

Hidden Hills Community Association
Equestrian Services Committee

Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 6:30 PM

Using Zoom Teleconferencing

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm. Present at the meeting were members Keith Christian, Linda Yallen, Jill Green, Debbie Kulik, and Sarah Phillips, as well as Board Liaison Linda Raznick.

Approval of April 7, 2021 Minutes

Upon a motion that was properly seconded, the Committee approved the minutes of the April 7, 2021 meeting.

Trails Reports

Major Items Requiring Committee Input Only: Email Others to Jackie with CC: to Shannon and Keith

1. Old Farm Road Trail –

Keith received an email from Dirk at the City regarding the ongoing utility undergrounding project. The power company wants to put a below ground vault on the northern edge of the Old Farm Road Trail (between Old Farm to Saddle Creek). This would be a 6' x 5' vault and the trail is a full 20' wide. The committee discussed placing the box further into the trail which would be better/safety than cramming it into the entrance. The committee members will take a look and verify by email.

2. Old Farm Road Trail –

The Spring Valley Trail that runs behind 6097 from Annie Oakley to Mitch Jacob's house has an enormous rut that needs to be addressed. Keith is working with Lynne to develop a repair and maintenance plan.

New Business

1. Open Trail Issues Report / Document

Jackie and Keith are working on a document to track trail reports in real time.

2. Discussion of HHCA Strategic Plan

Keith asked the members of the committee to please review the HHCA Strategic Plan, and in particular the Core Values and related sections. Keith thanked the committee for their continued work on behalf of the community.

3. Spring Valley Park Renovation Project

Two members from ESC will join members from the Board and the Parks and Rec Committee to help create a master plan for Spring Valley. Jill Green and Sarah Phillips will participate in this subcommittee. Linda Yallen also volunteered to help as needed.

4. Tip of the Month

Jackie will provide the committee with a copy of the last "Snake Safety" article.

Old Business

1. Trail Above Saddle Creek Arena – 5209 & 5207 Saddle Creek

This was discussed by the committee at length. We will vote via email on whether to recommend closure of the trail or grant trail license access once all members have had a chance to look at the trail later this week.

2. Report on FYE'22 ESC Budget Request

The committee discussed the final budget request submission.

3. Report Approval of Trail License Agreements by the Board

Keith reported that the Board accepted the committee's recommendation and approved the Trail License Agreements for 24162 Long Valley and 5808 Hilltop.

4. Discussion of Safety Protocols for Drivers

There are still many complaints and concerns about speeding/dangerous driving in Hidden Hills. This is exasperated by the sheer volume of cars coming through Hidden Hills daily. We should address traffic issues with both the gates committee and the parks and rec welcome basket, and the City. This is a city-wide issue, not just a horse issue. The members were encouraged to coordinate with other concerned parties.

5. Replacement Parkway Tree Status Report

At the last Board meeting the landscape committee was asked to develop a master plan for selecting and planting trees, but initially refused and an ad hoc committee was to be appointed. Instead, the Board is dealing with this issue directly. Keith reported that hopefully we are on track to get an evaluation of the best tree(s) for Hidden Hills and a strategic plan for planting. ESC will continue to provide input as these decisions present a significant safety issues for horses and riders (as well as pedestrians, kids, parking, etc.).

6. Report on Architectural Plan Review

Jill reported that all of the current proposals / properties are compliant with the new equestrian set aside rules.

7. Spring Valley Arena/Short Court

Sarah has been speaking with Dave. He says that he will be here at the end of next week to do the arena work that has been approved by the Board.

8. Status of Pavilion Remodel

We have been working on a simpler plan for the Pavilion. We would need to get an agreement in place with Ryan Levis to proceed to architectural plans. However, this will presumably be picked up by the Spring Valley Renovation Project.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm