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POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

June 9, 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, Liz Howie,
Richard Taylor, Keith McCloskey, Brian Mickelson

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

Board Liaisons: Deborah Lukotch, Jackie Gain
Visitors/Guests: Three Members were present

Current Business:

- **May meeting minutes approved**

New Business

-*Damon Williams* submitted his application to fill the seat vacated by JP Devilliers. He spoke to the Committee.

-*Russell Rappel* submitted a request for a dog park to be constructed on a portion of the current Branchwood disc course. He submitted a photo which is attached to these minutes. He doesn't have an estimate but opined that it would cost between $10k-$15k. He is willing to find donors and would include himself in that effort.

Tom Judson noted that the budget process starts in July. There is precedent for donations paying for part of amenity costs. One concern would be dog park noise affecting neighboring homes.

Staff Reports

- Tom Judson:
  - One Assessment Info meeting has been held with two more to come
  - We continue to work on replacing signage that is damaged or worn

- Rick Echols:
    - Lomond will be drawdown from Nov 3, 2025 to March 2, 2026
    - We have three new Rangers. Contacts were 11,500 in May. That contrasts with 4400 in April and 5700 in May 2024
    - The grass carp contest continues.
- John Urquhart:
    - This is trap and skeet tournament season
    - There is a need for shade at the pistol/rifle side
- Roland Neville:
    - All pools are open
    - We have 25 lifeguards from HS and college
    - Jessica Anson has left the POA and we are looking for a replacement
- Trey Anson:
    - Trail usage is 171,815 YTD. That is up 31% from 2024
    - We are looking at issues related to the railroad bridge at Lake Ann
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Board Liaisons

- no comments

Amenity Reports

Amenity: Granton Park
Committee Member: Larry Lopardo
Review Month/Year: May, 2025

Overall Condition:
The Park overall looked good. Trash receptacles were maintained, Mutt Mitts were filled, and the restroom was serviced.

Areas for Review: The water at the fish cleaning station is off

Member Interactions: no,

BLOWING SPRINGS GREENWAY TRAIL/ BELLA VISTA TRAILS

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OVERALL CONDITION :

Caution: BSGT paved section from the front parking lot to Euston road has several small areas of standing water; areas of mud and gravel washed onto trail pavement from recent stormy weather. Remainder of trail is in excellent shape.

AREAS FOR REVIEW:

Water spigot station at front parking lot trailhead would be beneficial to hikers, bicyclists, and pet walkers.

MEMBER INTERACTIONS:

Cycle group from Tulsa were very complimentary of the BSGT.

Pet walkers were numerous and complimentary of the trails.

ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS:

Per Victor Gurel, CEO, TrailBlazers: Funding to repair the 13 broken water spigots along the Little Sugar and Back 40 Trail Systems has been raised and work is scheduled to begin on or before May 26,2025 with the goal to have all systems operational by June 10,2025. Article on the Trailblazers Facebook page.

Additional updated Trail information available on the Trailblazers and OZ Trails media sites.

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**Amenity: Blowing Springs/Gear Garden**

**Larry Lopardo–May 2025**

<u>Overall Condition:</u>
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Very Good.

Areas for Review:

The same as previously reported: 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/sewer line excavation has settled. The Gear Garden lot needs restriping, and should go in a queue for resurfacing next year. Ponding occurs at the edge of the roadway as you pass the booth. That breeds mosquitoes, according to staff.

The employees I spoke with indicated that the campground toilets need HVAC work. They also felt that these could be painted, although I didn't see a need for that. In the men's toilet, the overhead light is flickering at the last shower stall. In the laundry, I could not get the overhead fan to operate.

There is a culvert pipe exposed along the side of the roadway as you approach the Gaer Garden itself. When the GG is full, as it was on June 1, people park in this area. I recommended that a bollard be installed to keep people from parking over the culvert pipe and breaking it.

The GG shower had trash in it . There were a few water bottles in the GG spectator area. I trashed them.

The Mutt Mitt at the GG doesn't open.

Member/Guest Interactions:

I did not speak with any guests.

Additional observations:

None

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

**Overall Condition:**
The pistol and rifle ranges are in good overall condition. The archery range is closed, awaiting equipment. The trap & skeet area is not covered in this report for being closed on the day of this evaluation. Other structures are in good condition, except as noted in previous reports or as listed below:
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Areas for Review:
The RSOs again 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, as well as the need for a shade structure over the sitting area to the east or south of the check-in area as weather conditions have become warmer. Also, what is the status of equipment still needed to open the archery range?

Member Interactions:
There were no member interactions as users were actively shooting at the time of evaluation. However, it was relayed to me that, patrons continue to be pleased with the new facility. It was also stated that an individual was not happy with having a camera pointing at him during use and there were two individuals who were uncomfortable with being observed by a Range Safety Officer.

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Overall Condition: Restrooms were clean and well stocked
Pavilion area looked great
Fish cleaning station was again overflowing
All looked great and very green due to the wet weather.

Areas for Review: Left side of dock corner coming loose. An erosion path is beginning and migrating the sand and gravel into the ramp. It is small now but will soon collapse that shore edge into the ramp. If we can fill it in now, it would be a simple 15 minute job. (pictures included).

Member Interactions:

Additional Observations:

Amenity: Kingsdale Complex

Committee Member: Richard Taylor

Review Month/Year, May, 2025

Tennis Center

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Overall Condition: The facility was in good shape. Kelli and some helpers were in the process of hanging multiple State Champion banners in preparation for the Cancer Challenge on June 14. The French Open mixer on June 7 was a success. Some of the members mentioned that the $25 fee was a bit too much. Kelli indicated that there was a meeting scheduled on June 19th with USTA representatives to discuss our application for some grant money available for court resurfacing. Courts 1,2,7 & 8 are in immediate need of resurfacing. If the budget allows in the future the lights should be updated and a better quality pickleball net should be installed on the pickleball court.

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. The Tennis Center looks good and she keeps the rest room well stocked with toiletries, towels, sunscreen.

Rec Center

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

Areas for Review: None

Pools

Overall Condition: Pools looked good and they are open for the season.

Playground and other areas

Overall Condition: The playground looks good. There was a bit of storm debris under the wooden bridge from the recent storms.

The Pavillion was in good shape.

The Mini Golf range also had some storm debris on a few of the holes at the south end of the course.

Areas for Review: None at this time.

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Tanyard Creek Park

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May 2025

OVERALL CONDITIONS
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Park is clean of litter and in excellent condition, providing paved and soft trails for nature lovers, hikers, and pet walking. Educational signage along the trails provides learning opportunities for hikers explaining flora and geological features of Tanyard Creek Nature Trail.

Pet refuse station is located at entrance to park along with trash receptacles and water for pets.

Pavilion is located at entrance to park and available for rental by contacting the POA.

AREAS FOR REVIEW

Members rented Pavilion for a potluck dinner for 25 people on Monday May 19.

When they arrived the main parking lot was full and overflow parking lot was closed. Group had no area to unload; they parked at Tanyard Creek practice facility. The elderly group carried their potluck dishes to and from the practice facility parking lot to the pavilion.

MEMBER INTERACTIONS

Park full on Tuesday May 20. Tanyard Creek Waterfall was roaring and everyone enjoyed the show.

Interviewed a gentleman from Tulsa taking professional grade photos of the Park; he was highly impressed with everything.

ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS

'No parking'striping has been added to the paved parking lot to prevent vehicles from blocking the entrance to the overflow parking lot.

With the main parking lot full, pavilion renters have only the Tanyard Creek Practice facility for parking. Let's look at developing an unloading zone and pickup area adjacent to Nature Trail Ln. next to the restroom. This would accommodate all users of TCP.

Tanyard Creek Nature Trail Volunteers: some items on the list this month:

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1. Trash detail. Clean the trails and surrounding areas and parking lot.

2. Replace signs

3. Trim overhanging foliage

4. Replace a tread on the suspension bridge

5. Pull poison ivy

6. Paint benches if dry enough

7. Sand and paint top railings on the pole and Weimer bridges.

8. Shore-up some rock steps at the top of the shortcut.

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