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POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

August 11, 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, Russell Rappel, Damon Williams, Alan Atkins

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

Board Liaisons: Deborah Lukotch in person; Kathleen Coughlin by video

Visitors/Guests: One Member was present

Current Business:

- **July meeting minutes approved**

Budget

We discussed the budget process. Tom Judson stated that Staff would rather have the Committee's thoughts vs presenting staff thoughts at the outset. He also said that we should not concern ourselves with ranking items by perceived cost. Staff would like the Committee to rank our priorities.

Committee members expressed their ideas on ranking criteria.

Tom answered questions about dog park funding. Yes, the POA is able to accept outside funding, but the POA is a 501c4, not 501c3, and that any donations are NOT tax deductible.

ACTION: Chair Williams will circulate the list of Committee budget priorities and we will all rank them.

Committee Posts

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The following appointments were **unanimously agreed upon:** Chair Robert Williams, Vice-Chair Keith McCloskey, Secretary Larry Lopardo

Staff Reports

-*Tom Judson*: He reminded all to vote on the Assessment issue. Voting ends Aug 19

-*John Urquhart*: We have been understaffed at Lakes and Parks, but have a new hire coming on board. Ranger Contacts were 12,379 in July, up 26% YOY. Rifle/pistol usage was up 24% MOM. Trap/skeet were on par with 2024, same month. Archery will open soon.

-*Trey Anson*: The trails saw a 5% increase MOM.

-*Roland Neville:* The Metfield pools are closed for the season. Avalon beach is open only on the weekends. Kingsdale polls close on Sept 14. Larry asked about the process to get more Kingsdale lap lanes above the current 1.5 lanes. We have a new manager at Branchwood.

Amenity Reports

Amenity: Lake Ann Dam Park / Boat Ramp Park
Committee Member: Keith McCloskey
Review Month/Year: July 2025

Dam Area - Visited Mon 8/04

Overall Condition: waterfall bridge area looks good some weeds are starting to become overgrown Could use one pass with a weed eater. Both fishing docks in good shape. Restroom good.

Member Interactions: none

Areas for Review: Weed eater needed at waterfall bridge. See pic.

Launch Area - Visited Nonday 8/04

Overall Condition – park in great shape overall with lawn and facilities all well maintained. Pavilion / BBQ areas good. Port-a-let's both clean/stocked. Trash cans good. Ramp & cleaning station well kept.

Areas for Review – 4 canoes and 2 kayaks have 2024 or later registration. The newly built dock was still placed in boat slip area 16 & 17. Leased boat space very full. All have 2025 registration except 3, 7 & 13.

Member Interactions - none

Additional Observations – none

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**Amenity:** Metfield Park, Pool, Courts and Clubhouse
**Committee Member:** Keith McCloskey
**Review Month/Year: July 2025**

**Overall Condition:** Visited 8/05

Pool and its facilities were walked and seen to be in great shape. Pickleball courts also in great shape. Both portable and permanent bathrooms clean and stocked. Picnic and BBQ areas all in good condition with trash cans and grounds very well maintained.

Clubhouse and workout facilities in very good condition.
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Areas for Review: there is a half broken and fallen tree near the large picnic gazebo. Limbs have not died but don't think tree look good or is worth saving cosmetically. See pic.

Member Interactions: chatted with Lori at Rec Center and she had no member concerns. She only works & Thur but provided good feedback. With our changing demographic she is starting to see more parents coming in with their kids for working out. This changing demographic requires us to consider more evening amenities for those that work. I think we are starting to see more use of Pickleball courts at night and our lights are really not good Metfield could be considered a safety hazard on two courts where we have one light pole serving two elongated courts. But I would rather designate funds for additional Metfield courts under existing lights than invest in redoing all Metfield and Branchwood PB lights. Pic of old tennis court lights below.

I heard from a young member Tucker that the Tanyard Creek driving range is very busy at their current closing time. If we get to a point of charging again for range balls we maybe should consider extending driving range hours and maybe adding lights for winter evenings. Also spoke with 3 lifeguards at pool and they had nothing negative to say.

Additional Observations: nothing more

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**Amenity: Blowing Springs/Gear Garden**

**Larry Lopardo–Aug8, 2025- a Friday**

Overall Condition:

Very Good. Not busy at all

Areas for Review:

The same as previously: potholes as you enter Lots 1 and 2, paint needed on the GG water station.

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.

The spigot riser at Space 56 leans.  One spigot drips.  See picture

The bench at the Blowing Springs parking lot is gone for repainting.
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Staff had nothing to report.

At the GG, neither exterior shower works. The women's gets a truckle out of the lower spigot. *[Post script: Roland has since sent me a video showing how to operate the showers, and there will be instructions posted. Bottom line: they do work]*

.Member/Guest Interactions:

I did not speak with any guests.

Additional observations:

None

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BLOWING SPRINGS GREENWAY TRAIL/BELLA VISTA TRAILS
Alan Atkins
July 2025

OVERALL CONDITION
BSGT from front parking lot to Euston Road is in excellent condition free of litter and brush.

AREAS FOR PREVIEW
Intersection of Low Ride Trail and the BSGT has a small area of gravel overflow.

MEMBER INTERACTION
All member had positive comments on the BSGT.

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**Amenity: Granton Park**
**Committee Member: Damon Williams**
**Review Month/Year: Jul/2025**

**Overall Condition:**
I inspected Granton Park on Jul 24th, at approximately 11:45am. As I arrived, some contractors who'd just put a pontoon boat in the water, were the only users. It appeared that gravel had been laid from the parking lot, down to the creek to the north, in preparation for vehicular access to the creek bed (see below).

Generally, the grounds were tidily manicured, clean, and serviceable. Picnic facilities were clean, well-maintained, and ready for customers. Sanitation facilities (ports potty, bathrooms, and dog bag station) were clean, serviceable, and stocked

**Areas for Review:**
Recurring**:** The Kayak Rack appeared to be in need of structural maintenance. (See below)

Resolved: The Fish Cleaning Station water spigot WAS operational. After looking at the system for a bit, I determined that by connecting an inverter, setting two timers, and opening the valve, the fish cleaning station was operational. However, recommend the creation and posting of a placard with instructions on how to safely operate the system. Given the apparent disuse of the spigot (old cobwebs), I'm not the only one confused about how to work the system.

Recurring: The Dock gangway rolling wheels were both flat, off the rims, and semi-buried, and at least one of the dock's vertical guides was broken. Furthermore, the dock was being encroached upon by vegetation (See below).

There's a pretty tired looking picnic bench that could use recapitalization at some point. It's still functional, but doesn't show well (See below).

**Member Interactions:**
No members were around to interact with. In fact, the lone vessel (pontoon boat) moored to the dock sat alone for the entire time I was there.

**Additional Observations:**
As stated, overall repair, cleanliness and serviceability of Granton Park facilities is quite good. Minor and continual maintenance and upgrades are a constant necessity, and must be performed with all other POA maintenance priorities in mind. No safety concerns are currently present.

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**Additional Observations:**
**None**

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**Amenity: Loch Lomond Recreation Complex**
**Committee Member: Russell Rappel**
**Review Month/Year: August 2025**

**Overall Condition:**
Overall, the condition of the Loch Lomond Recreation Complex is in excellent condition. The following specific items were observed:

- Restrooms – Clean and stocked with necessities.
- Ball Field – Pads of grass growing up in base running area. See Area for Review below.
- Dog Parks – In good shape considering how they looked around this time last year. Not as much "wear and tear" in the grass in the large dog park. Probably a function of the longer periods of extreme heat this year.
- Trail – Good condition
- Picnic Area – Excellent condition, clean area, grill clean and ready for use.
- Overall – excellent condition, garbage cans taken care of.

**Areas for Review:**
Within the fenced in area of the ball field, along the first base side, just past the garbage can, there is an electrical box that is broken. Unsure what runs through this box but there are exposed wires. See photo below.

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**Member Interactions:**
I had no member interactions. I made my review during the middle of a hot day and there were no members to be found at this area during my review.

**Additional Observations:**
No additional observations at this time.

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**Amenity: Kingsdale Complex**

**Committee Member: Richard Taylor**

**Review Month/Year, July, 2025**

**Tennis Center**

Overall Condition: The facility was in good shape. There are overhanging tree branches on Court #7 that are interfering with play and also present a risk if they should fall on the court/. 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: Trimming the overhanging tree branches on Court # 7. Resurfacing of courts 1,2,3,4,7,and 8 and updating of court lights.

Member interaction: The Tennis Center looks good and the members I talked to are happy with the job that Kelli is doing.

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

Areas for Review: None

**Rec Center**

The Rec Center looks good.

**Pools**

Overall Condition: Pools looked good.

**Playground and other areas**

Overall Condition: The playground looks good.
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The Pavillion was in good shape.  The mens bathroom vent is dirty and in need of a cleaning.

The Mini Golf range is in good shape.

Areas for Review:  None at this time.

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Tanyard Creek Park
Alan Atkins
July 2025

OVERALL CONDITION
Park is clean of litter and in excellent condition, providing paved and soft trails for member exploration. Educational signage along the trails provides learning opportunities for hikers explaining floral and geographical features of the Tanyard Creek Nature Trail.
Pet walking is very popular with refuse bags and water available.
Pavilion is located at the entrance of the Park just a short distance from the parking lot. Pavilion is available for rental by contacting the Bella Vista POA.

AREAS FOR REVIEW
A pullout parking area is needed for buses to unload visitors and park at the Tanyard Creek golf range.

Member Interaction
All members contacted had a positive assessment of the Park.

ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS
A grassy area in middle of the paved trail could be manicured for a dog play area.

Tanyard Creek Nature Trail Volunteers report:
Volunteers are maintaining the trails this summer by cleaning up litter, keeping brush and poison ivy away from trails, weed-eating around signs and benches, trimming overhead branches, replacing educational signage as needed.

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Amenity:  Tyree Park
Committee Member:  Damon Williams
Review Month/Year:  Jul/2025 Overall Condition:

I inspected Tyree Park on Jul 24rd, at approximately 12:05pm. Generally, the grounds were manicured, clean, and serviceable. Picnic facilities were clean, well-maintained, and ready for customers. I was alone in the park, on a scorching day. Sanitation facilities (porta-poty, bathrooms, and dog bag station) were clean, serviceable, and stocked. The playground looked

spotless Areas for Review: Recurring: The pier appeared a bit crooked, showed signs of loose boards and some of them needed replacing (See below). Recurring: The men's bathroom HVAC register needed replacing (See below).In fact, both bathrooms could use some paint, although they are completely serviceable and safe. Recurring: The shuffleboard field appeared to have algae stains on it, and other evidence of disuse. Recommend repurposing, removal, or renovation and figuring out some way to make shuffleboard equipment ready at hand (See below). Upon entry to the park, it was clear that the eastern side of the drive could use some brush control (See below). The photo doesn't depict the actual impression well.
Member Interactions: Unfortunately, I did not succeed in interacting with any members while at the park, which I think was probably due to the oppressive heat of the midday sun. However, I did interact with the self-appointed caretakers (4), who seemed unperturbed by my presence, but not interested in getting to know me (See below).
Additional Observations: As stated, overall repair, cleanliness and serviceability of Tyree Park facilities is quite good. Minor and continual maintenance and upgrades are a constant necessity, and must be performed with all other POA maintenance priorities in mind. Pier Conditons Men's Bathroom HVAC Register Shuffleboard Conditions Caretakers

[I have attached the Tyree report since I can get the photos to copy. The report is pdf

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Lopardo

Secretary