

Minutes Cow Pasture Committee
Thursday – January 21, 2021
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Chris Russo-Fraysier, Tim Rapenzynski, Fab Pattison, Mike Perrigo, Jim Deshler, Carl Hilton VanOsdall

Non-Committee Members in Attendance: Greg Rouleau, Tim Bashaw, Steve Mackenzie, Unidentified attendee.

- Call to order: 5:30 pm
- Adjustments to Agenda: Tim- Cow Pasture Logo Update
- Approval of minutes (11-19-2020): Moved–Mike. Seconded-Carl. All in favor -Motion passes
- Agenda Items:

Communication Policy Reading:

Updates:

City Council Presentation: February 16, 2021. Chris and Carl will work on presentation using Annual Report highlights and include recognition of community volunteers, 2021 Initiatives and the most recent information on the upcoming Winter Virtual Outing.

Shout-Out to Volunteers: Chris will finalize.

Winter Virtual Outing- Fab and Jim are proceeding with the treasure hunt. Concept and route outlined.

SnoBee Agreement- The 2020-2021 agreement included the attachment with additional terms and conditions. (See 11-17-2020 City Council Meeting Minutes).

New Agenda Items:

Recent Issues with Snowmobiles: Greg Rouleau- SnoBees President and Tim Bashaw-Quinlan Drive resident attended the meeting to discuss recent issues associated with the use of an unauthorized trail. Tim Bashaw requested permission to access the Cow Pasture via Quinlan Drive. Recent issues and Committee concerns were discussed. Tim Rapenzynski made a motion to allow the use of the side trail from Quinlan Drive contingent upon:

- Annual approval,
- Tim Bashaw must obtain approval from the owners of all private property crossed prior to entering the Cow Pasture property,
- Riders must access the main trail near the entrance of the Cow Pasture with caution. The junction is a heavily used pedestrian trail and is located near the bottom of the sledding hill,
- New trails/paths cannot be created and vegetation cannot be damaged. Only the designated connector trails may be used.
- No materials can be placed in the stream.
- VAST Rules and Regulations must be followed.

Motion: Tim Rapenzynski. Seconded: Chris Russo-Fraysier. All in Favor: Motion Passes

There was additional discussion on recent emails sent by an individual to two Committee members asking that snow machines not be allowed in the Pasture. Educational outreach was discussed. Tim posted a notification on the Committees Social Media page regarding the VAST connector trail. The need for additional, more far-reaching outreach was discussed:

Actions:

Mike Perrigo will contact the individual that emailed two Committee members to find out if there was a specific incident that triggered the email. He will provide information on the permitted use of the connector trail.

Greg Rouleau will create a temporary sign (Laminated on brightly colored poster board) to post at the entrance of the Cow Pasture. The Kiosk can be used. The sign will include the Club logo and contact information, and notify users of the permitted presence of snow machines on the connector trail.

Adjoining Property Owner Outreach/Status Update: Chris contacted Perrin/Hood and Ford property owners to let them know that if their intentions for the adjoining properties for 2021 have changed that the Committee would be interested in discussing the purchase of their land. Perrin/Hood have no interest in selling their property. Mrs. Ford informed Chris that the parcel on Duffy Avenue is currently under contract.

Adjourn: 7:00 p.m.. Mike- Motion to Adjourn and postpone discussion on the remaining Agenda items. Seconded Fab. All in favor. Motion passes.

Agenda items not discussed:

Logo Update- Tim

City Policy on Committee Social Media pages-Tim/Chris

2021 Initiatives Previously Identified:

- Spring Ephemeral Walk or Story Book
- Repair of Spring
- Green-up Day. May 7, 2021 (first Saturday in May).
- National Trails Day – June 1, 2021
- Alternative entrance posting- Identify and mark alternative entrances to the parcel with new Cow Pasture logo.
- Brush Hogging – Early Fall. Upper Meadow is due to be brush hogged this year. Recommendation was to brush hog every 2-3 years. This coming year will have been three years.
- Kiosk Inspection
- Trail Assessment

2021 Meeting Schedule:

March 18, 2021

May 20, 2021

July 15, 2021

September 16, 2021

November 18, 2021

Time: 5:30 –6:30 p.m.

Meeting Location*: Virtual meetings until further notice.

Important Dates/Meetings:

City Council Update- February 16, 2021.