



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

September 13, 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
Debbie Green
Laurie Morse
Dena Butler
Debra Goff-Rose
Sheryl Melson
Wendi Halberg

RFNRAB Members absent:

Marie Nix
Catalina Stubbe

Staff present:

December Lauretano-Haines

Council present:

Gary Jablonski
Steve Jablonski
Dave Kuczenski
Bob Hartmann
Jim Allbritton

Others present:

Call to order at 7:05 PM

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

Debra Goff-Rose motioned to approve the August 2022 minutes with the correction to reflect that Dena Butler seconded the motion. Dena Butler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Madame Chair fondly reflected that four years ago she and December received their Master Naturalist certification.

The Chair thanked the members present for being open to volunteer their assistance at Town events. Some of the upcoming events of the Southwest Ranches Parks Foundation that would need volunteers if available – Farmers Market every Saturday (starts Sep 24th), Chili Cook Off and Car Show (Dec 10th), Country Fair (Jan 13-16th, and Fun Horse Show (Feb 11th)

Staff gave her maintenance report. She has identified a contractor (was able to piggyback onto a contract held by the City of Plantation) for the fencing around the ball field in Country Estates Park and is also looking for pricing for the shade over the slide area of the playground. Hopefully this project will begin in the next couple of months. Grill replacement at the park is in the works. Staff is still working on the irrigation system at the Equestrian Park to save on electric bills. She also asked that the irrigation vendor turn off the system during the rainy season, other than his irrigation checks. A new grill is on the way for the Equestrian Park. Calusa Corners planting was done and trees all in the ground and looking good. Working on dead palm tree that has become a home to many bees at the Calusa Corners Park. The members present all agreed that bee conservation is important as long as there is not a safety risk to residents. The Bee Association members, as well as Detective Hobales, offered their assistance in finding a solution to this issue. The Rolling Oaks Park

wetlands upgrade should be complete by the end of September. Tree pruning is scheduled for over the roadways. Staff would like to do some structural pruning on the trees along Griffin Rd.

Staff informed the members that there was a mention in the newsletter pertaining to seeking residents interest, availability, and their input for ideas for fun or educational classes and activities for residents on weekdays. Also, to add a larger notice regarding the request for entries for the Country Estates Park entry way design.

If a board member has an item to be included on the next agenda, please email December.

Mayor's call will resume on Wednesday, September 14th.

Rolling Oaks Halloween event will be Saturday, October 29th. This would be a great event for students to earn hours volunteering for the Town.

The Fun Horse Show (Feb 11th) would also be a great opportunity for students to earn hours volunteering for the Town.

Sunshine Ranches HOA meeting will be held at Town Hall on September 28th and they have invited the Waste Management representatives and representatives for potential new development in Sunshine Ranches.

Please help get the word out to the community about the Stormwater Workshop on September 21st.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.