



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

Via Zoom

June 8, 2021  
7:00 pm

**Board Members**

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

**Council Liaison**

Gary Jablonski

**Staff Liaison**

December Lauretano-Haines

**Members present:**

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

**RFNRAB Members absent:**

Sheryl Melson  
Lana Eichel

**Staff present:**

December Lauretano-Haines

**Council present:**

Gary Jablonski  
Mayor Steve Breitzkreuz  
Jim Allbritton  
Bob Hartmann  
David Kuczenski

Call to order at 7:12 PM.

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

Debbie Green motioned to approve the minutes of the May 2021 meeting. Debra Goff-Rose seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Chair briefed the members present regarding a request of the Trail Riders for use of the Barn for their monthly General membership meeting. Staff wants to make sure there is no conflict with ROCA. Laurie Morse will get more information from the Trail Riders Board and will bring back more definite information.

The members present discussed the state's new initiative called Hire Florida Friendly. It's a new program designed to empower homeowners hiring landscape professionals, providing guidelines and questions to ask, recommended certifications and more. One of the principals that guides this program is to protect our water.

Staff presented an update on maintenance and usage at the Town's parks. The trees and shrubs have been cut back at Founder's Trailside Park. The deadline for submissions from artists is July 1<sup>st</sup>. Painting has been completed at Rolling Oaks, Country Estates, and Equestrian Parks. Some of the artifacts collected from Circle S Ranch include a couple of 1/4 mile markers, piece of the actual railing from the racecourse, playground equipment, and saddle cabinet. Members discussed where we could potentially place the saddle cabinet that would not be averse to the surrounding neighbors of Southwest Meadows Sanctuary Park. Staff shared that we need to manage expectations on the Country Estates' ballfield improvement project. The improvements being made are those that we can achieve within the allotted budget. Members discussed the probability of vandalism and suggested placing cameras at the gates. Members also discussed lack of visibility / blind spots and concerns about personal safety in planted areas along trails at the Equestrian Park. Staff will investigate the possibility of erecting intersection mirrors. Staff shared that the portable horse arena donated to the Town was more complicated to erect and probably not a good use for temporary ring for storms.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.