

**Town of Star Valley Ranch  
Natural Resource Board**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 23, 2023 – 2:00 PM, Town Hall**

Present: Victor Padilla – Chairman  
Paul Bordwell – Member  
Craig Adler – Chair, Trails Committee/Trail Crew  
Deborah Johnson – Chair, Parks and Landscaping Committee  
Deb Adler – Alternate Member  
Debbie LaJeunesse - Member

Absent: Joanne Leeper – Member  
Ruzena Rok – Town Council Liaison

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions.** Chairman Victor Padilla called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. There is a quorum. Shortly thereafter, guests Greg and Shirley Greenhoe arrived.
- 2. Review and Approve Minutes from the February 16, 2023, NRB Meeting.** Discussion of some changes made yesterday. A motion to accept revised minutes made by Paul B, second by Deborah J, motion passed unanimously.
- 3. NRB Donation Account Report – Victor.** There have been quite a few donations, some by the Greenhoe, and for Arbor Day. Also, some water donations for the community garden.
- 4. 2023 NRB Budget.** Victor presented the report. There is \$8,658.73 on the General side, Trails 1 deposit of \$15, Total of \$18,579.65. Motion to approve by Debbie L, second by Deb Johnson, and the motion passed unanimously.

Proposed Budget came to \$9,202, of which \$6,937 was for trails. Some of the larger items will be purchased in April/May. Discussed trees by front doors, generally last two years, \$200 for flowers,

- 5. Trails Committee/Trail Crew Report – Craig.** Craig shared that he met with the Forest Service District Ranger and met with Justin to go over the document (non-funded cost share agreement) that needs updated per the FS. Once they get it completed, they will send to the Mayor for signature, and this document can be used as our operating plan. Hopefully the FS specialists will walk the trails this year and start paperwork and plan on construction for next year. Also discussed changing the lock type and turning on the water system.

Parking project: Discussed with FS/Miranda re: plowing and summer parking (would be in the operating plan), not a high priority.

Culvert: damage to trees because of heavy snow impact this year,

Reburn slash piles on Cedar Creek Trail

New FS Recreation trails ranger: Dave Hal.

Discussion of the sign ordinance: NRB kiosk with Safety Day, Arbor Day info, garage sale. We might need to buy a new one.

Winter Parking sign:

Volunteer Recruitment: 7 new signups since October

Prescribed burns: FS will do from Strawberry Canyon down to Cottonwood Canyon, beneficial to wildlife to encourage new growth and reducing fire danger. Not between Alpine and Strawberry because terrain is totally different and not a wildfire migratory area.

Opening trails and took out one tree by Vista bridge.

Discussion of spring flooding, Cedar Creek specifically, also snow slides/avalanches.

Fox Run Park and Dog Park, snowplowing has damaged some of those signs, size of parking area.

Trees along roads are damaged because of all the snow and some will have to be replaced, do assessment of pruning.

**6. Parks & Landscaping Committee - Community Garden Update, other.** Highlights per Deborah J include contacting those interested in a garden tank for this summer, collecting applications and \$10 water fee. Had a column in the town newsletter, but unlikely that anything will occur at the Community Garden in April. Discussion of locks, combination, auto locks, security cameras. Deborah will create a garden column in the newsletter, and buy seed potatoes for food bank garden tanks, order trees/supplies early from MD Nursery for Arbor Day.

**7. Old Business.**

**8. New Business.** Meet with Mayor on Tuesday March 28<sup>th</sup>, time TBD to discuss the NRB ordinance (33-45).

Also discussed the Town website and the NRB section, and that the Firewise section should be separate from NRB. Firewise has historically been considered part of public safety, not NRB.

**9. Next Meeting.** April 20, 2023 @ 2:00 PM, Town Hall. Deb Adler made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Paul B, which passed. The NRB meeting adjourned at 3:29.