

**Hidden Hills Community Association
Equestrian Services Committee
May 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes
VIA Zoom Conferencing 7:00 pm**

Present at the meeting were Keith Christian, Jill Green, Sarah Phillips, Lonna Webber, Debbie Kulik, Allie Tashnek and Board Liaison Linda Raznick.

Meeting Minutes- Jill made a motion to approve the March and April meeting minutes subject to some changes. Debbie Kulik seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection.

Trail Reports

Jackie reported that Dynamic Fence fixed the Spring Valley gate latch today and the Lewis and Clark arena gate latch wasn't completed since Al didn't have his generator for the welder. He should have it done by the end of the week.

Lonna reported a muddy trail behind 24501 Deep Well Road. Jill said she walked that area the other day and it's much drier. Lonna said water must be coming from a run-off because it's always a little wet in that area and the Little Hollow trail is still flooded at the entrance. It has been like this for a few months now. Lonna also said the maintenance crew was out weeding and left the piles of brush on the trail. Jackie said the crew picks it up in a day or so. She will confirm with Irvin. Lastly, Lonna said there are a few rails down on the trail behind the community center. Jackie said she believes Bob has a proposal for the repairs.

Keith reported that Shannon and Bob will be working on the trail erosion issue behind 24603 Long Valley with the resident.

Debbie reported that the parkway slope in front of 6051 Spring Valley Road is greater than the 2%, that is required by the Association Architectural Standards. The Committee suggested Jackie contact Ron for confirmation.

New Business

1. Vegetation on Trails- This topic was discussed in trail reports. Jackie will get confirmation from Irvin on how long the weeds are kept in piles before the crew picks it up off the trails.

2. Placement of Bollards- Keith reported that he took too long to go see where Dynamic Fence marked the spots where the bollards will be installed. Keith asked Jackie to have Al mark the area again and asked the Committee to go take a look.
3. Vehicles Use of Trails
 - a. Unauthorized Use During “Safer At Home Orders”- The Committee discussed having residents remind their gardeners not to park or block the trails. Jill said she rides 4 to 5 times per week and she doesn’t see too many cars on the trails. The Committee asked if Bob is keeping track of repeated parking offenders on construction sites. Jackie said she’d ask. The Committee would like to have Board hearings scheduled for construction sites that are not following the parking rules.
 - b. Permitted Use for Barn Access- Lonna reported that the residents of 24400 Little Valley will be applying for a trail license agreement to access the barn that they are planning to build. The Committee discussed at length whether and when it is appropriate to grant trail access to barns, as well as various aspects of the proposed clarifications of the Equestrian Set-Aside rules. Ultimately, the Committee decided to recommend a trail permit for 24400 Little Valley.
4. Upcoming Events
 - a. Fire/Emergency Preparedness- Allie said that Vicky Beelik is interested in teaching another emergency clinic. Jackie reminded the Committee that residents may not be able to gather in crowds for the clinic. The Board has cancelled all theater and parks and recreation events until January 2021. Jackie suggested having the clinic VIA Zoom. Allie texted Vicky and she said she’ll have to be creative but is willing to give it a try. A tentative date was set for September 12th or 13th.
 - b. Defensive/Suburban Riding Clinic- Keith suggested having a clinic to teach Defensive Riding / Suburban Riding techniques and training skills, but did not know of anyone to teach it. Allie said Vicky has actually been teaching those clinics. Allie will be in contact with Vicky for further details.
5. Tip of The Month- The Committee discussed articles on Vaccinations and Teeth Floating. Jackie will email the Committee past articles.
6. Discussion of New Member- Keith announced to the Committee that Karen Lipman has expressed interest in joining the Committee. Karen was not able to attend tonight, but she will be at next month’s meeting.

Old Business

1. Painted Safety Crossing for Eldorado Meadow and Others- Debbie suggested the intersection of Spring Valley Road and Old Eldorado Meadow Road; Lonna suggested at the top of Lasher Road behind 24220 Long Valley Road. Jackie will get bids.
2. Builder & New Resident Packet Information Re: Horses- Jackie said she is including the flyer with the yellow "Yield to Horses" sign and the insert from the telephone directory titled "Trail Guidelines."
3. Pilaster Problem and Jed Smith Property/Plan Approvals- Keith reported that Ron Heston is working with the homeowner and the existing 3-rail fence will be moved to the outside of the pilaster without encroaching onto the trail easement so that the pilaster is not sticking out of the 3-rail fence as it is now.
4. Appointment of Liaison- Lonna, Jill and Debbie volunteered to be Liaisons to the Architectural Committee. Keith would like for one of them to take the lead and will discuss with the three of them to figure out the best approach.
5. Lewis & Clark Arena Status- Sarah reported that Dave Martin was out this week and is almost done with the arena and the guys can start dragging and watering now.
6. Saddle Creek Arena Status- Dave Martin has completed the work in the short court. However, Seed Landcare has not done the work by the gate near the south entrance. Also, the DG has not yet been repaired next to the arena that Mike Zacha was scheduled to do. The Committee discussed alternate repair options, including laying down Otto mats instead of replacing the DG (like has been done before) since the sprinklers will continue to erode the DG in order to water the arena properly.
7. Spring Valley Arena- Jill said she got another proposal that is still high but ½ the price of the original bid. She is in the process of getting more bids.
8. Trail Discussion- New Damage or Projects; Improvement Test Sites- Keith reminded the Committee that if they find any major repair projects or possible trail improvement test sites to please let him know. Keith also said he will follow up with Lynne on test sites.
9. Equestrian Set-Aside- This item was discussed previously.
10. Spring Valley Snack Shack/Multipurpose Room- Keith said Ron has 2 bids, and will likely be presenting them at the next Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm.