



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

June 14, 2022
7:00 pm

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

Members present:

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

Staff present:

December Lauretano-Haines

Council present:

Gary Jablonski
Jim Allbritton

Others present:

RFNRAB Members absent:

Marie Nix

Call to order at 7:05 PM

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

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

Councilman Jablonski shared that it has come to the council's attention at the CEHOA meeting that the slide at the tot lot is not able to be used during several hours a day during certain times of the year due to how hot it gets.

Debra Goff-Rose motioned to approve a canopy to be installed over the slide in the tot lot at Country Estates Park. Wendi Halberg seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Staff gave her maintenance report. There are fewer reservations coming in and therefore have more time to complete some maintenance projects at the parks. Country Estates Park fence upgrade is underway. Staff has a concern that when the fill piles have been spread out, it may invite the four wheelers. Staff received approval from the Council to procure the fence project around the ballfield area. It probably makes sense to complete the fence project before spreading the fill to prevent it from being destroyed by the motorized vehicles. Rolling Oaks Park wetlands upgrade is in the works and the project is out for bid. Hopefully the wetlands project will be complete this fiscal year. 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 held Bingo at the Barn and was a great success.

The chair asked if members of the board would have an interest in supporting events of the Southwest Ranches Parks Foundation and if they would have an interest in volunteering for events when needed. The board members responded positively.

Staff shared that all is going well with the three groups using the Equestrian Park. She reminded the members that the 6-month trial period to allow for the exception for them to meet either daily/weekly at the agreed upon fee was coming to end.

Debra Goff-Rose motioned to recommend that for the three groups that meet at the Equestrian Park to continue meeting at the park under the current rules and regulations that the board had approved on a temporary basis last year. Dena Butler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The members discussed the upcoming storm season. Rolling Oaks Park is a rallying point for emergency response from a storm that may come. The town has a vulnerable population list so residents that may need assistance in the time of an emergency should register with this program. Staff mentioned that there is valuable information included in the Town's June 2022 Southwest Rancher. This edition of the Rancher includes a pull-out section including lots of information relating to hurricanes and emergencies.

There is a county website to report when a bad mosquito issue arises. The more reports they receive in an area will prompt a truck to come out and spray. They no longer have the planes that spray. The county is proactive in sending out mosquito dunks in standing water areas.

South Broward Drainage District (954) 680-3337 is the entity responsible for cleaning the canals. Council Member Albritton currently has request for SBDD to clean the canal on 164th. He shared that they require permission from each property's homeowner to clean the canal along their property on the canal.

Discussed the possibility of welcoming groups to start some kind of senior program of events.

The Board will take a hiatus from the July meeting

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.



**Town of Southwest Ranches
Recreation, Forestry and Natural Resources Advisory Board
Follow up/Maintenance Report**

Tuesday
August 9, 2022

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EQUESTRIAN PARK

- **Irrigation:** Staff is looking into a conversion from pressurized system to pump start system in order to reduce significant electric costs generated by this property.

CALUSA CORNERS

- **2022 Planting improvements:** Awaiting daily rain before proceeding with planting.

ROLLING OAKS PARK

- **Wetlands upgrade:** A Notice to proceed and Purchase Order have been issued. Awaiting Contractor scheduling. Completion is planned prior to September 30, 2022.

COUNTRY ESTATES PARK

- **SW 190 Avenue Fence upgrade project:** Fence replacement is complete.
- **Ballfield Fill Issue:** Fill has been spread. Area Closed signs have been placed onsite.
- **Fallen Tree:** Bulnesia tree that fell in front of restrooms is being evaluated. If it can be saved, it will be stood up and staked. If not, this tree will be replaced within the rainy season.
- **Shade for Playground:** Staff is seeking pricing information for shade over the climbing structure.
- **Entrance Feature Call for entries:** Staff has received no calls or requests for information.

TOWNWIDE TREE MAINTENANCE

Pruning and other tree maintenance will soon commence.

EVENTS

- **Upcoming events include:**
- Southwest Ranches **Farmers Market** Commencing September 24th at Southwest Meadows Preserve
- Southwest Ranches Parks Foundation **Chili Cookoff and Car Show** – Saturday December 10th at Rolling Oaks Park
- Southwest Ranches Parks Foundation **Country Fair** – January 13 – 16, 2023 at Southwest Meadows Preserve
- Southwest Ranches **Fun Horse Show** – Saturday February 11, 2023 at Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park