



Gilpin - Clear Creek Home & Landowners Association, Inc.

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Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday September 10th, 2022

In attendance: 44 in attendance

Business:

- Introductions
 - Elective officials
 - City officials in attendance to mingle and hear our concerns
 - Fire representatives: Shaun (YG resident) and John and Jeremy and Gerry (Litenent)

- Fire Mitigation
 - Fire Insurance – we keep the fire station active to help with our insurance.
 - Keep yard area, perimeter fuels (brush, trees, grass) within 30 feet for defensible space.
 - Pay attention to wood storage, especially during fire season, away from your house – they assess all houses during emergency and may skip yours if they don't have the space and time to defend it.
 - Trees – limbed up 8 feet so fires don't jump up as easily.
 - Gutter cleaning regularly.
 - 3 zones –
 - Within 30 feet of house aggressive mitigation, keep yard mowed.
 - 30-100 feet natural landscape but keep it low and limbed trees, remove dead trees.
 - 100-300 feet from house – keep ground litter to a minimum but natural landscape.
 - Aspens vs pines – aspens are more fire resistant but in long term drought situations become problematic – recommend thinning 3 feet between trees.
 - Laurie proposed forming a committee on fire mitigation
 - Courtney collected names.
 - George Marlin (county commissioner) – we have a good fire department, but not a county monetary investment – there was a Community Wildfire Mitigation committee but the last one was 2012!
 - County and state grants are possible to fund fire mitigation.
 - Can cut beetle kill and standing dead trees on National Forest land if you get the \$20 wood permit from the National Forest (permit is online now).
 - CC now has full time, 24-7 coverage in at least one of the fire houses.
 - CC Fire wants more volunteers to help with lots of needs, they have a space for anyone to help in emergency situations. **Contact Sean if interested at** sean@clearcreekfire.com

- Road Maintenance – we know it's a mess, but all roads are all on their own to maintain. The county and Bob are doing a good job from Fall River to Pisgah. There is no collective action or funding as there is no collective collaboration.
 - Melissa Peirce – found a Good Management Trails program grant for National Forest Service roads with residents volunteering time to help maintain roads.

- Discussion of Signage on the road
 - This was approved 2 years ago but never occurred as the county and national forest will not approve them and take them down.
 - Vote to talk more about signs at the next board meeting.

- ATV/OHV road issues on YG
 - 3 roll-over OHV accidents have occurred below Overlooked Way where they are not even allowed.
 - Melissa Peirce reported: Upper Pisgah took the issue to Gilpin County commissioners meeting. They got together with commissioner, sheriff, etc. with all neighbors who privately maintain and deal with off-road issues. They shared stories and emphasized: maps, trailheads, off load areas, education, more collaboration between Clear Creek and Gilpin counties.

- Transfer station
 - They are hiring and trying to reopen. Budgeted to have 4 employees, but were down to 1 person.

- Tina is collecting 2022 Dues - \$50/year