

MINUTES

**Hidden Hills Community Association
Equestrian Services Committee
Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 6:30 PM
Using Zoom Teleconferencing**

The meeting was called to order at 06:36 pm. Present at the meeting were Keith Christian, Lonna Weber, Karen Lipman, Sarah Phillips, Jackie Castillo, Jill Green, Linda Raznick & Linda Yallen.

Approval of October 14, 2020 Minutes

- Upon a motion that was properly seconded, the minutes of the October meeting were approved by the Committee.

Trails Reports

- 6006 Spring Valley – Linda Y reported that there is a lot of garbage/debris on the parkway along with leftover road base that remains on the parkway. Keith showed photos. Jackie states that the residents have cleaned up the trash but will recheck tomorrow for the debris.
 - Sandbags that are holding up the fence are encroaching on the parkway. The construction fencing should be placed INSIDE the 3-rail white fence. This is an architectural issue.
- Sarah brought up the trail at the end of Jim Bridger where there are two new houses being built. Ron states that there is a trail that extends in front of Jim Bridger. Ron says that the trail will be developed, fenced, and follow the trail that turns out to Walker Rd.

New Business

New Trail Issues Reporting Protocol

- Keith explained that he has received and sent over 1500 ESC-related emails in the three months since the new committee charters were adopted. After discussing with Shannon, they have decided to modify our reporting protocol. ESC members are to send their trail reports directly to Jackie with copies to BOTH Shannon and Keith. Members are asked to format the Subject line of the email as follows: *Trail Report – [address of reported issue]*. Keith will then work with the office to track the rectification of the reported issues.

- Issues that are to be addressed by Bob will be forwarded to him by Jackie.
- We are considering placing open trail issues onto a google doc that will be *read only* for members, to better keep track of what has been done and what hasn't been done.
- There was much discussion about dangerous drivers and speeding that is occurring increasingly in Hidden Hills. Members were encouraged to contact Kerry Kalman and CC the City Council regarding these issues.

Tip of the Month

- Jackie will send the Committee prior Tips on Winter Hydration to be reviewed for inclusion in the Round Up. Linda R volunteered to help.

Old Business

Discuss Trail Issues List

- Keith described the new spreadsheet for tracking all of the ESC trail reports.
- Keith requested that members send him an email with any trail areas that could benefit from mulch. Keith has gotten several suggestions, but the ESC should continue to send them in.
- The committee discussed grooming issues with the trails.
- Sandbags: Keith pointed out that the sandbags are being placed. They are numerous. Lonna and Linda Y believe that it is too many.
 - The sandbags are being placed straight across instead of at an angle to slow the water. Lonna pointed out that when they are placed perpendicular to the trails they create mud.
- Keith asked (again) that the committee send any corrections to the Trail Map to him as soon as possible. Ron is working on updating the map with the new trail sections and Keith would like to get the changes and mistakes fixed. When the new maps are printed we need the larger size to be able to accurately report the addresses – 14" x 17" or larger.

Replacement Parkway Tree Selection

- The committee discussed the results of the preferences sent to Jill. The committee also discussed how we should proceed. Keith will ask the Board for direction.
- Holly Oaks are not horse friendly trees (they are slow growing, they are potentially toxic to horses, they are scratchy which can cut you when you ride under them), and we need the Board to approve an alternate species before more Holly Oaks are planted on the parkways.

- There are a number of people both in the committee and the community who believe that well maintained, properly planted Pepper Trees are good options; however, there are several other trees that fit the character of this community and provide adequate growth for much needed shade (and are horse and rider friendly). One of these includes the Chinese Elm which was more popular among the ESC. Keith will tabulate the input from the committee and make a suggestion to the Board to revisit this issue.
- Lonna brought up that with the underground electric project, trees will need to be planted when they are finishing up – therefore, there is some urgency to having appropriate trees approved.

Report on Architectural Plan Review

- Jill reported that there is a new project on Ashley Ridge by the Jenner's that does not have any equestrian forethought. We will continue to monitor that situation.
- 5241 Twin Oaks Rd – has a new owner and construction has restarted. New plans, if any, will need to be reviewed for equestrian set-aside.
- Jill is not shown the plans when they are in the early planning process, and there is a lack of attention to the fact that they need to have an equestrian set-aside. This makes it difficult to place an appropriate set-aside at the very end of the planning process.

Horse Signs:

- We have received the signs for the gates.
- Jackie will see if we can order more replacement yellow inserts for the parkway signs which have become faded over time.

Spring Valley Arena

- Status of Pavilion Remodel – Keith reported that Ron has completed a scope of work that includes opening the downstairs area, keeping the bathroom and upstairs, and replacing the concrete pad. Ron sent the proposal out for bids but is getting a lot of resistance. The committee discussed other alternatives. The committee discussed the project and agrees that we should consider new construction again as we cannot even get bids to piece it all together. Keith will look into taking a different route to complete this project.
- Jump/Pole Refurbishment – Sarah submitted 3 estimates for 24 new jump poles, 6 sets of standards and jump cups. The ESC unanimously voted to approve a not to exceed \$6,500 to purchase the new poles.
- 2021 Reserve Expenditure (Short Court) & Arena Refresh – The committee discussed options for refurbishing the Short Court. It is almost unusable at this time. Rather than a complete replacement, the committee is recommending that we repair the low spots of the base and put in new sand and GGT. This should be considerably cheaper than a full rebuild.

- Sarah submitted a bid to refurbish the Short Court (including repairing the base, removing the old sand, and replacing it with new footing). The bid from Dave Martin came in at \$15,000. This was discussed at length and was unanimously approved by the committee. Jackie will send this to the Board.
- Lonna mentioned that the Long Valley side of both arenas at Saddle Creek are saturated – Jackie will reach out to Irvin to check and possibly reset the sprinklers.
- For the large arena at Spring Valley, it appears that there is a compacted false base – possibly due to drag adjustment issues (the teeth are not set deep enough). Sarah will have Dave out to see if the annual conditioning/grinding will be sufficient or if additional sand is needed. Sarah will get a recommendation and a bid for this work to be completed.

Meeting was adjourned at 09:20 pm.