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POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

May 12, 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 (video), Liz Howie, Cory Spruiell, Richard Taylor, Keith McCloskey

Staff: Tom Judson, Rick Echols, John Urquhart (video), Jessica McCrary, Trey Anson, Roland Neville

Board Liaisons: Jeff Hendren (video)
Visitors/Guests: Two Members were present

Current Business:

- **April meeting minutes approved**
- In JP Devilliers' absence, until we appoint a new member, we need temporary coverage for Tiree and Granton. Larry Lopardo agreed to visit Granton

New Business

-The following Member terms expire June 30, 2025: Alan Atkins, Robert Williams, JP Devilliers. Alan and Robert intend to apply for another term. JP requests to be replaced.

-At the June meeting, we will vote on the Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. Any Members who wish to take on those roles should email Robert.

Visitors

- Two members attended and petitioned the committee to consider putting in handicap access to more trails in the area:

Staff Reports

- Tom Judson:

    - Tom reminded all Members to vote in the Board election by May 20
- Rick Echols:
    - The Norwood drawdown is complete
    - Brittany is full and the pumps have been turned off
    - Ranger contacts were slightly up MOM, but down from the same month last year
    - all four summer rangers have been hired and trained
    - Grounds Maintenance completed its rounds of the lakes
    - our fishing derby had 67 children
    - the grass carp raffle continues. 18 have been removed so far
    - The Avalon beach has been sprayed for algae
    - as of April 30 we ended the agreement to use the Ozark Sportsman gun range.
- John Urquhart:
    - We had two gun tournaments. One used 16,700 birds, and one used 12k birds, the latter on Mother's Day
    - the busiest day for rifle and pistol is Saturday. We typically do not have waits
- Trey Anson:
    - the trail usage numbers were flat MOM
    - FAST is having its Board meeting here on June 9
    - Pedal It Forward held a Pedal for Pancakes event
- Roland Neville:
    - The pools will have their health inspection on May 14, and the projected opening is May 24
    - lifeguards have been trained

Board Liaisons

- no comments

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Amenity Reports

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

Overall Condition: Restrooms were clean and well stocked

Pavilion area looked great
Fish cleaning station was overflowing
The washed out section of the road was filled however there are several small but deep potholes that would be simple to fill over with chat or something (pictured).

Areas for Review: Still only 2 kayaks and 1 canoe out of 9 have 2025 stickers

Member Interactions: Family using the pavilion commented on the parks beauty.
Additional Observations: A pipe has been chopped off in front of the restrooms.

Blowing Springs Greenway Trail/Bella Vista Trails
Alan Atkins
April 2025

OVERALL CONDITION:
Very well maintained.
Great connectivity to area trails.

AREAS FOR REVIEW:
Gravel wash at intersection of Low Ride and BSGT behind Camper Cabins.
Standing water behind Gear Garden restroom on the BSGT.

MEMBER INTERACTION:
Couple visiting from Kanas. Very complimentary of the accessibility and the beautiful well kept areas.

ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS:
Member requested additional trash can on upper end of BSGT.
Water bottle fill station needed at trailhead in front parking lot.

Bella Vista Trails report can be sourced from Trailblazers website or on Facebook, Instagram.

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**Amenity: Blowing Springs/Gear Garden**

**Larry Lopardo–April 2025—visited April 30, 2025 at 1230p**

Overall Condition:

Very Good. I spoke with two employees. All Campgrounds were 50% full. When rain is expected, as was the case this week, we often get last minute cancellations. The team is starting to work with the new software system for reservations, although it is not fully
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operational. The team finds it easy to use. Customers who have used the same program at other venues like it. We discussed possible paper trail maps, as I talked about in the last report. Nancy suggested QR codes that allow customers to download maps. Given the ongoing strong census, perhaps expansion or another campsite could be explored.

Port-A-Potty at the Back 40 lot was out of hand soap, and there are bottles on the ground next to it.

Areas for Review:

The same as previously: potholes as you enter Lots 1 and 2, paint needed on the GG water station, the bench at the Blowing Springs parking lot needs repainting. Instead of a full repaving, we could fill the actual holes and the areas where past water/ser line excavation has settled. The Gear Garden lot needs restriping, and should go in a queue for resurfacing next year.

The GG toilets looked like they had been repainted. They look good.

Member/Guest Interactions:

I did not speak with any guests.

Additional observations:

None

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**Amenity:  Granton Park**
**Committee Member:  Liz Howie**
**Review Month/Year:  May 6, 2025**

**Overall Condition:**
The Park overall looked good- lawn mowed, restroom serviced, trashcans emptied, Mutt Mitts filled, picnic area clean.

**Areas for Review:**

1. **2 pics attached that show some type of storage trailer parked in the grass off the parking lot- is it ours?**
2. **Fish cleaning station- water not working, when is it turned on?**
3. **The following watercraft do not have their 2025 sticker displayed:**
   **#56433, #74105, #71023, #70733, #62314**

**Member Interactions:**
There were no members to interact with while I visited.

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

**Overall Condition:**
The pistol and rifle ranges are in good overall condition. The archery range is closed, awaiting equipment and landscaping. 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:

**Areas for Review:**
The RSOs conveyed the need to split the PA system between the rifle and pistol ranges so that announcements could be given to the individual ranges (rifle or pistol) instead of across the complex, to allow for more tailored communications during slower range usage. Additionally, there will be a need for a shade structure over the sitting area to the east of the check-in area when weather conditions become warmer.

**Member Interactions:**
I spoke with a gentleman that had just finished using the pistol range, and he had a very positive opinion of the pistol and rifle ranges. He felt that the ranges were much improved as compared to the preclosing condition and looked forward to using the prone platform on the rifle range as soon as he could get time.
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Additional Observations:
There was a curled shingle observed on the roof of the trap and skeet main building.

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**Amenity: Lake Avalon Park and Dam Areas**

**Committee Member: Liz Howie**
**Review Month/Year: May 6, 2025**

**Overall Condition:**
The Park overall looked good- The sand has been delivered to the beach and ready to be spread out, zipline area in working order, Restrooms are open and clean, water fountain is working, Mutt Mitts
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filled, lawns mowed, trash cans were emptied, volleyball area clean, picnic area set up and clean, heated doc area clean and in order.

Areas for Review:

1. **Water spigot near Zipline area is not working- does it get turned on?**
2. **The following watercraft did not have their 2025 stickers displayed- #59564,**

Member Interactions:
There were no members to interact with but I did get to visit with a Great Blue Heron(pic below).

Additional Observations:

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

**Overall Condition:**

Area was moderately busy and in very good condition.

**Areas for Review:**

Hanging dead tree branches in small dog area of the dog park. Also, there is a hole in the fence in the small dog area that is currently covered by concrete blocks (see pics).

**Member Interactions:**
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Talked to three members, all were very happy with the area and pointed out the hanging branches as a safety issue.

Additional Observations:

N/A

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**Amenity: Kingsdale Complex**

**Committee Member: Richard Taylor**

**Review Month/Year, April, 2025**

**Tennis Center**

Overall Condition: The facility was in good shape. Courts 1,2,3,4,7, and 8 are in need of resurfacing. In addition, the lights are outdated and should be replaced when the budget allows. Kelli indicated that the USTA had some grant money available for court resurfacing and management is planning to make an application to the USTA for any available grant money.

Areas for Review: Resurfacing of courts 1,2,3,4,7,and 8 and updating of court lights

Member interaction: I spoke with some tennis members and they all seem to be very happy with the new Tennis Director, Kelli. There were some concerns expressed from members relating to the number of USTA teams using the Kingsdale complex as their “home” facility. Apparently there were a couple of social events that were cancelled to allow for USTA make up matches.

**Rec Center**

Overall Condition: Everything seemed to be looking great at the Rec Center.

Areas for Review: None

**Pools**

Overall Condition: Pool looked good and ready to open for the season

**Playground and other areas**

Overall Condition: The playground looks good.

The Pavillion was in good shape.

Areas for Review: None at this time.

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Amenity: Metfield Park and Clubhouse

Committee Member: Keith McCloskey
Review Month/Year: April 2025

Overall Condition: Visited 5/09/25

Picnic / Pickleball Area are all in very good shape. Playground has adequate amount of mulch and equipment in fine shape. Both portable and permanent bathrooms clean and stocked. Pool appears in great shape and close to opening ready.

Clubhouse and workout facilities in very good condition.

Areas for Review: none

Member Interactions: none

Additional Observations: nothing additional

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TANYARD CREEK PARK
Alan Atkins
April 2025

OVERALL CONDITION:
Park is clean of litter and an excellent shape, providing paved and soft trails for hikers, nature lovers, and pet walking.
Bathrooms Are clean and in good working condition.
Poop station is well stock and available for pets.
Pavilion is clean and in good working order, ready for rentals.
A new paver Trail connecting the Tanyard Creek practice facility and Tanyard Creek Park is available for overflow parking.

AREAS FOR REVIEW:
On Sunday May 4 the overflow parking area was not available from paved lot. The orange cones were not removed. Vehicles were accessing the overflow lot via Lancashire Blvd.

MEMBER INTERACTION:
Interaction with local family only had great things to say about TC Park.
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TANYARD CREEK NATURE TRAIL VOLUNTEERS:
Volunteers have started their Spring 2025 Work schedule.

On the current to-do list with more to be added each week:

• Normal cleaning
• Move a telephone pole back into place on the trail to the waterfall (photo below)
• Make minor changes to west rock approach to the chain bridge (boots required)
• Fill two small holes on trail to driving range
• Pick up many golf balls in cactus garden
• Replace foot rail on suspension bridge
• Cut large hanging vine on Phase 1
• Add rebar to new retaining wall

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**Amenity: Tiree Park**
**Committee Member: Liz Howie**
**Review Month/Year: May 6, 2025**

**Overall Condition:**
**Overall condition is good- the picnic areas mowed, trash empty, swing set area in working order and clean, bathrooms opened and clean, boat launch area clean**

**Areas for Review:**

1. **The following watercraft do not have their 2025 sticker displayed- #59277, 59278**

**Member Interaction:**
A member and his young son were fishing off the boat launch area and just told me they love the opportunity to fish so close to home.

**Additional Observation:**
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