POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee

September 8, 2025 - Boardroom 4:00 pm and Live Stream

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

Attendance:

Members: Robert Williams, Liz Howie, Richard Taylor, Keith McCloskey, Damon Williams, Alan Atkins

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

Board Liaisons: Deborah Lukotch, Kathleen Coughlin, Jackie Gain

Visitors/Guests: Pat presented a petition to hold Branchwood aquatic classes at 9:00
Jessica read a letter submitted from Lou addressing the need to replace faulty or burnt-out lighting at the tennis courts. Roland mentioned that this issue was in the works to be resolved

Current Business:

- **July meeting minutes approved**

Staff Reports

-*Tom Judson*: Nothing to add at this time

-*Rick Echols:* Loc Lomond drawdown begins November 3 through March 2nd
Ranger contacts at 8700 for August and consistent with 2024 numbers
Be aware of unusual higher numbers of wasps in the area this year
To date, 60 carp have been taken

-*John Urquhart*: The archery range is now open.
Rifle and pistol ranges were very busy, and we are now entering our Trap tournament season

-*Trey Anson*: The first month of our new reservation system has been a success.

-*Roland Neville:* Kingsdale pool closing on 9/14 and a charity event held annually to support the BV animal shelter will be on 9/20 from 11:00 to 2:00 for members to bring their dogs to swim and play in the

pools. Vegetation has been cut back at the Branchwood trails.

Amenity Reports

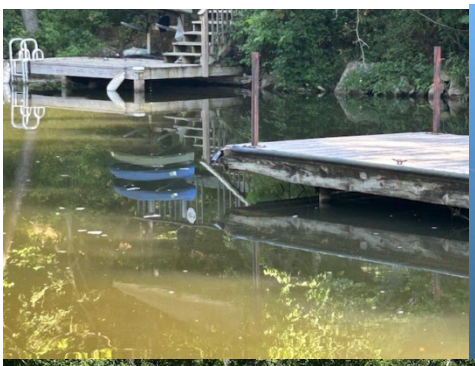
Amenity: London Park
Committee Member: Robert Williams
Review Month/Year: July 2025

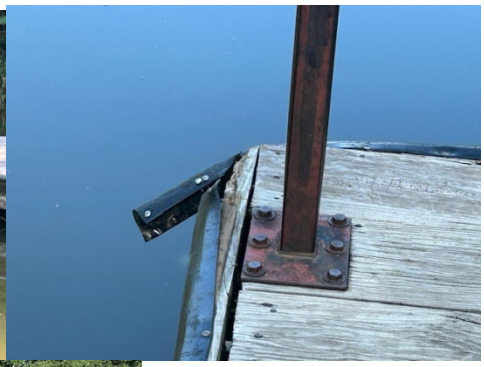
Overall Condition: Restrooms were clean and well stocked
Pavilion area looked great
Fish cleaning station was clean
All looked great

Areas for Review: Left dock bumper is still falling off (previous pic). Blue PVC pipe looks like it was possibly hit by a mower as reported last month but is much worse.

Member Interactions: Several members mentioned the water pressure at the fish cleaning station starts great and eventually reduces to a trickle.

Additional Observations: None





Amenity: Loch Lomond Recreation Complex
Committee Member: Russell Rappel
Review Month/Year: September 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.
- Dog Parks – In good shape for this time of year.
- Trail – Good condition. See Areas for Review below.
- Picnic Area – Excellent condition, clean area, grill clean and ready for use.
- Overall – excellent condition.

Areas for Review:
Continued from last report - 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.

New item – As I walked the trail this past week, I was there when some other folks were walking and I noticed someone tripping/stumbling over some of the ruts/mounds cause by roots from trees along the trail. I don't believe there is an immediate need for action, but some review now might be good to enable proper planning before it becomes a safety issue.

Member Interactions:
I had no member interactions.

Additional Observations:
No additional observations at this time.

Amenity: Blowing Springs/Gear Garden

Larry Lopardo–Aug26, 2025- a Tuesday

Overall Condition:

Very Good. Not busy at all

Portapotty at trail parking lot in good shape.

New bench at trailhead. Very nice!

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.

Staff said that there's no coverage 5p-9p, and that guests then don't have anyone to report issues to. Perhaps a license plate reader could monitor comings and goings.

I understood that signs would be placed at the GG showers instructing on usage. Nothing yet.

Member/Guest Interactions:

I did not speak with any guests.

Additional observations:

None

Amenity: Tyree Park
Committee Member: Williams
Review Month/Year: Aug/2025

Overall Condition:
I inspected Tyree Park on August 21st, at approximately 4:45pm. The grounds were well manicured, clean, and serviceable. Picnic facilities were clean and well-maintained. Only one vehicle was in the parking lot, occupied, and one person was using the park. Sanitation facilities (porta potty, bathrooms, and dog bag station) were clean, serviceable, and stocked. The playground looked great, as always.

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).

Member Interactions:
When I arrived I notice a lone person walking, around the perimeter of the park. While doing my inspection, I approached the person, Denise Petersen, and started up a chat. She said that she walks there three to four times a week, but doesn't see any other walkers. Later, her husband (Isaac) and their dog joined us. Both Petersens were pleased with the overall condition of the park, although Denise said that they might improve the speed with which maintainers respond to downed tree limbs and other emergent issues (Isaac did not concur with this opinion).

And, while discussing other park users (ducks) she mentioned that she had been informed that the resident waterfowl had actually been released by a park user who no-longer wanted to see them confined. Does this need to be addressed?

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.

Amenity: Granton Park
Committee Member: Williams
Review Month/Year: Aug/2025

Overall Condition:
I inspected Granton Park on Aug 21st, at approximately 4:15pm. Although there were three, unoccupied vehicles in the parking lot, no park users were on site. It was clear the dredging work of the creek had finished. A pontoon boat (clearly a working boat) with construction materials was moored up at the dock, just as it had been during the last visit. Does this belong to a private contractor?

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:
Uncharacteristically, the trash can nearest the portajohn was surrounded by trash. I tried to put the litter in the can, but found it completely stuffed. I took the lid off and disposed of it though. It seemed that the can hadn't been emptied in days, but, inspection of the other cans revealed that they were nearly, or completely, empty. My impression was that someone had used this can to dispose of their own trash, thus filling it.

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

Resolved: The Fish Cleaning Station, which has been proven to be operational, lacks a placard explaining its operation.

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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Amenity: Lake Avalon Park
Committee Member: Liz Howie
Review Month/Year: September 2, 2025

Overall Condition:
The Park is in great condition as usual! The restrooms are clean, trashcans emptied, Mutt Mitts filled, lawns mowed, Zipline area clean and working, volleyball court raked and clean, bbq area and picnic tables orderly and clean. The Beach was not open but was neat and orderly as well other than the area I mentioned for review below. The watercraft storage area was also orderly.

Areas for Review:
I have attached a picture of trash and mess behind The Beach check in building. This was after the long Labor Day weekend so possibly someone is cleaning this up soon.

Member Interactions:
I spoke with a member who had just finished a bike ride and was sitting under the picnic pavilion working on his laptop. No complaints or suggestions, he just enjoys the use of all our Amenities in the POA.

Additional Observations:
None

Amenity: Kingsdale Complex

Committee Member: Richard Taylor

Review Month/Year, August, 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 7 and 8 are being resurfaced. There are multiple lights out on Courts 3 and 4. If the budget allows in the future, the lights should be updated.

Areas for Review: Trimming the overhanging tree branches on Court # 7. Resurfacing of courts 1 and 2 and replacement of burned-out 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.

The Pavillion was in good shape. The men's 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.

Amenity: Metfield Park, Pool, Courts and Clubhouse

Committee Member: Keith McCloskey

Review Month/Year: August2025

Overall Condition: Visited Wed 9/03.

Pickleball courts ,child's playground, and picnic areas are in great shape. Both portable and permanent bathrooms clean and stocked. Parking lot bathrooms were clean. There was standing water in men's room for some reason. Checked toilet, urinal, and sink and nothing seemed to be leaking. Perhaps some recently cleaned with a lot of water or someone had recently unclogged something. There was no water on floor in women's room. Dead tree mentioned in August has since been removed. Thanks.

Clubhouse and workout facilities are in very good condition.

Areas for Review: nothing to speak of

Member Interactions: chatted with Cheryl who worked at Rec Center counter and she had nothing negative to pass along from member interactions

Additional Observations: nothing more

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

Overall Condition:
The pistol, rifle, and archery ranges are in good overall condition. The trap & skeet area was closed at the time of review. Other 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.

Member Interactions:
There were approximately 7 shooters at the pistol and rifle ranges. Due to active shooting, no member interactions were sought.

Additional Observations:
There are no additional observations for this report.

TANYARD CREEK PARK
August 2025
Alan Atkins

OVERALL CONDITION
Park is clean of litter, in excellent condition providing paved and soft trails for member enjoyment. Educational signage along the trails provides learning opportunities for hikers explaining floral, geographical, and historical information of Tanyard Creek Park.
Pet walking is very popular with refuse bags and water available.
Pavilion is located at the entrance to the park and is available for rental by calling the Bella Vista POA.

AREAS FOR REVIEW
An unloading area is needed on the street adjacent to the restroom for buses.

MEMBER INTERACTIONS
Visited on Saturday and Sunday. Parking lots were totally full, paved and overflow.

Everyone was very complementary of our Park.

ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS
The area next to the sidewalk to Tanyard Creek Practice Facility that connects to the soft trail to the Park needs mowing.

Tanyard Creek Nature Trail Volunteers report:

Volunteers continue to maintain the trails weekly cleaning up litter, weed-eating along trails and benches, keeping brush and poison ivy away from trails, and replacing signage as needed.
The volunteers are starting their new project season the second week of September.

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

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

AREAS FOR REVIEW
none

MEMBER INTERACTION
All members and guest were very complementary of the trail and several commented on the connectivity piece.

No additional observations.

The NWAMN Volunteers worked on the native plant beds at the Back 40 Buckingham Trailhead on Saturday August 30. Mowing and weeding. The beds are in excellent shape and the trailhead area is clean of litter and brush.