



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

November 9, 2021
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
Dena Butler
Debbie Green
Laurie Morse
Debra Goff-Rose
Catalina Stubbe

RFNRAB Members absent:

Sheryl Melson

Staff present:

December Lauretano-Haines

Council present:

Gary Jablonski
Mayor Steve Breitkreuz
Jim Allbritton
Bob Hartmann
David Kuczenski

Call to order at 7:05 PM

The members present reviewed the minutes of the October 2021 meeting.

Debra Goff-Rose motioned to approve the minutes of the October 2021 meeting. Dena Butler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Chair welcomed our newest member to the board, Catalina Stubbe. She then gave an overview of the purpose and vision of the advisory board. Catalina introduced herself and then the councilmen, board members, and December our staff liaison each introduced themselves. Staff then gave a brief description and history of the parks throughout Town.

The Chair continued the discussion on the park reservation policies. Over the pandemic some groups started having recurring meetings at our parks because they were some of the few that remained open. Now that more people are out and about, we just want to make sure we have policies in place to address the recurring meetings at the park and the official one-time park reservations. Staff found from conversation with these groups that it is usual that they pay some small monthly fee for use of their meeting place, in this case the Equestrian Park.

Debbie Green made a motion to allow an exception to the existing park policy which creates a usage fee for the groups currently using the parks on a recurring basis. Laurie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Laurie made a motion to recommend a usage fee in the amounts of \$125 monthly for daily use, and \$50 monthly for weekly use for a 6 month trial period. Debra Goff-Rose seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Staff gave her maintenance report. She informed us that there is an issue with the mural wall at Founders Park. CVS received a violation notice from Cooper City and to cure that violation they painted and sealed the

wall. The artist informed us that now the artist's paint will not adhere to the wall. Staff is in the process of figuring out a way to prime the wall so that the artist paint will adhere to it. Staff bought a message board for the Equestrian Park. As previously discussed, messages will be removed on the 1st of the month. The Parks Foundation is facing a list of requirements that are needed to potentially hold a carnival fundraiser at Southwest Meadows Sanctuary Park. Town is hoping to be able to do the wetlands upgrade at Rolling Oaks Park sometime in February. At Country Estates Park, the fencing has been fixed and playground signs are complete. Still waiting for the hardware for playground equipment to come in. Staff is working with turf experts from other cities and Broward County and is planning a volunteer project to spread 3 pallets of donated rye seed as soon as it can be arranged.

West Broward High School and Vet Program are having Festival on November 20th. The main event is Cowpie Bingo, and will also include goat yoga, pet costume contest, corn hole tournament, and craft vendors.

Catalina brought up a concern of fire ants at Rolling Oaks Park

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.