

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

Tuesday

Town Hall

August 13th, 2019

13400 Griffin Road

7:00 P.M.

Southwest Ranches, FL 33330

RFNRAB Members Present:

Chris Brownlow

MaryGay Chaples

Debbie Green

Debra Goff-Rose

Marie Nix

RFNRAB Members Absent:

Lana Eichel

Aster Knight

Karen Parkerson

Guests Present:

Steve Breitkreuz

Dena and Walter Butler

Council Present

Bob Hartmann

Doug McKay

Staff Present:

Emily Aceti

Call to order at 6:30 P.M. A quorum was established.

Debra Goff-Rose motioned to excuse the absences of the members listed above. Marie Nix seconded, and the motion carried.

Debbie Green motioned to accept the minutes of June 11th. Debra Goff-Rose seconded, and the motion carried.

Debra Goff-Rose motioned for a fence to be built encircling the playground area and horse area, to come up around the rocks and continue behind the restrooms and pavilion, then turn and continue toward the Griffin Road fence. Debbie Green seconded, and the motion carried.

Debra Goff-Rose motioned to advertise in the Southwest Rancher a community design contest for the Country Estates entryway. The theme will be "fishing hole". Debbie Green seconded, and the motion carried.

Debbie Green motioned to request the 3-rail, white fence to run from Griffin Road along 190th to the park's end. Debra Goff-rose seconded, and the motion carried.

Debra Goff-Rose motioned to begin the clearing of exotic vegetation at Country Estates Park. Marie Nix seconded, and the motion carried.

Marie Nix motioned to approve the conceptual trail map plan as presented to the Board. Debra Goff-Rose seconded, and the motion carried.

Discussion Items:

- The Board met at Country Estates Park to discuss the fencing plan from Griffin south to the end of the park, and possible ideas for the entrance...community design contest perhaps? Of course, the final design would need to meet code regulations. Possible theme: Fishing Hole. A motion was made and approved. A motion was also approved for fencing inside the park, as well as along 190th. Resident, Walter Butler, mentioned the lack of shade for the playground equipment. Marygay mentioned we have volunteers who are willing to donate time and equipment necessary for exotic vegetation removal inside the park. Since the area of concern is protected wetlands, it requires hand-clearing. Native foliage will be tagged to avoid loss. The town can arrange for bulk services. This project will be a steady gradual undertaking. A motion was made to pursue clearing.
- Chris wants to contact Audubon of Florida in hopes of getting our filter marsh featured as an environmental success story.
- Emily provided copies of the conceptual trail map plan, and included the monthly parks' maintenance report for the Board's review. A motion was made to adopt the map plan as presented.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.