

ESC MINUTES

Hidden Hills Community Association Equestrian Services Committee Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 6:30 PM Using Zoom Teleconferencing

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm. Present at the meeting were Keith Christian, Jill Green, Sarah Phillips, Linda Yallen, Jackie Castillo, Eniko Gold, Stephanie, Karen Lipman, & Debbie Kulik

Approval of January 13, 2021 Minutes

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

New Business

Discussion regarding Trail License for 24162 Long Valley

- There is a low spot in the trail just past the resident's gate onto the trail. DG and a frame was put in around 2017 and held up well, but is now silted in.
- A trail license agreements say that if the holder damages the trail, they are responsible for fixing it.
- The Committee wants a better understanding of the history of trail use and the problems on this trail before making a recommendation.
- The Committee will either vote by email or reconsider this at the next ESC meeting.

Trail Conditions Following Major Rain

- Keith has been conversing with Lynn concerning strategies for erosion control:
 - Fall Planting – consider planting something like rye annually to slow down erosion of soil etc.
 - Leave Some Biomass – consider leaving some plant materials on trails. If we change the trimming strategy/timing, we can hopefully reduce the total amount of growth on the trails, leave some materials as mulch, and soften/improve the footing without increasing maintenance costs.
 - Areas that have foxtails would need to have all growth removed.
 - Keith has a scheduled meeting with Ryan Levis later this week to take a look at some options concerning the trail that runs along Spring Valley behind Mitch's house. The Committee discussed the

possibility of placing road base into the erosion points with DG on top to help to avoid future erosion in this spot. Hopefully Ryan will have additional ideas.

- Polidoro Drain
 - Linda Yallen reported that since the drain at the start of the trail was fixed it is much better than it was before. The drain is street grade so safe to walk or drive on.
- Reporting Protocol
 - A reminder that it is best to report trail issues directly to Jackie to make sure that they are handled.

Disposition of Old Spring Valley Poles and Jump Standards

- Linda Raznick suggested donating any good poles to an equestrian-related nonprofit like Ride-On.
- Consider moving the old red vinyl poles to Saddle Creek as there are currently no jumps there.

Google Doc for Trail Issues

- Still in process. Trying to decide if this is an efficient way to manage this information and get it to the Committee for trail issues followup.

Tip of the Month

- *Vaccines* – Jackie will email out the draft and Debbie will finish it.

Old Business

Replacement Parkway Tree Selection

- Keith was able to attend a Landscape Committee meeting concerning parkway trees. ESC feels strongly that the Holly Oak is not an appropriate tree to be planting on our parkways. It is sharp, and thick, very slow growing, and does not provide much shade. One cannot ride a horse under it which forces riders off of the parkways and into the street.
- ESC continues to advocate for involvement in the choice of trees that are planted on the parkways.

Report on Architectural Plan Review

- Jill reported that there is a barn on Lewis and Clark that the owner asked to convert 2 of the 5 stalls into storage which was approved.
- A proposed home on Long Valley does have an appropriate equestrian set aside, but Jill and Ryan are working to resolve the issue.
- New Remodel on Paradise Valley – there were pavers placed across the equestrian access. Jill has been in communication Ryan concerning this issue.

- 25234 El Dorado Meadow – had a beautiful barn that matched the house and the barn has been bull dozed. Jill has been in communication with Ryan to see what happened. It is believed this is the barn that burned down.

Spring Valley Arena Project

- Sarah will send the official bid to Jackie for inclusion in the Board packet. Jackie will put the approval request on the Board's agenda.

Pavilion Remodel Status

- Keith will meet with Ryan later this week to discuss the project.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.