POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

May 11, 2026 - Boardroom 4:00 pm and Live Stream

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

Attendance:

Members: Bob Williams. Larry Lopardo, Sheryl Cherry, Brian Mickelson, Richard Taylor, Keith McCloskey

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

Board Liaisons: Deborah Lukotch, Kathleen Coughlin

Visitors/Guests: None

Current Business:

The April Minutes were approved.

New Business

We approved the extension of the terms of Brian Mickelson and Richard Taylor.

Liz Howie has resigned from the Committee. Jessica McCrary has applications that she will distribute to the Chair.

Staff would like our budget recommendations by July 31. The Committee decided to have a discussion session at 330-4p on June 8 so that we can vote on our recommendations at the July meeting. Ideas should be emailed to Bob and Larry.

There was a discussion about the problem of riders at Blowing Springs coming down the trail very fast. ADA concerns preclude adding speed bumps.

A question was raised about E Motorcycle use on our trails. Class 3s are not permitted off-street. Our recourse is call BVPD

Board Liaisons

Deborah Lukotch mentioned the Branchwood disk golf was included in a recent post as NWA best! Kathleen Coughlin thanked all the staff and committee members for their service to the community

Staff Reports

Tom Judson

Mr Judson encouraged all Members to vote on the Board if they have not already done so.

Rick Echols

Lomond reached "full" around April 26. Ranger contacts in April were 2422, with 135 removals. Use of the lakes is split approximately 50/50 between anglers and others.

We have been working on connectivity for the Ranger POS. The Avalon horseshoe pits have been replaced. We are still down three Rangers. Our bass study has been completed. We treated algae at the beach.

A question was raised about the Rangers' authority. They do not have arrest powers. Repeat offenders are subject to a fee system.

John Urquhart

The rifle range will be down May 15-20 for maintenance.

The pistol range refurbishment has been completed. Some of the long-range berms could not be worked on due to the weather.

Trap and skeet use is up 25% YOY. Rifle and pistol are up 43% YOY

The May 24 Concealed Carry class still has openings. The May 17 basic pistol class still has openings.

Trey Anson

The Marina is open for petrol sales and boat rentals. Our trail counters have been interfered with by wasps.

Roland Neville

Pool health inspectors are coming this week. Phase 2 of Bluebird Park is almost completed.

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Amenity Reports

Amenity: Granton Park
Committee Member: Sheryl Cherry
Review Month/Year: April2026

Overall Condition:
Granton looks beautiful. Porta-potty door was fixed (see last month's report), it was clean and doggy bags were well stocked. Trash was empty. 13 out of the 16 vessels on the boat rack were registered for 2026! The lake has risen to near ideal levels.

Areas for Review:
None.

Member Interactions:
None.

Additional Observations:
None.

Amenity: Tiree Park
Committee Member: Sheryl Cherry
Review Month/Year: April 2026

Overall Condition:
Tiree is in beautiful condition, the grass has been trimmed and the water at Loch Lomond looks like it has risen to normal depth. Bathrooms are open, clean, and stocked. Playground looks great and everything is in working order. Dog station was clean and stocked with bags.

2 out of the 6 kayaks on the racks are registered for 2026.

Areas for Review:
None.

Member Interactions:
None.

Additional Observations:
None

TANYARD CREEK PARK

Alan Atkins

April 2026

OVERALL CONDITION

Parking lot clean of debris and litter. Overflow parking is available on weekends.

Pet refuse bags and water available.

Restrooms are well maintained, clean and stocked. New floors are working well.

Pavilion clean of debris and litter. BBQ grills clean along with eight picnic tables which will seat 64.

All hiking trails in Phase1 and 2 are in good condition.

Educational signs are located along the trails with information about historical and flora information.

All bridges are in good condition.

AREAS FOR REVIEW

None.

MEMBER INTERACTION

Interviewed member with suggestions for the park.

She would like more directional signage within the park.

Tanyard Creek Nature Trail Volunteers Workdays

Clean trails and wipe off benches.

Replace information signs.

Deep clean along Lancashire in grassy field and along the dam as needed.

Re-rock short portion of retaining wall in Phase1.

Move large rock at intersection of bike trail and Old County Road.

Spray paint numbers on bench post for future location workdays.

BLOWING SPRINGS GREENWAY TRAIL

OVERALL CONDITION Parking lot

Excellent.

AREAS FOR REVIEW

None.

MEMBER INTERACTION Interviewed

Hikers and pet Walkers are very complimentary of trail conditions and connections to Back 40.

ADDITIONAL OBSERVATION

Water bottle fill station needed at front parking lot.

BELLA VISTA TRAILS

Treehouse phase Two is underway on the Bluebird trailhead at Berksdale off Riordan Road.

Recently completed a side path project with @arkansasmoves@cityofbellavista_POA that runs from Metfield skills park westward on Commonwealth to Trafalgar onto Kingsland all the way to Farnham Dr., allowing residents better connections for walking, riding, and moving between neighborhoods.

Amenity: Blowing Springs/Gear Garden

Larry Lopardo–May4- a Monday

<u>Overall Condition:</u>

Good.

<u>Areas for Review:</u>

The trail parking lot toilet was still out of hand soap.

The door tensioner to the Men's Shower Door was broken, but Maintenance has been notified.

The trash bins were emptied, but the dumpster was full

Member/Guest Interactions:

I did not speak with any guests.

Additional observations:

None

Amenity: Lake Ann Dam Park / Boat Ramp Park

Committee Member: Keith McCloskey

Review Month/Year: April 2026

Dam Area - Visited Tuesday 5/5

Overall Condition: waterfall flowing great after some recent rains. Everything is in very good shape from Waterfall Bridge to fishing docks to Portable Toilet

Member Interactions: talked to a member Sara who lives in Rogers but has a lot close to Lake Ann. She was extremely complimentary of our amenities and was visiting both the waterfall and Big Sugar Bridge trail for the first time

Areas for Review: need to take a weed wacker to the overgrowth along the path leading to the waterfall bridge

Launch Area - Visited Sat 5/9

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

Areas for Review – log was removed that was reported as submerged in boat slip #2. Thank you!

Amenity: Highlands Shooting Complex
Committee Member: Brian Mickelson
Review Month/Year: April 2026

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.

Areas for Review:
There are currently no areas for review.

Member Interactions:
There were approximately 6 members/guests at the pistol, archery, and rifle ranges, and 14 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:
There are no additional observations for this report.