



## Town of Southwest Ranches Parks, Recreation, Forestry and Natural Resources Advisory Board Minutes

April 12, 2022  
7:05 pm

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### **Board Members**

Chris Brownlow, Dena Butler, Debra Goff-Rose, Debbie Green, Wendi Halberg,  
Sheryl Melson, Laurie Morse, Catalina Stubbe

### **Emeritus**

MaryGay Chaples, Aster Knight

### **Council Liaison**

Gary Jablonski

### **Staff Liaison**

December Lauretano-Haines

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### Members present:

Chris Brownlow  
Debra Goff-Rose  
Dena Butler  
Debbie Green  
Wendi Halberg  
Laurie Morse  
Sheryl Melson

### RFNRAB Members absent:

Catalina Stubbe

### Staff present:

December Lauretano-Haines

### Council present:

Gary Jablonski  
Mayor Steve Breitreuz  
Jim Allbritton  
Bob Hartmann  
David Kuczenski

### Others present:

Call to order at 7:00 PM

The members present reviewed the minutes of the March 2022 meeting.

Laurie Morse motioned to approve the March 2022 minutes. Debra Goff-Rose seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair welcomed Marie Nix back to the board. She also brought up that she would like the trails to remain part of our discussions and the importance of keeping the trails in place.

Bryce Taporowski is a life scout looking for approval of his Eagle Scout. He would like to add a flagpole at Rolling Oaks Park. He shared his plan to design and construct the flagpole. There will also be a solar light to illuminate the flag at night. We discussed the best placement of the flagpole and Tyler answered questions from board members and councilmen. It was agreed that a better location for the flagpole would be somewhere in the parking area east of the building, out of high traffic area. Anyone wishing to donate to help fund Bryce's Eagle Scout project can bring to December and she will ensure Bryce receives the donations.

Wendi Halberg motioned to approve Bryce's Eagle Scout project for Rolling Oaks Park. Debra Goff-Rose seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Farmers' Market has been a great event. This past Saturday saw the most traffic ever.

Staff gave her maintenance report. At Founders Trailside Park, the artist is adding to the murals already painted. Chair follow up with the Rural Arts Board to see if a possibility for the artist to continue more on the wall and if donations are allowable. Perhaps the Sunshine Ranches HOA would volunteer to plant in the planter area. The fountain has been repaired. The Education Board has been able to find a home for the

Flamingos at the Equestrian Park. There is a big planting project approved for Calusa Corners Park. Rolling Oaks fitness trail should be complete this week. One of the last projects from the lien recovery funds is improving the ponds at Rolling Oaks. Staff is looking for proposals and to complete this project in this fiscal year. Country Estates Park the SW 190 Ave fence upgrade is very close to being complete. The materials have been ordered. Staff created a new budget request for this next year budget to add a fence around the ball field with gates on each side. The playground upgrade is complete and ordered "cameras" to help deter vandalism. Staff had a meeting to see what we can do with 1.3 million to develop Southwest Meadows Sanctuary Park with amenities to support events at the Southwest Meadows Preserve property. Proposed improvements include restroom, water, power, and storage, parking, and interior driveway. Southwest Ranches Parks Foundation is planning Bingo at the Barn on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor's zoom is this Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Laurie Morse had an idea to make a giveaway of a tote bag for the Farmers' Market when it returns in the Fall. Discussed possible fundraising idea for the Education Advisory Board to raise funds for the College Scholarship Fund.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.