



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

June 11, 2019  
6:30 pm

Town Parks:  
Founders' Trailside and Calusa Corners Parks

**Board Members**

Chris Brownlow, Mary Gay Chaples, Lana Eichel, Debra Goff-Rose,  
Debbie Green, Aster Knight, Marie Nix, Karen Parkerson

**Council Liaison**

Gary Jablonski

**Staff Liaison**

December Lauretano-Haines

**Members present:**

Chris Brownlow  
MaryGay Chaples  
Debra Goff-Rose  
Debbie Green  
Marie Nix  
Karen Parkerson

**RFNRAB Members absent:**

Lana Eichel  
Aster Knight

**Council present:**

Gary Jablonski  
Mayor Doug McKay

**Staff present:**

December Lauretano-Haines

Call to order at 6:40 PM at Founders' Trailside Park picnic shelter. A Quorum was established.

The members present discussed the park, site furnishings, and the new pavilion. The tongue and groove should be coated with a clear stain (not a water seal product). Staff briefed the members regarding an idea currently being discussed about creating a public art project on the East perimeter wall to replace the sparse bushes.

Debra Goff-Rose motioned to recommend in favor of a public art project on the wall at Founders' Trailside Park. Marie Nix seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Debbie Green motioned to excuse the absence of Aster Knight and Lana Eichel. Debra Goff-Rose seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Debra Goff-Rose motioned to approve the minutes of the March 2019 meeting. Debbie Green seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The members discussed trash pickup events to be offered when volunteers want community service projects.

The members moved to the next park location, Calusa Corners:

The members present discussed the park, site furnishings, and the pavilion. The tongue and groove in this location, also, should be coated with a clear stain (not a water seal product).

The members discussed removal options for the damaged fencing. Debbie Green and Marie Nix were in favor of removing only the damaged section from the corner of Hawke's Bluff Avenue to the existing gate. Others thought this would leave an incomplete section and that it would look strange.

The Mayor has discussed getting the fence removal done at no cost to the Town with volunteers.

Marie Nix motioned to recommend the fence be removed from where it turns from Hawke's Bluff Avenue along the driveway. Debbie Green seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor McKay offered to organize the volunteers to remove only the section from curve to gate, allowing time for the Board then to see how they think it looks. If needed, volunteers can return to remove the rest if it seems too strange once it is not connected to the removed section.

Mayor McKay stated strong feelings about the cost of playground equipment and future ways to save money on these kind of park improvements. It is his opinion that vendors can offer better quality playground structures that the manufactured types of structures the Town ordinarily procures, at far less cost. He stated that the Town can have projects engineered [to meet code and safety standards].

The Board has a July hiatus, so our next meeting will be on August 13.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.