

Town of Southwest Ranches
Recreation, Forestry and Natural Resources
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday

Town Hall

February 9, 2016

13400 Griffin Road

7:00 P.M.

Southwest Ranches, FL 33330

RFNRAB Members Present:

Rose Albritton

Chris Brownlow

MaryGay Chaples

Lana Eichel

Debra Goff-Rose

Debbie Green

Nancy Hartmann

John Herring

Aster Knight

RFNRAB Members Absent:

Debbie Mantel

Marie Nix

Karen Parkerson

Kathy Sullivan

Council Present:

Gary Jablonski

Staff Present:

December Lauretano-Haines

Guests Present:

Newell Hollingsworth

Call to order at 7:00 P.M. A quorum was established.

Aster Knight made a motion to excuse the absence of the members listed above. Rose Albritton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Aster Knight made a motion to approve the minutes of the January meeting. Nancy Hartmann seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Aster Knight made a motion for December get the address reflector-sign for the ROCA barn which will include the park's name. Debra Goff-Rose seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The board discussed having beer and alcohol use within the parks.

Lana Eichel made a motion to recommend council allow beer at the Chili Cook-off. John Herring seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Nancy Hartmann was at Country Estates Park (CEP) and saw a mom/kid riding ATV's. She made them aware of the policy about no-access on the trails. She said she hadn't seen the sign. Staff said four signs exist. Chris Brownlow mentioned she could have her art students at the school create a banner to help alleviate the problem. It would state "No Motorized Vehicles Beyond Parking Lot".

Debra Goff-Rose made a motion to have a banner created for Country Estates Park to remind visitors that motorized vehicles are not allowed inside. Rose Albritton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Debra Goff-Rose made a motion to have an article and photo published within the Southwest Rancher of the art students from Chris's school as a thank you for all of their work. Nancy Hartmann seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Aster Knight made a motion to recommend council address clearing to a maintainable condition the area east of the playground and south to the trail within Country Estates Park. John Herring seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Newell Hollingsworth brought forth a sign idea for the parks: a weather vane design (see staff's notes for a photo).

Aster Knight made a motion to look into the price of the weather station sign brought forth by Newell Hollingsworth. John Herring seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items:

- Lana Eichel mentioned there is still debris at the intersection of Hancock and Griffin. Q: Who is responsible? A: The County. Staff will contact the appropriate people.
- MaryGay Chaples noted a broken commode left on the road at her intersection. Tow truck operators are supposed to clean debris at accident sites.
- Perhaps Cook-Off can move to ROCA in future.
- Also discussed stabilized parking along SW 190th Avenue for CEP. Aster Knight noted the Parks Foundation could make a donation towards this. Councilman Jablonski stated a plan must be in place to address specifications of debris removal and parking stabilization. Folks also cited invasive plant removal. John Herring suggested tabling this topic for the March meeting-place under "Old Business" item. The Board needs a better visual idea of the full area in question.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.