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POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

February 10, 2025 - Boardroom 4:00 pm and Live Stream

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

Attendance:
Members: Robert Williams, Larry Lopardo,
Keith McCloskey, Liz Howie, Brian Mickelson, Cory Spruiell

Staff: Tom Judson, John Urquhart, Jessica Anson, Jessica McCrary, Trey Anson, Roland Neville,

Board Liaisons: Deborah Lukotch, Jeff Hendren, Kathleen Coughlin

Visitors/Guests: Two Members were present, neither of whom addressed the JAC

Current Business:

- January meeting minutes approved
- Tom Judson provided the gun range construction update.
    - we hope to open early-March, subject to weather and other construction delays
    - Targets will be changed by the shooters when the rangemaster calls the ranges dark for enough time for shooters to go the targets and safely return
    - John Urquhart said:
        - There will be one range master for both the pistol and rifle ranges
        - At some point, gun safety classes will resume

New Business

- Some JAC Members terms expire in June: Alan Atkins, JP Devilliers and Robert Williams. These Members are asked to give the JAC notice if they are NOT renewing

Board Liaisons

- The Board Liaisons thanked the Committee for its work

Staff Reports

- Tom Judson reported that Feb 17 at 4p is the deadline for petitions to run for the Board.
- John Urquhart reported that:
    - Norwood

        - drawdown continues until approximately March 3
        - we will dredge the upper end of the lake
        - we will lengthen the boat ramp
    - The Rangers had 1377 Jan contacts, approximately 2x of Jan 2024
    - There are two open grounds maintenance positions
    - Brittany:
        - will have a controlled burn
        - The pump into the lake is operating
    - Lomond
        - will have a controlled burn at the dam
        - trout stocking will begin
    - We will conduct fisher surveys at the boat ramps
    - Skeet/Trap
        - usage is up 20% over Jan 2024
        - We have one open position
- Trey Anson
    - provided the trailblazer usage statistics from the City, with context based upon the number of trail counters
    - usage is up 26% from Jan 2024
    - usage at Huntley Gravity Park is up from 850 to over 3000, YOY
    - The newly announced OZ park at Hwy 71 and Oldham will not be part of the POA. The plans were posted today online
    - at Blowing Springs, we will trim back the vegetation on both sides

- John Urquhart reported that:
    - the Norwood fillup is underway, a passive process dependent on the weather
    - The Rangers had 1442 contacts in December. That is up from the 1064 December 2023
    - The Brittany fish stocking is ongoing
    - We are collecting Christmas trees at Lake Ann Park for creating fish habitats
    - We will do a survey in the spring on fishing needs
- Roland Neville
    - The Rotary Winterfest was held at the Rec
        - over 300 in attendance, including over 175 children
    - there will be an Easter Egg Hunt at the Rec in April
    - Metfield received a new shakeplate
    - Branchwood will soon receive pickleball gates
- Jessica Anson
    - free yoga workshops will soon be available, with the dates posted online

Amenity Reports:

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Amenity: London Park
Committee Member: Robert Williams
Review Month/Year: January 2025

Overall Condition: Restroom well stocked and clean.
Pavilion area looked great
Fish cleaning station was clean

Areas for Review:

Member Interactions: None

Additional Observations: I noticed a really nice bench is now next to the fish station. Is it new or refinished? Also the rock creekwall has collapsed just south of the pavilion (pictures)

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**Amenity: Loch Lomond Rec Area**
**Committee Member: Cory Spruiell**
**Review Month/Year: Jan 2025**

**Overall Condition:**

Area was vacant but in good condition. Bathrooms were clean.

**Areas for Review:**
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The door to the men's bathroom does not automatically close all of the way. It seems to get hung on the upper left hand cornor

Member Interactions:

N/A

Additional Observations:

There is only one small sign indicating where the park is. It is located south of the rec area and does not look like any other POA amenity sign. The other POA signs in the area do not include Loch Lomond Rec Area.

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**Amenity: Branchwood Complex and Trail**
**Committee Member: Cory Spruiell**
**Review Month/Year: Jan 2025**

**Overall Condition:**

The Branchwood Complex looked great as usual and was very busy at about 10:30am on a Monday.

**Areas for Review:**

The walls in the pool area are starting to show water stains.

**Member Interactions:**

N/A

**Additional Observations:**

Consider making all dependent activity cards free to members.
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## Amenity: Blowing Springs/Gear Garden

## Larry Lopardo–January 2025—visited February 3, 2025 at 230p

Overall Condition:

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Very Good. I spoke with employee Bernie, who had nothing to add to my observations. The 1st Campground lot was about ⅓ full. There were more campers in the 2nd Lot. I did not see any campers with whom I could speak. They were all out enjoying the 75F weather.

The cabins are all full for Memorial Day

Areas for Review:

The same as previously: potholes as you enter Lot 1, paint needed on the GG water station, the bench at the Blowing Springs parking lot needs repainting.

Member Interactions:

None

Additional observations:

None

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**Amenity: Tiree Park**
**Committee Member: Liz Howie**
**Review Month/Year: February 2025**

**Overall Condition:**
The lawns and parking areas were well maintained and free of trash. The trashcans were all empty. The Portable Potty was maintained properly.

**Areas for Review:**

1. **Only 2 of the 5 watercraft that are stored have a 2025 sticker so I will continue to monitor in my monthly reviews.**
2. **There is a large tree that has some limb damage and limbs down near beginning of parking lot but I did notice machinery nearby that would be used to clear this.**

**Member Interaction:**
None

**Additional Observation**

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**Amenity: Granton Park**
**Committee Member: Liz Howie**
**Review Month/Year: February, 2025**

**Overall Condition:**

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The Park was well maintained with trashcans empty, Portable Potty serviced and landscape clear of trash etc.

**Areas for Review:**
**1.The area between the Portable Potty and fishing dock has a lot of dog poop piles that owners haven't picked up.**
**2. Only 1 canoe of the 18 watercraft has 2025 sticker. I will monitor this in my monthly reviews.**

**Member Interactions:**
A gentlemen was walking his 2 little dogs and we exchanged pleasantries. We both agreed the park was a gem for POA members to visit and he had no suggestions for improvements on our part.

**Additional Observations:**
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nity: Lake Avalon

Committee Member: J.P. DeVilliers

Review Month/Date: February 2025

Overall Condition: Excellent.

The beach is closed for the season.

Family played on the Zip line and in the sand pit, a second group were on the beach taking family photos.

The dock's on the dam side look in excellent condition. There is a issue in the Heated Doc, looks like someone started a fire in the building and one of the benches and the floor in front of the bench are damages.

Areas for Review: Heated Doc (See images below)

The restrooms remain closed. Can we post when they will be opened again?

Member interaction: None

Staff Interaction: None.

Other None

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**Overall Condition -** Donated Christmas trees still staged and waiting to be sunk for fish habitat. Pavilion / BBQ areas are very good. Port-a-let's both clean/stocked. Trash cans are all good. Ramp & cleaning station well kept.

**Areas for Review -** just 2 canoes with 23 or later registration. One piece of dock bumper still hanging loose on right side of launch dock. This was noted in November. (see pics)

**Member Interactions -** none.

**Additional Observations -** none

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**Amenity:** Metfield Park and Clubhouse
**Committee Member:** Keith McCloskey
**Review Month/Year: JAN** 2025

**Overall Condition:** Visited 2/05/25

Picnic / Pickleball Area
Great shape overall. Minimal leaves and grass well kept. Screens on Pball court well kept.

Clubhouse and workout facilities
Both well kept and in great shape.

**Areas for Review:** none at this time

**Member Interactions:** Good talk with Randy and Penny who have lived here about 10yrs and love the amenities. They use workout facilities, trails, and gold courses. They like all amenities and don't see a need for change

**Additional Observations:** nothing additional

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**Amenity: Gun/Archery Range(s)**
**Committee Member: Brian Mickelson**
**Review Month/Year: January 2025**

**Overall Condition:**
The pistol, rifle, and archery ranges are currently closed for construction with progress being reported by Tom Judson. The trap & skeet area is in good overall condition. Other structures are in good condition, except as noted in previous reports or as listed below:

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**Areas for Review:**
There are currently no areas for review.

**Member Interactions:**
There were approximately 15 individuals at the trap and skeet area at the time of review with more than a dozen active shooters. Of the users I spoke with, all stated that it was an enjoyable and well used amenity, and the staff are highly regarded by the shooters.

**Additional Observations:**
There are no additional observations for this report.

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Amenity: Tanyard Creek Park
Alan Atkins
January 2025

Overall Condition:

With the cold wintry weather Park activity has slowed. Park is working well providing paved and soft trails for hikers, nature seekers and pet walkers. Park is very well maintained, clean of litter and aesthetically pleasing.

Areas for review:

Asphalt pathways around the entrance from parking lot and next to the Pavilion have several areas that need patching.

Memeber Interactions:

Members from Bella Vista and visitors from surrounding communities were very complementary of the cleanliness and the Parks beauty.

Additional observations:

Trail extension from the bathroom area to the Tanyard Creek Golf parking lot would be a parking enhancement.

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Amenity:BSGT/BV TRAILS
Alan Atkins
January 2025

Overall Condition: BSGT Clean of litter and well maintained.

Areas for Review: Trail edge from front parking lot to Euston Road needs vegetation removal before spring growth cycle begins.
Curves on BSGT needs vegetation removed to accommodate a clear eyesight for two way traffic of bikes and walkers with or without pets.

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Member Interactions:Bikers compliment the connectivity and well maintained trails around BSGT.

Additional Observations: Water bottle fill station located at front parking area would be useful.

Trails: Rushing Roulette, a new trail at Handcut Hollow. Get ready for a fast, technical, and steep descent from the Hub down to the schoolhouse. opening soon.

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No report for Kingsdale/BVREC
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