

The Town of
Star Valley Ranch, Wyoming
NATURAL RESOURCE BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Present: Victor Padilla – Chairman
Greg Greenhoe – Member
Paul Bordwell – Member
Deborah Bohannon – Member
Deb Adler – Alternate Member
Craig Adler – Chair, Trails Committee/Trail Crew
Shirley Greenhoe, Chair, Parks and Landscaping Committee

Absent: Ruzena Rok – Member

Guests: Don Baillie (TSVR NRB Liaison)
Joanne Leeper – Prospective NRB

1. **Call to Order and Introductions.** Chairman V. Padilla called the meeting to order at 2:06pm.
2. **Review and Approval of Prior NRB Meeting Minutes.** P. Bordwell motioned to approve the final minutes as written from the July 28, 2022 NRB Meeting. G. Greenhoe seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
3. **NRB Donation Account Report.** V. Padilla presented the account report. Since the last NRB meeting in July, for the General Fund Account there have been expenditures of \$1,718.81 with the largest being \$945.00 for the purchase of additional stock tanks for the Community Garden. A credit of \$5,551.00 was also received from Garage Sale for Trails & Parks proceeds. The General Fund balance is currently \$8,840.96. The Trails Account had expenditures of \$636.12. Receipts included donation amounts of \$2,850.00, \$200.00, and \$10.00 along with trail book sales of \$50.00 and Garage Sale for Trails & Parks proceeds of \$4,252.00. The current balance of the Trails account is \$10,194.72. Total funds available for the two accounts is \$19,035.68.
4. **2022 NRB Budget.** V. Padilla provided a review of the 2022 NRB budget. With the addition of the \$1,356.92 from the Hunger Initiative Grant in July, the total NRB budget for 2022 is \$23,071.92. To date approximately 62% of the budget has been expended.
5. **Trails Committee/Trail Crew Report.** C. Adler presented the Trails report. The following activities have been conducted from 29 July to 20 September:
 - Completed construction on the Prater Trailhead.
 - Preparation and conduct of a very successful Garage Sale for Trails & Parks during the month of August.
 - Regular trails maintenance on the Green Complex, Prater-Murphy, Cedar and Fox Run Park.
 - Cargo Crossing memorial event hosted on 18 August with the family of Russ Cargo.
 - Completion of Trail Shed move.
 - Survey of vandalism in Fox Run Park on the Exercise Loop.

Additionally, it was discovered that a large fir tree and small fir tree were downed by chainsaw on the Maple Trail. This location is near where the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department and Search and Rescue operated during the fugitive search near Green Canyon in mid-September. C. Adler will discuss these downed trees further with the Sheriff at the September Town Council meeting. [See **Appendix I** for the full Trails Committee report.]

6. **Parks & Landscaping Committee.** S. Greenhoe presented the Parks & Landscaping Committee report. Since the last NRB meeting, four oval 2' x 2' x 6' stock tanks were installed in the alley between Canine Commons and Crop Circles Community Garden. These new tanks will (for the most part) be used to Grow a Little More for the Wyoming Hunger Initiative program. This final phase of the Community Garden was paid for with the grant NRB received from the Wyoming Hunger Initiative earlier this summer. The completed Crop Circle Community Garden now includes 24 - 6' round garden tanks and 6 - 2' x 6' oval tanks. To date, Crop Circles Community Gardeners have donated 97.3 lbs. of produce to the Thayne Food Bank. Lastly, with S. Greenhoe's departure the new Crop Circles Community Garden Coordinator will be Deborah (Deb) Johnson. [See **Appendix II** for the full Landscaping Committee report.]
7. **Update on Garage Sale for Trails.** V. Padilla, G. Greenhoe and C. Adler presented a summary of the Garage Sale for Trails and Parks. Total receipts from the August Garage Sale amounted to \$12,653 – over \$4,000 more than any previous Garage Sale event. This would not have been possible without the hard work of our volunteers!
8. **Old Business.** None.

New Business. The participants briefly discussed potential for larger Firewise pick-up items to be made available as firewood (or sold at a discounted price) to town residents. The participants then reviewed the NRB Tasks & Responsibilities spreadsheet previously compiled by G. Greenhoe. The following events and coordinators were identified:

- Arbor Day - R. Rok
- War on Weeds - V. Padilla
- Firewise - P. Bordwell to work with Town Councilman Ron Denny
- Community Garden - D. Johnson
- Trails - C. Adler in coordination with Forest Service
- Wildlife Issues - D. Adler to work with Gary. Fralick, Wyoming Fish & Game Department
- Star Party - D. Adler, to work with Brandon Burnham, Star Valley Astronomy Club
- Facebook Page Administrator - C. Adler and D. Adler
- Friends of the Bridger Teton NRB Representative - V. Padilla
- Greys River Collaborative, NRB Representative - C. Adler

9. **Next Meeting & Adjournment.** The next NRB meeting is planned for Thursday, October 27, 2022, 2:00pm @ Town Hall. G. Greenhoe motioned for the meeting to adjourn with a second from D. Adler. The NRB meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.

APPENDIX I

Trails Committee Report - 20 Sep, 2022

During the period [29 July - 20 September] the trail crew completed construction of the Prater Trailhead [Prater-Murphy trail], conducted the Garage Sale for Trails and Parks, held the Cargo Crossing memorial event, and continued routine trails maintenance / flood damage repair.

- Completed construction on the Prater Trailhead [Prater-Murphy trail] on 30 August
 - Rock work completed
 - Straw Wattles / erosion control project installed
 - Kiosk installed
 - - *Kiosk Map & Information Panel to be completed by 31 October*

- A very successful Garage Sale for Trails & Parks was held on 19/20 August. Ten work days were held in preparation for the sale involving gathering sale items, preparing high value items for sale, and transporting larger items to the trail/garage sale sheds.
 - there are currently 16 high value items we are continuing market via social media

- Regular trails maintenance included 4 days ~ Green Complex, 9 days ~ Prater-Murphy, 5 days ~ Cedar, and 1 day ~ Fox Run Park
 - 4 days spent on flood damage repairs to Vista-Prater and Prater-Murphy trails
 - 4 days spent on Prater-Murphy trail: water bars, widening the 1st avalanche chute, downed tree removal, tread work on the meadow and switchbacks
 - 5 days spent on Cedar trail: trimming, tread work, water bars, and Cargo crossing
 - 1 day spent flagging Prater-Murphy trail .20 mile re-route
 - 1 day spent at Fox Run Park - - vandalism clean-up, caution tape install (STA 11, 10, 7)
 - 2 days spent on Green Canyon trails: Sign post repair, bench repair, tree removal

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- Cargo Crossing memorial event hosted on 18 August with the family of Russ Cargo
- Trail Shed - move completed on 1 September
- Fox Run Park - Vandalism (5 Sep): Exercise Loop **stations 11, 10, and 7** plexiglass
 - Signs will have to be disassembled to remove shattered plexiglass
 - Town of SVR offered extra plexiglass to replace 3 stations
 - Goal is to get this project completed by 31 October to avoid weather damage
- **Mystery of the Downed Trees on Maple trail:**
 - *On 14 September, notified of a large fir tree and small fir tree down on Maple trail*
 - *Both trees had been cut down by chainsaw/just below Maple Bench*
 - *On 17 September the trail crew cleaned up the trail, required about 2 hours work*
 - *This location is near where the LCSD and Search and Rescue operated during the fugitive search last week in the Green Canyon area*
 - *Will discuss the circumstance with the Sheriff at the Wednesday Council meeting*
- **Projects to complete - Fall 2022:**
 - Complete the 2022 Trails Report and submit to the Forest Service: [30 Nov 2022]
 - Update the TOSVR Non-motorized trail plan for 2023: [15 Dec 2022]
 - Install 2 new Mutt Mitt dispensers: Cedar entrance & Vista-Prater @ Vista bridge
 - Fox Run Park - paint Kiosk, repair Stations 11, 10, & 7
 - Install the new Kiosk map and Info Panel at the Prater trailhead [Prater-Murphy]
 - Install Safety marking poles on Kiosk & Fence @ Prater trailhead [Prater-Murphy]
 - Install Winter Parking sign @ Green Canyon trailhead [31 October]
 - Cedar trail - Clear downed trees 3.0-4.5 miles - chainsaw mission w/horses [October]
 - Water bars / erosion control - - Prater-Murphy [1.0-1.5] Cedar [1.9-2.2]
 - New Trail Shed organization

APPENDIX II**Parks and Landscaping Committee Report**

September 20, 2022

Final work day at the Community Garden, Crop Circles was this past Saturday 9-17-22.

Four oval 2' x 2' x 6' stock tanks were installed in the alley between Canine Commons and Crop Circles. Filled with gravel and top soil, ready to plant next growing season. These will, for the most part, be for the Wyoming Hunger Initiative program, Grow a Little More. Beyond the extra produce donated by the Crop Circles gardeners we can grow a little more for the local food bank.

This final phase of the Community Garden was paid for with the Grant we received from the WY Hunger Initiative earlier this summer. Our garden is complete. Twenty four 6' round garden tanks and six 2' x 6' ovals.

To date we have donated 97.3 lbs. of produce to the food bank. A hearty crop of potatoes; red and white, helped enhance our total pounds. Plenty of zucchini; yellow and green, green beans, cucumbers, carrots and shallots were also donated.

Wy Hunger Initiative requires a grant report and W9 by Dec. 1st . I'll get it written and sent before that date.

I am pleased to introduce my replacement as coordinator for Crop Circles. One of the gardeners, **Deborah (Deb) Johnson** has agreed to take on the job. She will:

- keep records of those interested in having a Crop Circle
- draw names if there are more applicants than garden tanks available
- contact the gardeners for the new growing season
- keep a stand-by list in the event a gardener cancels.
- coordinate the delivery of extra produce to the Thayne Food Bank on Fridays during the growing season.

Respectfully submitted: Shirley Greenhoe

Chair, Parks and Landscaping Committee and Crop Circles Coordinator