POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

September 9, 2024 - Boardroom 4:00 pm and Live Stream

Welcome/Call to Order Chair Robert Williams called the Meeting to Order

Attendance:

Members: Robert Williams, Cory Spruiell, Larry Lopardo, JP Devilliers,

Richard Taylor, Keith McCloskey, Alan Atkins, Liz Howie

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

Jessica McCrary

Board Liaisons: Deborah Lukotch

Visitor/Guest: None

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**Current Business:**

- August meeting minutes approved
- Gun Range renovation update provided by Tom Judson
- Jessica Anson provided the latest available Trailblazer usage statistics. They are also on the City's website

**New Business:**

- Liz Howie introduced as the latest Committee Member
- Jessica Anson led a discussion about adding a side gate to the Branchwood Pickleball courts. It is budgeted for 2025
- Tom Judson reported that Joan Glubczynski is retiring towards the end of 2024. Tom indicated that a successor has not yet been named.
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Amenity Reports:

Amenity: Metfield

Committee Member: Robert Williams

Review Month/Year: August 2024

Overall Condition: Fitness center looked great with just a few members using the equipment.

Pavilion area was clean and looks great.

Park restrooms looked great and well stocked.

Playground looks great and in use when I visited.

Pickleball courts were not being used but looked great.

Pool area is closed for the season.

Areas for Review: I noticed the building trim in front of the fitness center needs some attention as the paint is wearing thin.

Member Interactions: Spoke with a few members and all was positive. One member was running for city council and loves our trails and lakes here.

Additional Observations: None

Amenity: Loch Lomond Rec Area and Branchwood Complex and Trail

Committee Member: Cory Spruiell

Review Month/Year: August 2024

Overall Condition:

Branchwood –

- Pickleball courts, gym, pool, and trail were very active. Everything looked well taken care of.

Loch Lomond Rec Area -

- Dog Park and trail were moderately active. Grass looked great and bathrooms were clean.

Areas for Review:

Branchwood –

- There was caution tape across the trail for no discernable reason.
- Possible animal rooting up playground area.
- Consider removing the metal net poles from the basketball court to prevent injury.

Loch Lomond Rec Area -

- The damaged picnic tables remain in the large dog area.

- There is a tree down on the fence on the large dog side.

Member Interactions:

Branchwood –

- Spoke with a member of three months playing basketball. He was very complimentary of all the amenities, but suggested a fence around the basketball court to keep balls from rolling down the hill.

Loch Lomond –

- Spoke with a member of five years at the dog park. He was very happy with the amenities and only mentioned removing the tree across the fence as a need.

Additional Observations:

- The shuffleboard at Branchwood is badly faded. Consider refurbishing and providing supplies to play if not already provided.
- Several pads on the workout equipment at Branchwood were recently replaced in a timely manner.

Amenity: Blowing Springs and Gear Garden

Committee Member: Larry Lopardo

Review Month/Year: Aug 2024; visited on 8/29/24, 8a

Overall Condition:

Review the recreational amenity through the eye of the customer.

How active is it; what is working well; are all aspects being utilized as intended; is it well maintained and aesthetically pleasing? **REPORT: Very well maintained except as noted below. All tables and other campground and Gear Garden (GG) amenities look great. For such an early hour, quite a few people both walking and biking on the trail. Some campers sitting outside their vehicles socializing.**

Areas for Review:

Note items that need repair, attention, or long-term maintenance. **REPORT: The GG showers are inoperative. Perhaps that is intentional. As in prior report, the GG water dispenser is still in need of painting**

If you notice a safety issue report it to the Committee Chairperson immediately. It will be addressed, therefore, not necessary to include in the report.

Member Interactions:

If members are available, introduce yourself as a POA Recreation Committee Volunteer and solicit feedback on the amenity and recreational activities. **REPORT: I did not interface with Members or guests**

Additional Observations:

Evaluate the current recreational amenity and program needs.

Make recommendations for future consideration to keep up with changing demographics and engagement of the association. **REPORT: the water station has been previously discussed**

Amenity: TIREE PARK

Committee Member: Brian Mickelson

Review Month/Year: August 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:

Two of the picnic tables exhibited a considerable amount of biological growth on the table and bench surfaces.

Amenity: GRANTON PARK

Committee Member: Brian Mickelson

Review Month/Year: August 2024

Overall Condition:

The lawns are well groomed, with minimal to no trash observed. Mutt Mitts were available. The outhouse was stocked and was 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 or as reported below.

Areas for Review:

There is a pair of side rails next to the apron leading to the fish cleaning dock.

Amenity: LAKE AVALON PARK

Committee Member: J.P. DeVilliers

Review Month/Date: August 2024

Overall Condition: Excellent

1. The beach is now closed for the season.

Areas for Review: Boards on the docks at the dam wall.

1. On the dock that includes the fish building. The very last board on the Southern/Western corner is rotting.

2. A couple of boards as you step off the concrete steps on the South walkway are loose on and should be screwed down, on the north edge.

Member interaction:

1. Mark with his two daughters were using the Zip line and then playing in the sand pit. He said he loves coming to the park but does wish there was an additional play structure in the Park, Something they kids could play on esp. when the beach is closed.
2. The Watsons were cleaning off their pontoon docked past the beach barrier. They have been waiting for years for a Slip at Loch Lomond and were told they would probably not get one until 2026. This is frustrating for them, and they see it getting worse with the continued immigration into the area.

Staff Interaction: none.

Other:

The restrooms are closed, and it is well posted to please use the portable toilets across the road. The Pavilion is in great shape and the area clean. The grounds are, as always, perfectly cut.

Amenity: Kingsdale Complex

Committee Member: Richard Taylor

Review Month/Year: August, 2024

Tennis Center

Overall Condition: The facility was in good shape. The rest rooms were well stocked with various toiletries and the tennis shop looks great with the old tennis racquets removed from the walls. 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.

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.

Areas for Review: None at this time.

Playground and other areas

Overall Condition: The playground looks good..

The Pavillion 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: August 2024

Overall Condition:

Dam Park visited 9/5 -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. Water surprisingly brown & murky.

Member Interactions - none

Areas for Review: all addressed since prior visits. Thanks

Launch Area

Overall Condition - Reviewed 9/5. Pavilion / BBQ areas are good. Port-a-let's both clean/stocked. Trash cans are good. Ramp & cleaning station well kept.

Areas for Review - 3 canoes with 23 or later registration. All docked boats have proper registration except the old Bass Buggy pontoon without BV registration. But I did see they were left a warning the day prior. NICE.

Member Interactions - great chat with Jim Woodward while pulling out his boat after fishing since 5:30. Been in BV 13yrs and could not ask for a better place with low cost and high quality amenities. Golfs and fishes on most of our lakes, but loves Lake Ann the most. Wife also uses it for kayaking.

Additional Observations - none

Amenity: London Park

Committee Member: Keith McCloskey

Review Month/Year: August 2024

Overall - Visited 9/3. Grass nicely mowed and edged. Trash cans are good. Bathrooms are good and well stocked. Picnic/BBQ areas in great shape. Fish cleaning station is in great shape. All boats properly registered except 2 kayaks

Areas for Review - none

Member Interactions - none

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

Amenity: Gun Range(s)

Committee Member: Brian Mickelson

Review Month/Year: August 2024

Overall Condition:

Pistol and rifle ranges are currently closed for construction. Other structures are in good condition, except as noted on previous reports or as listed below:

Areas for Review:

It was suggested that improvements be made to the trap and skeet area lighting for better visibility during low light conditions, and that electrical power be added to two of the outbuildings.

Member Interactions:

Spoke with several gentlemen at the trap and skeet area of the range and they all seemed friendly and were eager to provide opinions on potential improvements to the facilities. I also provided them with updated information on the progress of the rifle and pistol ranges.

Additional Observations:

There are 6 lighting poles staged in the parking area. Will these be used soon?

Amenity:Tanyard Creek Park

Alan Atkins

August 2024

Overall Condition:

Very active; trails used by members and out of town guests with families and pets. Parking lot full on Labor Day Weekend with overflow parking full of cars at 12:30 pm. Trails aesthetically pleasing, clear of debris and litter. Pets have water and poop bags available.

Restrooms and pavilion clean and clear of debris.

Areas for review: Urinal in the men's restroom not flushing, needs maintenance. Toilet seat is loose and the lid will not stay up.

Member interactions:

Family from Kansas City gave the park thumbs up.

Couple from Bella Vista enjoyed hiking the trails and the information on the interpretive signs.

After a visit to Tanyard Creek Park a couple from Round Rock, Texas have decided to relocate to Bella Vista.

Additional observations:

Street sign needs painting.

Consider a hard surface connector trail from Tanyard Creek Golf Practice facility to the Tanyard Creek Nature Trail.

Tanyard Creek Volunteers Fall project list:

> Keep trail, parking lot, pavilion area and streams, clear of trash and trimmed.

> Touch up paint on benches and bridges as needed.

> Reinstall bench, temporarily removed for deep paint removal, and re-painting.

> maintain and replace Interpretive signage and post as needed.

> Spread gravel on trail in recurring muddy spot near confluence of Avalon and tenured creeks.

> in cooperation with POA crews, remove branches and trunk sections of large downed tree in phase 1 area.

Amenity:Trails/Blowing Springs Greenway Trail(BSGT)

Committee Member: Alan Atkins

Review Month/Year: August 2024

Overall Condition: Beginning at the front parking area to Euston Road, the trail bed is in excellent condition. Very active trail used by campers and locals to connect to adjacent trails. Walkers/Hikers with pets using BSGT. Trail Status Updates: Little Sugar, all trails

open. Tunnel Vision closed at Bluebird Trailhead. RIDE WITH CAUTION! The Back 40, all trails open. RIDE WITH CAUTION!

Areas for Review: Foliage needs to be trimmed along most of the trail from front parking lot to Euston road junction, for safety reasons. Tree branches have grown over and are blocking the view of signs along the roadway. The signs let drivers know where crosswalks are located. See pictures attached.

Member Interaction: Member enjoys the connectivity between Metfield and the Razorback Greenway via the BSGT. Her only concern dealt primarily with visual obstructions due to foliage overgrowth next to trail that made negotiating the curves dangerous, especially approaching walkers with dogs.

POA Staff Reports

Rick Echols:

-Norwood drawdown will be 11.4.24 to 3.3.25

-Ranger contacts: 8731 for Aug 2024 vs 5300 for Aug 2023

-Construction barges are an issue, taking space from users. Some contractors are not following the rules and have been contacted. They are required to register with the POA, even though they do not have to get a permit

John Urquhart:

-Trap and Skeet usage is up 50% YOY. 2023 was a below average year

-Sold rounds are up 12% YOY

-We had 90 participants in our tournament 9.8.24

Jessica Anson:

Events

-The Metfield pool is closed for the season.

-The Kingsdale pools close Sept 15. There will be a cookout on the 15th.

-Pups in the Pool will be Sept 21 at Kingsdale. Little and old dogs will be welcome in the wading pool

-Flea In the Park is Oct 4-5 @Blowing Springs. Parking patterns will differ from the usual ones.

-Haunted Mini-Golf will start the night of Oct 19 at the Kingsdale course

Other Info

-1000 fobs have been sold for REC access

-The Marina gas dock storm damage has been fixed

-C Dock storm damage is about two weeks away from being repaired