



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

Tuesday
June 13, 2023
7:00 pm

Town Hall
13400 Griffin Road
Southwest Ranches, FL 33330

Board Members

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

Emeritus

MaryGay Chaples, Aster Knight

Council Liaison

Gary Jablonski

Staff Liaison

December Lauretano-Haines

A. ROLL CALL

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. AGENDA AS FOLLOWS

D. NEW BUSINESS:

- Adopt Town of Southwest Ranches Recreation, Forestry and Natural Resources Advisory Board Meeting Minutes for May 2023.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

- Follow up/Maintenance report attached for the Board's review and discussion.

F. AGENDA PREP FOR NEXT MEETING

G. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Chairperson's quote of the month:

"This is bigger than any movie, this is the challenge of our time. And it is our responsibility to leave this world a better place than we found it, but right now we are failing future generations."

- Arnold Schwarzenegger

H. STAFF COMMENTS

I. HOA/PUBLIC COMMENTS

J. ADJOURNMENT



**Town of Southwest Ranches
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Minutes**

May 9, 2023
7:00 pm

Board Members

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Laurie Morse

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Members present:

Debbie Green
Laurie Morse
Dena Butler
Debra Goff-Rose

Staff present:

December Lauretano-Haines

Council present:

Gary Jablonski
Jim Allbritton

RFNRAB Members absent:

Wendi Halberg
Chris Brownlow

Others present:

Call to order at 7:00 PM

The members present reviewed the minutes of the March 2023 meeting.

Dena Butler motioned to approve the March 2023 minutes. Laurie Morse seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Staff gave her maintenance report. Playground material at all Town parks need to be replenished. Staff is requesting a budget item to replenish playground material annually. The ball field fence is complete at Country Estates Park. The problem in the restrooms has been fixed and two toilets replaced. There's a slight delay in opening the bathrooms, because after the water sat for several months, we had to wait a bit for the harmful bacteria testing to be negative. The last repair to keep the electric bills at Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park has been completed. Staff will now look at resolving some electrical issues at the Rolling Oaks Barn. Some of the breakers are tripping when multiple items being used. There's a fence around the water system at the barn and the fence gate has fallen off. The Town will be building toilets, stabilized parking, and a drive aisle at Southwest Meadow Sanctuary. The drive aisle will go from the Southwest Meadows Sanctuary to the Southwest Meadows Preserve area. There will be work done on drainage connection project to protect the wetlands. All these improvements need to be complete by end of 2024. Staff is trying very hard to preserve any trees that we planted in 2011 on the Southwest Meadows Sanctuary. The Farmers Market on Saturdays will continue year-round. Will bring to Council to approve reduced hours for Summer.

Discussion was brought back up about the shade for cover for the slide area at the Country Estates Park. Several members expressed concern for the safety of the children using the slide, or being able to use the slide during much of the year. December has included in her request for upcoming budget. Debra asked about some areas in the Town that the Town's right of ways has been fenced in by the property owner. She asked what the Town is doing about it. There is no action be taken, but eventually the property owner may need to remove their fence that is in the Town's right of way.

Laurie shared that the South Florida Trail Riders possibly have an interest in joining with the Town's Fun Horse Show (which is for 18 and under). Staff would love to meet with the Trail Riders and see how we can collaborate the two Fun Shows.

Debra has been talking to Andy and December about some elder care programs. Also look at programs for retired residents looking for activities to do in the day or evening.

Idea brought up to possibly add an insulated container to add storage at the barn.

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

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.



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Follow up/Maintenance Report**

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CALUSA CORNERS

- **Tree Planting:** Project is complete. Trees are establishing with watering and precipitation.
- **Playground surface material:** A 2024 budget item has been prepared to address ongoing replenishment.

COUNTRY ESTATES PARK

- **Restrooms:** The problem has been repaired. One valve requires replacement to address low pressure in the women's room. Restrooms are open for public use.
- **Playground surface material:** Councilmember Jablonski requested and received approval from Council to completely resurface the playground with appropriate engineered wood fiber surface material. This item will be before Council once again in July for approval of a piggyback contract with the vendor prior to the work being completed. A 2024 budget item has been prepared to address ongoing replenishment.
- **Shade for Playground:** Councilmember Jablonski requested and received approval from Council to install shade over the main/slide components on the playground. This item will be before Council on June 22 for approval of a piggyback contract with the vendor prior to the work being completed. A 10-week time frame can be anticipated, but work will be completed within the Fiscal Year.

EQUESTRIAN PARK

- **Playground surface material:** A 2024 budget item has been prepared to address ongoing replenishment.
- **RC Cars group:** A resident has requested permission to hold a radio/remote control car event at this location on July 1 from 8 am to 2 pm. The event will consist of a small group (less than 50 people) who will operate their remote cars in the overflow parking area north of the playground. They will bring shade tents and food for a picnic. They will rock crawl their RC vehicles in s in the equestrian oasis with respect for equestrian users. The RC vehicles operate very quietly.

ROLLING OAKS PARK

- **Electricity issues:** An electrician must investigate electrical issues. Repairs will be completed as soon as possible.
- **Water System Fence** repair is complete.
- **Water System:** Pump and multiple aged PVC pipes were recently repaired. Well testing is in progress and once well testing is complete, operation will return to normal.

SOUTHWEST MEADOWS SANCTUARY PARK AND PRESERVE

- **Site Improvements anticipated within the next year:** A restroom building with picnic shelter overhang and small storage area, pervious grass parking, and driveway, wetlands and drainage canal will be built.

FOUNDERS' TRAILSIDE PARK

- **Mural:** Artist Laura Warren is progressing on the mural. This public art project is partially funded by the Sunshine Ranches Homeowners' Association and has generated positive feedback.

EVENTS

- Southwest Ranches **Farmers Market** ongoing on Saturdays at Southwest Meadows Preserve, Summer Hours are now in session through Sept 16: 8:30 am - 1 pm
- **Bingo at the Barn** Saturday, August 26th, Rolling Oaks Park Barn, 6 pm Dinner, 7pm to 10 pm (or finish) play.