Recreation JAC Meeting Minutes

Date: March 2026
Location: Boardroom
Time: 4:00 PM

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order.

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2. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Motion made to approve **February minutes**
- Second received
- Vote: **Unanimous approval**

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3. Visitor Comments

- **Bill (Quail Forever Chapter President)** introduced himself
- Expressed interest in:
    - Recreational facilities
    - Shooting range
    - Potential rental for a conservation shooting event

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4. Amenity Reports

London Area

- Facilities clean and well maintained
- Noted issues:
    - Submerged log near dock (potential hazard)
    - Fish remains dumped on shore causing odor
- Road repairs completed and improved

Branchwood Complex

- High usage across pickleball, disc golf, and trails
- Issues:
    - Bent basketball rims
    - Cracked court surface (~$9,000 repair estimate)
    - Storm debris on disc golf course
- Growing demand for pickleball courts noted

Loch Lomond Recreation Area

- Generally well maintained
- Issues:
    - Damaged picnic tables and benches
    - Landscaping stones misaligned (safety concern)
    - Ground hole requires repair
    - Rusted trash can
    - Restroom leak
- Community feedback:
    - Positive overall
    - Request for water service restoration
    - Dog park needs reseeding

Blowing Springs

- Overall good condition
- Issues:
    - Potholes at campground entrance
    - Rust on grills
    - Missing signage in shower
- Low attendance due to weather

Lake Ann & Metfield

- Good overall condition
- Issues:
    - Submerged log in boat slip
    - Playground material washed into parking lot
    - Exterior restroom discoloration (possible mold)

Tanyard Creek & Trails

- Excellent condition overall
- Minor trail damage after rain
- Suggestion:
  - Maintain interior natural area for public use
- Strong volunteer support noted

Additional Locations (Tyrie, Granton, Avalon, Kingsdale)

- All reported in **good to excellent condition**
- Minor observations only
- Positive member feedback across locations

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5. Gun Range Report

- Moderate usage due to weather
- High participation from school groups at Trap & Skeet
- Maintenance planning:
  - Berm restoration
  - Structural repairs
- Increased attendance (~20% year-over-year)

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6. Current Business

Approval of Non-Member Events (Berkdale South)

Events include:

- Arkansas Enduro Series
- Bikeapalooza
- Bella Vista Animal Shelter Dog Race
- Veterans Walk
- Oz Trails Stage Race
- Sugar Creek Showdown
- Trick-or-Treat Town
- Motion made and seconded

- Vote: **Unanimous approval**

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7. Board Liaison Comments

- Appreciation expressed to:
  - Staff
  - Volunteers
- Recognition of seasonal maintenance challenges

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8. Staff Reports

Key Updates:

- **Meet the Candidates Event:** March 16
- **Lake Levels:** Rising; improved conditions
- **Dock Improvements:** Completed at multiple lakes
- **Kayak Racks:** New installations planned
- **Restroom Upgrades:** Trial epoxy flooring project
- **Fish Stocking:** Rainbow trout scheduled
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Water clarity monitoring

Recreation & Events:

- **Cosmic Clays Event:** March 21
- **Concealed Carry Class:** March 22
- **Gear Garden Opening:**
  - Soft opening: March 20
  - Grand opening: April 25

Marina & Trails:

- Marina opens April 1 (gas dependent on water level)
- Trail usage up ~21%

Upcoming Events:

- **Easter Egg Hunt:** April 4
- **Spring Bazaar:** April 11

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9. Next Meeting

Date: April 13, 2026
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10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.