



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

March 8, 2022
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
Debra Goff-Rose
Dena Butler
Debbie Green
Wendi Halberg
Laurie Morse
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

Others present:

Call to order at 7:10 PM

The members present reviewed the minutes of the February 2022 meeting.

Wendi Halberg motioned to approve the February 2022 minutes. Dena Butler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Jablonski will appoint Marie Nix to the Town of Southwest Ranches Parks, Recreation, Forestry and Natural Resources Advisory Board.

The Broward Beekeepers Association, as a service organization to the Town, has many members in Southwest Ranches. They have requested the Board to consider allowing them to meet at the Rolling Oaks park monthly on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 6:30 – 9PM. The board discussed allowing the Beekeepers Association to meet following the same requirements and fees of the current service groups meeting at the Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park.

Debbie Green motioned to recommend approval of the Broward Beekeepers Association request to meet monthly at the Rolling Oaks Park barn at a rate of \$50 per month for a trial period of April through December, 2022. Wendi Halberg seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

There will be a small Earth Day event at Calusa Corner Park with members from Cub Scout Pack 160 on Friday, April 22 from 4 – 5PM. This will be a quick educational hour with a group of about 10 – 12 kids.

The Farmers' Market has been arranged for every Saturday in March and April. The first event will take place on March 19th. Following the initial "soft open" the market will be planned to pick up again in September.

Staff gave her maintenance report. Founders Trailside Park and the mural are in the process of being painted and have had some graffiti cleaned up. There was a homeless issue at the park and there is greater police monitoring. The user groups at the Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park have submitted their paperwork and made the required payments and there have been no issues. The playground upgrade work has been completed at the Equestrian Park. Signs and "cameras" will be installed to help deter some issues with vandalism and theft. There are 2022 planting improvements scheduled for Calusa Corners Park. Staff is also planning an educational event to be coordinated with students from Hawke's Bluff Elementary. Improvement of wetlands and maintenance is planned for this fiscal year at Rolling Oaks Park. At Country Estates Park, Staff is awaiting proposals for new and upgraded fencing. A resident in Town has expressed a willingness to volunteer to spread the dirt around the ball field and a clean layer of fill to spread out. The scheduled playground upgrade work has been completed. Signs and "cameras" will be installed to deter issues with vandalism and theft. Staff is working to put a larger notice in the newsletter calling for Entrance Way Feature entries. At Southwest Meadows Sanctuary and 5-Acre Town-owned parcel Staff is working on a plan for providing park amenities to support events at the 5-acre parcel location; including restroom with water, power, and storage, in addition to parking and interior driveway.

Laurie Morse motioned to name the 5-Acre Town-Owned Parcel; Southwest Meadows Preserve. Dena Butler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Some user groups have requested some storage place. Debbie, on behalf of the Southwest Ranches Education Advisory Board also made this board aware of some storage space need for the flamingos. Staff will confirm if there is space available in the Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park storage area.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.