POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

January 12, 2026 - Boardroom 4:00 pm and Live Stream

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

Members: Robert Williams, Larry Lopardo, Sheryl Cherry, Liz Howie, Keith McCloskey, Brian Mickelson, Alan Atkins

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

Board Liaisons: Deborah Lukotch and Jackie Gain

Visitors/Guests: one unidentified person

Current Business:

Both the October and November Minutes were approved.

Committee Chair Williams introduced New Member Kelli Cholieu, who gave the group a brief summation of her background. She did not present an amenity report so that she could observe the protocol for the reports.

New Business

Mr Judson stated that a list of nonmember charitable or child-related events is on the POA website. The Committee will vote on these at the February meeting.

For most of these events, no fee is paid to the POA. There are some gun range events for which a fee is paid.

Board Liaisons

No comments from the Liaisons.

Staff Reports

Tom Judson

Member Lopardo asked where he could get census data for the campground. Mr Judson said that was not for public knowledge and declined to provide it to the Committee. Mr Judson did not have a report.

Rick Echols

The Lomond drawdown is ongoing, and work has begun on the exposed structures.

Ranger contacts: December: 2135, up from November 1883. December 2024 had 1545 contacts.

We are adding three structures for port-a-potties. The Fly Tyers have allocated money for kayak launches, beginning with Lake Ann. The other two have not yet been identified.

Christmas trees are being put into Windsor at Pontoon Park.

There will be a Coffee and Cookies event at 11a on February 3 at the BV Bar & Grill. This is an informal discussion on park and lakes issues.

John Urquhart

Rifle and pistol were busy in December. Year-To-Year census was above 2024. December set a record for pistol and rifle census. Trap and skeet were also up YOY.

Classes will begin at the end of February. These are on the Range website

Range shade is coming.

Roland Neville

BVRC use was 12% higher YOY. Metfield pickleball has new lights. Chr Williams asked if we have statistics on which times have greater BVRC usage. Mr. Neville said that we have those stats.
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Amenity Reports

Amenity: Blowing Springs/Gear Garden

Larry Lopardo–Jan 11, 2026- a Sunday

Overall Condition:

Good.

Areas for Review:

The urinal in the toilet in the trail parking lot is dirty. That lot was 85% full.

In the campground, the water spigot at space 56 is leaning.

Staff reported that there are no issues. The reservation software works well.

Camping is slow until February. The two campgrounds were about 20% full. Painting is STILL needed on the GG water station.

The Gear Garden lot needs restriping and should go in a queue for resurfacing next year.

Since my last visit in November several attractive bike racks have been installed. One is in front of the GG toilets, and others are in the GG itself.

There is no sign in the GG shower indicating how to turn it on. This is important in the spring when the water is activated. I understood that this would be done months ago.

Member/Guest Interactions:

I did not speak with any guests.

Additional observations:

None

Question to staff

What is the percentage occupancy for the campgrounds, by month?

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**Amenity:  Granton Park**
**Committee Member: Sheryl Cherry**
**Review Month/Year: December 2025**

**Overall Condition:**
Everything was well maintained and clean. Porta-potty and doggy bags well stocked.

**Areas for Review:**
None.

**Member Interactions:**
There was no one at the park when I arrived.

**Additional Observations:**
None.

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Amenity: Highlands Shooting Complex
Committee Member: Brian Mickelson
Review Month/Year: December 2025

Overall Condition:
The pistol, rifle, archery, trap, and skeet ranges are in good overall condition. All grounds and structures are in good condition, except as noted in previous reports or as listed below:

Areas for Review:
A shade structure is still needed at the pistol and rifle ranges behind the check-in area. The launch houses at the trap & skeet area are in need of repair and repainting.

Member Interactions:
There were approximately 9 members/guests at the pistol, archery, and rifle ranges, and 36 members/guests at the trap and skeet area. There were no interactions with the amenity users due to live fire at the time of this evaluation.

Additional Observations:
No additional observations for this report.

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

**Dam Area -** Visited Tues 1/6

**Overall Condition**: everything in great shape. Interested to see someone homemade dock that had been moored in the leased boating spot is now gone. Also interesting to see we are not collecting Christmas trees this year. Different lake?

**Member Interactions:** none on a foggy Tuesday

**Areas for Review:** none

**Launch Area -** Visited Thursday 1/8

**Overall Condition –** park in great shape overall with lawn, leaves, and facilities all well maintained. Pavilion / BBQ areas good. Port-a-let's both clean/stocked. Trash cans are
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good. Ramp & cleaning station well kept. Fallen boat launch dock bumper discussed in Sept has been reattached. Thanks!

Areas for Review – a Y shaped limb has washed up in boat slot #2. report. Noted in Sept. This is restricting the lease holders ability to park. Probably need a chain or rope wrapped around it and pulled to shore with a tractor or pickup truck

Member Interactions – Nobody available

Additional Observations – none

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**Amenity: Lake Avalon Park**
**Committee Member: Liz Howie**
**Review Month/Year: January/2026**

Overall Condition:
Restrooms were closed for the season, trashcans were emptied, Mutt Mitts were filled, lawns were clean of trash and debris, watercraft area was orderly, boat launch area was clean, Beach was closed off and clean.

Areas for Review:
Attached picture shows a “book exchange” wooden box that is in dire need of repair. Didn’t know if this was put here by volunteers or the POA.
Also, the Porta Potty that is used while the enclosed restrooms are closed for the season was really filthy. I couldn’t tell when it would next be serviced.

Member Interactions:
Met two visitors fishing off the dock. They were not POA members, but Pest Control employees on their lunch break relaxing on this nice day. They had nothing but compliments for the Park.

Additional Observations:
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**Amenity: London Park**
**Committee Member: Robert Williams**
**Review Month/Year: December 2025**

**Overall Condition:** Restrooms were clean and well stocked
Pavilion area looked great
Fish cleaning station was clean
All looked great

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

**Member Interactions:** A couple (Liz and Dave) that visit the park several times a week mentioned they have been picking up an unusual amount of beer cans and landscaping material someone is dumping there. They try to leave it near the trash can so it can be hauled off. I too have noticed the same thing in the past few weeks.

**Additional Observations**: I too have noticed trash and beer cans dumped in and around the London park area and ramp. Otherwise, all else is great.

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Amenity: Metfield Park, Pool, Courts and Clubhouse

Committee Member: Keith McCloskey

Review Month/Year: DEC 2025

Overall Condition: Visited Thur 1/8

Pickleball courts, child's playground, and picnic areas in great shape. Both portable and permanent bathrooms clean and stocked. Parking lot bathrooms were clean and in great shape. Clubhouse and workout facilities/equipment in very good condition.

Areas for Review: workout machine noted below

Member Interactions: chatted with Melanie at front desk of Metfield Clubhouse. She always provides great feedback about a machine that was showing some rust. She suggested replaced but I could see the rusted area could be sanded and painted by maintenance. See pics below

Additional Observations: none

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TANYARD CREEK PARK
Alan Atkins
December 2025

OVERALL CONDITION
Park is clean of litter, in excellent condition, providing paved and soft trails with educational signage explaining floral, geographical and historical information about Tanyard Creek Park.
Pet refuse station is stocked for pet walkers.
Pavilion located adjacent to parking lot is clean with picnic tables and charcoal grill.
Restrooms are fully stocked and clean in good working condition.
Parking lot is convenient and clean of litter. Overflow parking is available on weekends.

AREAS FOR REVIEW
A map of the Tanyard  Creek Nature Trail is located on the Bella Vista POA website.
Additional bus and RV parking is available at the Tanyard Creek Practice Facility.

MEMBER INTERACTION
Interviews with members along the trails at Tanyard Creek Park were all very positive.
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ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS
Tanyard Creek Nature Trail Volunteers continue to work weekly keeping the trail in fantastic condition.

BLOWING SPRINGS GREENWAY TRAIL(BSGT)/BELLA VISTA TRAILS

OVERALL CONDITION
From the front parking lot to past the Gear Garden to the confluence of Euston road the BSGT is aesthetically pleasing, clean of debris and litter, street crossings are painted and safe.

AREAS FOR REVIEW
None

MEMBER INTERACTION
Very busy with pet walkers which were all very complimentary of the Trail.

ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS
Water- bottle fill station located at the front parking lot would be beneficial for hikers and bikers.

Bella Vista Trails

Report trail issues:

All trails are open , ride with caution!
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Additional Observations:
None