



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

Tuesday
May 10, 2022
7:00 pm

Town Hall
13400 Griffin Road
Southwest Ranches, FL 33330

Board Members

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

Council Liaison

Gary Jablonski

Staff Liaison

December Lauretano-Haines

Emeritus

MaryGay Chaples, Aster Knight

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"We need to remember the sense of awe that nature has given humanity. It's something that should be preserved." -Al Gore.

A. ROLL CALL

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. AGENDA AS FOLLOWS

D. NEW BUSINESS:

- Adopt Town of Southwest Ranches Parks, Recreation, Forestry and Natural Resources Advisory Board Meeting Minutes for April 2022.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

- The final Southwest Ranches Farmer's Market took place on May 7th. The Market will start back up again in September.
- Bryce Taporowski will complete his proposed eagle project for a flagpole at Rolling Oaks Park on Saturday May 14th
- The Town completed and Earth Day event at Calusa Corners Park with members from Cub Scout Pack 160. This educational event was well attended by 10-12 kids with their families.
- Follow up/Maintenance report attached for the Board's review and discussion.

F. AGENDA PREP FOR NEXT MEETING

G. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

H. STAFF COMMENTS

I. HOA/PUBLIC COMMENTS

J. ADJOURNMENT



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

April 12, 2022
7:05 pm

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Members present:

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

RFNRAB Members absent:

Catalina Stubbe

Staff present:

December Lauretano-Haines

Council present:

Gary Jablonski
Mayor Steve Breitreuz
Jim Allbritton
Bob Hartmann
David Kuczenski

Others present:

Call to order at 7:00 PM

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

Laurie Morse motioned to approve the March 2022 minutes. Debra Goff-Rose seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair welcomed Marie Nix back to the board. She also brought up that she would like the trails to remain part of our discussions and the importance of keeping the trails in place.

Bryce Taporowski is a life scout looking for approval of his Eagle Scout. He would like to add a flagpole at Rolling Oaks Park. He shared his plan to design and construct the flagpole. There will also be a solar light to illuminate the flag at night. We discussed the best placement of the flagpole and Tyler answered questions from board members and councilmen. It was agreed that a better location for the flagpole would be somewhere in the parking area east of the building, out of high traffic area. Anyone wishing to donate to help fund Bryce's Eagle Scout project can bring to December and she will ensure Bryce receives the donations.

Wendi Halberg motioned to approve Bryce's Eagle Scout project for Rolling Oaks Park. Debra Goff-Rose seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The Farmers' Market has been a great event. This past Saturday saw the most traffic ever.

Staff gave her maintenance report. At Founders Trailside Park, the artist is adding to the murals already painted. Chair follow up with the Rural Arts Board to see if a possibility for the artist to continue more on the wall and if donations are allowable. Perhaps the Sunshine Ranches HOA would volunteer to plant in the planter area. The fountain has been repaired. The Education Board has been able to find a home for the

Flamingos at the Equestrian Park. There is a big planting project approved for Calusa Corners Park. Rolling Oaks fitness trail should be complete this week. One of the last projects from the lien recovery funds is improving the ponds at Rolling Oaks. Staff is looking for proposals and to complete this project in this fiscal year. Country Estates Park the SW 190 Ave fence upgrade is very close to being complete. The materials have been ordered. Staff created a new budget request for this next year budget to add a fence around the ball field with gates on each side. The playground upgrade is complete and ordered "cameras" to help deter vandalism. Staff had a meeting to see what we can do with 1.3 million to develop Southwest Meadows Sanctuary Park with amenities to support events at the Southwest Meadows Preserve property. Proposed improvements include restroom, water, power, and storage, parking, and interior driveway. Southwest Ranches Parks Foundation is planning Bingo at the Barn on June 11th.

Mayor's zoom is this Wednesday, April 13th at 7pm.

Laurie Morse had an idea to make a giveaway of a tote bag for the Farmers' Market when it returns in the Fall. Discussed possible fundraising idea for the Education Advisory Board to raise funds for the College Scholarship Fund.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.



**Town of Southwest Ranches
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Follow up/Maintenance Report**

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FOUNDERS' TRAILSIDE PARK

- **Mural Wall:** The artist has continued to improve the Mural, which has received much positive feedback.

EQUESTRIAN PARK

- **Equestrian Oasis Fountain:** The vendor is awaiting a part for the fountain.
- **Entrance Feature Maintenance:** Staff has requested pricing to refurbish the entrance features. This will include pressure cleaning, patching to ensure durability and recoloring. Quotes coming in are around \$7,000 to \$15,000

CALUSA CORNERS

- **Cub Scout Earth Day event:** Staff held a small event on Friday April 22 with Cub Scout Pack 160. 10-12 members from the Pack 160 sowed pollinator seeds, learned about the plants and animals on site, and had a chance to ask questions of bee experts. Staff continues to water the site to establish the plantings.
- **2022 Planting improvements:** Town contractor will implement Staff's plan to add native plantings making use of natural precipitation to assist with establishment water.

ROLLING OAKS PARK

- **Wetlands upgrade:** Procurement for improvement of wetlands is in the market place, bid opening date is May 27. A cone of silence prevents detailed discussion. 1074 vendors were notified, 15 companies registered as Plan holders and receive notifications about the project.

COUNTRY ESTATES PARK

- **SW 190 Avenue Fence upgrade project:** A purchase order has been approved and materials are on order. Locates are in progress of being marked. Completion of the project is now anticipated for May.
- **Ballfield Improvement:** A budget request has been made for funding to address issues with the ballfield in Fiscal year 2023. Until then, staff is working on a small procurement to level the fill over the field in order to maintain it.
- **Entrance Feature Call for entries:** Staff has received no calls or requests for information.

SOUTHWEST MEADOWS SANCTUARY and SOUTHWEST MEADOWS PRESERVE

- **Southwest Meadows Development:** Council has approved \$1.3 million of ARPA funding for this project. Staff's plan, designed to satisfy overdue grant commitments, will provide park amenities to support events at the Preserve. Proposed improvements include restroom, water, power, and storage, parking, and interior driveway.
- **Farmer's Market:** The Southwest Ranches Farmer's Market on Saturdays through April 30 was a great success. The organizers (The Cioli Group, LLC) are exploring the Town's interest in further use of the property, including evenings, during the summer months.

EVENTS:

- **Bingo:** The Southwest Ranches Parks Foundation is planning a Bingo at the Barn on Saturday June 11. Tickets are on sale.