

ESC MINUTES

Hidden Hills Community Association Equestrian Services Committee Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 6:30 PM Using Zoom Teleconferencing

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm. Present at the meeting were Keith Christian, Jill Green, Lonna Weber, Sarah Phillips, Linda Yallen, Jackie Castillo, Mitch Jacobs, & Debbie Kulik

Approval of December 9, 2020 Minutes

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

New Business

Safety Discussion – Flags Along Parkways

- The Board asked for input regarding the any safety concerns caused by flags along the parkway. Several members feel that flags which are placed on parkways can be dangerous, especially when there is no flag on the pole and when the flags are to low and impede the parkway. Other members don't feel that the flags are a problem. It may be helpful to have rules requiring flag placement that allows animals and people safely pass without having to leave the parkways, but there was not consensus supporting a ban on parkway flags.

Safety Discussion – Dangerous Drivers

- The Committee discussed ways to educate all of our residents on street safety, including safely passing kids, pedestrian, and horses. It was brought up that there are many new residents over the past 5 years and many may not know how to drive around horses (and other animals and kids).
- One idea for educating new residents was to use distribution of transponders as an opportunity to talk with new residents about safety and culture, especially how to pass kids and horses (slow down and move over).
- We understand that the City may be working on a traffic safety initiative. Keith will bring this issue up to the Board and ask for input.

Trail conditions following first major Rain

- It was felt that the new maintenance strategy is working. There are some areas that need repair, but most of the trails are in good shape. Many of the trails seem to be softer without the annual scraping. And the erosion, in general, does not appear to be worse than in prior years.
- There has been some erosion where mulch was placed, but most of that has been cleaned up already.
- Linda mentioned that some of the trails by Lupin Hill have huge crevices with rocks in them (adjacent to the Anderson's house).
- This hill down from Annie Oakley has some deep ruts.
- Debbie mentioned that they "fixed" the drain by old el dorado – but they left a mess with broken concrete etc. Safety of this drain was discussed with concern over horses stepping on it.
- Sandbag placement – Sarah reported that the sandbags on the trail leading to the Round Meadow gate are placed in a V – this has caused the trail to erode in the center. Sandbags should be guiding water towards edge of the trails and drains.
- Jill reported that there is the beginning of a sink hole on the edge of the trail behind/near Debbie Sutz's house (Long Valley)
- Lonna reported that 5350 Lasher road is still flooding the trail below – this has been reported multiple times and needs to be addressed by the owner.
- Keith will go look at a number of the issues and coordinate with Shannon and Jackie on repairs and adjustments.

Tip of the Month

- Jackie will send the Committee prior Tips on *thrush* and/or *rain* to be reviewed for inclusion in the Round Up. Linda was voluntold to help.

Old Business

Yellow "SLOW" Sign Placement

- We have moved some of the yellow "SLOW" signs to new locations. There are now signs at Penland and Hill Top.

Replacement Parkway Tree Selection

- Keith has tried to meet with the Landscape Committee as requested by the Board. He will meet with them February 5 and provide input on equestrian and pedestrian safe tree selections. Hopefully, Landscape can

have an alternative species recommendation for the Board's February meeting.

Report on Architectural Plan Review

- Jill had a chance to talk to Ryan on Tuesday about receiving all plans early in the process. He expressed wanting to enforce set asides, etc. Due to the transition, Jill has not received plans before the meetings which makes it very difficult to provide accurate review in a timely manner. She will meet with Ryan monthly regarding plans. Keith will talk to Shannon about getting the pertinent information needed for Jill to give the required input.

Spring Valley Arena

- New poles and jumps have arrived and have been placed in the Spring Valley Arena.
- Short Court refresh and arena grooming are on the agenda for the next Board meeting.
- Debbie reported that the round pen is deep on the sides
- Latch to the round pen was fixed.

Pavilion Remodel Status

- Keith talk with Ryan about possible ideas for a new pavilion.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.