

# **ESC MINUTES**

## **Hidden Hills Community Association Equestrian Services Committee Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 6:30 PM Using Zoom Teleconferencing**

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm. Present at the meeting were Keith Christian, Lonna Weber, Karen Lipman, Sarah Phillips, Jackie Castillo, Debbie Kulik, & Linda Raznick

### **Approval of November 12, 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 they still haven't figure out the garbage and gravel and construction fence issue. Keith said that he will go over with a shovel and fix the dirt pile on the parkway, but it is believed that the road base is a construction code requirement, this will be verified by Jackie. Shannon had offered to remove the tree if that reduced congestion, but the Committee wants to keep the tree.
- Lonna mentioned that the trail behind saddle creek that was repaired with DG is really hard and is not flat. She thinks this would be a good place to mulch to try to soften the trail.
- Sarah reported that the trail that runs off of Jim Bridger at 24929 Jim Bridger has a lot of holes and should be dragged and potentially mulched
- Keith told the Committee we can help reduce the number of "visiting drivers" (Uber, DoorDash, etc.) driving on the trails by reporting map issues to Google Maps (and presumably others). In Google Maps, wherever a bridle trail is shown as a road, you can right click on it, select Report a Data Problem, and then click Road Does Not Exist. Keith encouraged Committee members to check their sections or areas they know well and report any problems. It would be great to fix as many problems as possible before the rains!
- Lonna brought up a large bush that is at the end of the trail off of Paradise Valley (5437 Paradise Valley) – it creates a dangerous situation because you cannot see cars in the street. Due to the increase in traffic it

has become dangerous to come out of the trail in this area because of a lack of visibility. Jackie will follow up on how to handle this bush.

## **New Business**

### **Tip of the Month**

- Jackie will send the Committee prior Tips on vaccines to be reviewed for inclusion in the Round Up. Linda was voluntold to help.

## **Old Business**

### **Yellow "SLOW" Sign Placement**

- Keith explained that the new sign we discussed for Long Valley would be in the middle of the undergrounding project and asked if we should move it closer to the gate or just wait until that section is complete.
- Lonna brought up the speeding that happens on Long Valley, and supported the fact that we need more signs to make people aware that this is a horse community. We need more signs. Keith asked Jackie to add a few more signs, especially in the Long Valley area.

### **Review of New Trail Issues Reporting Protocol**

- Keith reminded everyone to keep sending in reports on the trails, and to remember to please 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]*.
- We are continuing to consider 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. But this hasn't been done yet, and may wait until after the first of the year.
- Jackie will confirm that Irvin found the box of address signs that go on the back fences of properties and we will work on putting them up.

### **Trail Map Corrections**

- Keith reminded everyone to please review their maps and send in any corrections so that the map can be updated.

## **Replacement Parkway Tree Selection**

- Keith reported the ESC findings and request to the Board and asked that a sub-committee be formed to make a final recommendation on the best tree specie(s) for Hidden Hills. The Board asked that the Landscape Committee take this issue up and work with Keith and Jennifer Zuiker to make a recommendation. Keith volunteered to send ESC's work to Landscape.
- Lonna mentioned that she spoke with a landscape company who strongly recommended Pepper trees due to the fact that they don't carry diseases and are very easy to maintain. Linda suggested that he put his suggestions into writing first, and then present to the board in a few months.

## **Report on Architectural Plan Review**

- Keith suggested that Jill have a call or (Zoom) meeting with the new interim Architectural Consultant as soon as that person is hired.
- Keith asked if there were any new projects we should be aware of and if there have been any additional developments on the new Ashley Ridge project or the 5241 Twin Oaks Road project.
- Keith suggested that Jill have a call or (Zoom) meeting with the new interim Architectural Consultant as soon as that person is hired. Specifically, it would be helpful to address the previous problem of not being involved early enough in the process to address placement of an appropriate equestrian set-aside.

## **Spring Valley Arena**

- Status of Pavilion Remodel – Keith reported that this project is essentially on hold until a new Architectural Consultant (and Board) are in place. The revised approach did not result in significant savings or a sensible building.
- Jump/Pole Refurbishment – Keith reported that the Board approved a not to exceed budget of \$6,500 for new jumps and poles for Spring Valley as requested. Sarah reported that she and Jackie were able to get 24 new jump poles, 6 sets of standards and jump cups for \$5,466, or \$1,034 under budget.

- 2021 Reserve Expenditure (Short Court) & Arena Refresh – Keith reported that the Short Court refresh will be on the Board agenda for the next meeting. We are recommending repair of the low spots of the base and new sand and GGT. This will be considerably cheaper than a full rebuild. Keith reminded the Committee that we unanimously approved recommending the bid from Dave Martin at \$15,000.
- Sarah reported that she worked with Dave on the drag adjustment issues. And Keith reported that the arena seemed better the last time his daughter rode there. Sarah got a recommendation from Dave for the annual conditioning/grinding of the compacted false base. Dave provided a bid for \$3,000. A motion was made to recommend the Board approve this for \$3,000, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.