and pool were very active.

Outside Amenities at Branchwood - Empty due to the heat. Overall, the facility looks great and seems to be operating very well. Trashcans were empty and the portable toilet near the pickleball courts was in good shape. Playground was in great shape.

Branchwood Trail/Disc Golf Course – Looked great.

Loch Lomond Rec Area – This area was totally vacant while I was there, but the temperature was in the upper 90s. The area was being mowed. Trashcans were in good shape. There was no litter on ground (except for inside the dog park area). Bathrooms were very clean.

Areas for Review:

Branchwood – The shingles on the pool area where the pool roof meets the main building look damaged. There are two benches at the pickleball courts that are very wobbly and may be at the end of their useful life.

Loch Lomond Rec Area

- Dog Park – The furniture in general in the large and small dog sections looks to be in bad shape. The picnic tables in particular are faded, covered in bird poop, and falling apart (see picture).
- Baseball Field – Well maintained overall. Broken fence corner on side nearest the fish hatchery (see attached). The storage room behind the dugout was open.
- Gazebo – Looks good.
- Bathrooms – Looked great. Very clean and well maintained.

Member Interactions:

I was only able to talk to people inside the complex at Branchwood. All were pleasant and complimentary.

Additional Observations:
N/A

Amenity: Blowing Springs
Committee Member: Larry Lopardo
Review Month/Year: July 2024; 8.4.24 (Sunday) around 12p

Overall Condition:
The trails are busy, mostly with bikers. The campground is about ½ full. Susan, the gate attendant, said that is normal for August.

Areas for Review:
The facilities are in very good shape and are clean. A few small things. (1) the WC at the trailhead needs hand soap in the dispenser; (2) the camping site numbers on the asphalt are pretty faded and need repainting; (3) in the Gear Graden parking lot the water bottle filling station needs to be repainted. I have attached a picture; (4) the external shower at the GG doesn't operate

Member Interactions:
I talked with a guest, not a member, in the campground. She was very pleased with the facilities. Susan said that, aside from the asphalt numbers, she didn't have any maintenance issues.

Amenity: **TIREE PARK**
Committee Member: Brian Mickelson
Review Month/Date: No Report

Amenity: **GRANTON PARK**
Committee Member: Brian Mickelson
Review Month/Year: No Report

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 sandin 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 orconcerns 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: The facility was in good shape. There are several overhanging trees on Courts 7 and 8 which should be trimmed back.The pickleball net has broken through the center support post and is drooping a bit low. It should be repaired or replaced with a better quality net.
Areas for Review: Overhanging trees on Courts 7 and 8. Replacement of pickleball net.

Rec Center
Overall Condition: Everything seemed to be looking great at the Rec Center.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. The bike rack should be rotated 180 degrees so the tires of the bikes will fit in the rack.
Areas for Review: Overhanging tree in NE corner of parking lot.

Pools
Overall Condition: Everything seemed to be in good shape.
Areas for Review: None at this time.
Mini Golf
Overall Condition: The Mini Golf course was in good condition. There are too many putters in the putter stand. Periodically, it would be good to remove some of the putters from the stand.
Areas for Review: None at this time.
Playground and other areas
Overall Condition: The playground looks good.
The Pavilion was in good shape.

Areas for Review: None at this time.

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

Overall Condition:

Dam Park visited 8/1 -Waterfall bridge and trail in great shape. The loose cable and weed overgrowth have been addressed since July visit. THANKS! Covered fishing dock and fish cleaning station in great shape. All trash cans empty and bathrooms in good shape.

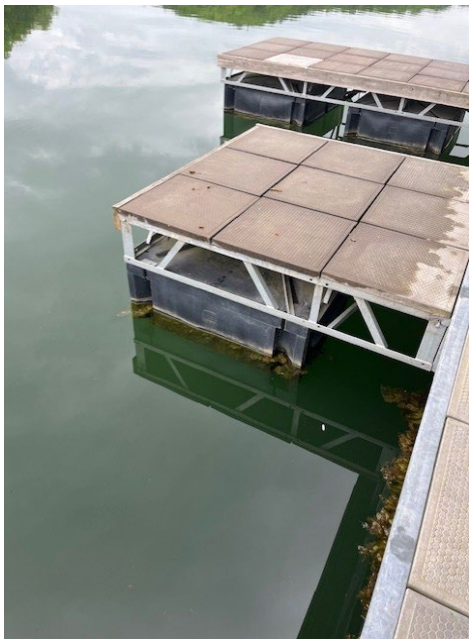
Member Interactions - couple on kayaks moved here from FL about one year ago. They love it here and can't get over the great amenities and how nice people are. They would not change a thing. Also nice to see a couple young men fishing from fishing dock.

Areas for Review: 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). So 4 total boards either missing or damaged on large dock.

Launch Area

Overall Condition - Reviewed Thursday 8/1. Pavilion / BBQ areas good. Port-a-let's both clean/stocked. Trash cans good. Ramp & cleaning station well kept. Nice to see 4-5 trucks/trailers at launch with all having proper registration.

Areas for Review - 2 canoes and 2 kayaks with 23 or later registration. All docked boats have proper registration except the old Sweetwater pontoon in slot 3 has 2023 sticker. This same boat has been parked there for 3-4 months and is poorly kept.



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

Overall - Visited Thur 8/01. Trash cans good. Bathrooms good and well stocked. Picnic/BBQ areas in great shape. 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 3 kayaks

Areas for Review - none

Member Interactions - none

Additional Observations - at some point we need to consider dredging area where creek meets lake. It is so shallow it is somewhat unsightly. Pics below

Areas for Review: none

Member Interactions: none

Amenity: Gun Ranges Tanyard Creek
Committee Member: Brian Mickelson
Review Month/Year: Not Reported

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 cleared of all litter.

Areas for Review:
1)Two large limbs along trailed to be cleared.
2)Wooden post in parking lot needs replaced.

Member Interactions:
>Family of four hiking. Very complementary of trail interpretive signage.
>Couple hiking with grandkids, enjoying nature.

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.

Tanyard Creek Nature Trail Volunteers will 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. We will also finish painting the new lumber on the Weimer bridge and reinstall the repainted bench on the paved portion of trail.

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

Overall condition:

Bella Vista Back 40, Blowing Springs, and Little Sugar Creek trail conditions.

> Little sugar, all trails open!
Tunnel vision, closed at bluebird trail head.

The new Kingsdale connector is open!
This 1/4 mile, soft surface trail, connects little sugar bridge to tunnel vision and the Kingsdale recreation area, eliminating the need to use Chelsea Road to traverse north to south. Plus, it's a great trail for hiking, birdwatching, dog, walking, and running. Check it out!

Ride with caution!

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Areas for review:

> Blowing Springs Greenway Trail has two gravel wash areas between first parking lot and Euston Road.
1)Intersection at the Low Ride trail connection directly behind camper Cabins. needs a water bar to direct drainage to culvert.
2) Area located behind the restroom at GearGarden has a new wash out.

> Area from front parking lot to gear garden needs brush removal next to blowing springs Greenway trail.

Member Interaction:

1) campground guest extremely pleased with amenities.
2) Two guest walking on blowing Springs Greenway Trail express concern where brush was overgrown in the curves making a blind spot for oncoming bike traffic.

POA Staff Reports

Rick Echols: June Ranger contacts at 9890. Second highest on record. Someone drove through cable boundaries at the Tanyard Creek parking lot. Temporary T posts installed until repaired. Richard Taylor commented on how nice the rangers are when approached.

John Urquhart: Trap and Skeet are on par with last year's numbers. Had a trap machine go down and staff repaired it.

Jessica Anson: Tennis pro has left and replacement starts in September with hopes to attend the meeting soon afterward. Tennis court resurfacing is underway. October Flea In The Park is approaching and there are still some spots open for venders**.**

Final comment from Larry Lopardo regarding boulders placed at Pontoon Park launch.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Committee Meeting September 9, 2024, 4:00 pm Boardroom and Live Stream