



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

May 10, 2022
7:00 pm

Board Members

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

Council Liaison

Gary Jablonski

Staff Liaison

December Lauretano-Haines

Emeritus

MaryGay Chaples, Aster Knight

Members present:

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

Staff present:

December Lauretano-Haines

Council present:

Gary Jablonski
Mayor Steve Breitkreuz
Jim Allbritton
Bob Hartmann
David Kuczenski

RFNRAB Members absent:

Dena Butler
Marie Nix

Others present:

Call to order at 7:07 PM

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

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

The mayor shared that overall the Farmers' Markets were a great success. The last one for now was held last Saturday. Looking forward to some improvements to the property for when it returns in the Fall.

Staff gave us an update on Bryce Taporowki's Eagle Scout project. Staff and he agreed on a compromise as to the placement of the project. He will put the flagpole near the jog in the fence near the horse project another Eagle Scout completed. Bryce plans to begin the project on May 14th.

The Earth Day event on April 22nd was a great success. They talked about the plants, bee pollinators and asked questions of the beekeepers. Catalina gave kudos to December on making the event so special for the kids.

Staff gave her maintenance report. At Founders Trailside Park, the artist is adding to the murals already painted. The artist keeps making little tweaks to her paintings. Town Administrator needs to request agreement from CVS to be allowed to paint more panels. Potential and definite repairs to the Oasis Fountain at the Equestrian Park are in the works. The Cub Scouts will have a planting day at Calusa Corners Park in the rainy season. Rolling Oaks Park wetlands upgrade is in the works and the project is out for bid. Country Estates fence upgrades are getting ready to begin. The extra fill from the drainage project out west will be spread around the ballfield area. The Town is going to put out on social media the call for entryway design for Country Estates Park. Plans in development stage for Southwest Meadow Sanctuary Park and funding approved. Staff is very excited for bigger and better Farmers' Market when it returns in the Fall. Southwest

Ranches Parks Foundation is planning Bingo at the Barn on Saturday, June 11th. On June 10th there will be a tree planting in memory of Birdie Knight.

Mayor's zooms will resume in the Fall.

Laurie Morse asked if it's possible, to bring back the Town Garage Sale to coincide with the Farmers' Market. The Education Advisory Board has an interest in the idea of a tote bag for the Farmers' Market when it returns in the Fall as a fundraising idea for the College Scholarship Fund.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.



**Town of Southwest Ranches
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Follow up/Maintenance Report**

Tuesday
June 14, 2022

Board Members

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Wendi Halberg, Sheryl Melson, Laurie Morse, Marie Nix, Catalina Stubbe

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FOUNDERS' TRAILSIDE PARK

- **Mural Wall:** The Mural appears complete.

EQUESTRIAN PARK

- **Equestrian Oasis Fountain:** The fountain has been repaired.
- **Drinking Fountain:** The plumber has ordered a part for repair of drinking fountain.
- **Entrance Feature Maintenance:** Staff has requested pricing to refurbish the entrance features. This will include pressure cleaning, patching to ensure durability and recoloring. Quotes coming in are around \$7,000 to \$15,000

CALUSA CORNERS

- **Earth Day planting:** Pollinator seeds are beginning to bloom.
- **2022 Planting improvements:** Town contractor will soon implement Staff's plan to add native plantings making use of natural precipitation to assist with establishment water.

ROLLING OAKS PARK

- **Wetlands upgrade:** A notice of intent to Award has been posted. Cone of silence prevails until Council decision, planned for July 14 meeting.

COUNTRY ESTATES PARK

- **SW 190 Avenue Fence upgrade project:** Fence replacement is in progress
- **Ballfield Improvement:** A budget request has been made for funding to address issues with the ballfield in Fiscal year 2023. Until then, staff's procurement to level the fill came in exceedingly high, but a local contractor has offered to do the work at cut rates. Purchase order has been issued. Once the fill is spread it will be an attraction for motorized vehicles.
- **Entrance Feature Call for entries:** Staff has received no calls or requests for information.

EVENTS:

- **Bingo:** The Southwest Ranches Parks Foundation is planning a Bingo at the Barn on Saturday June 11. Tickets are on sale.