



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

Tuesday
August 11, 2015
7:00 pm

Town Hall
13400 Griffin Road
Southwest Ranches, FL 33330

Board Members

Rose Allbritton, Chris Brownlow, MaryGay Chaples, Lana Eichel, Debra Goff-Rose, Debbie Green, Nancy Hartmann, John Herring, Aster Knight, Debbie Mantel, Marie Nix, Karen Parkerson, Kathy Sullivan

Council Liaison

Gary Jablonski

Staff Liaison

December Lauretano-Haines

A. ROLL CALL

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. AGENDA AS FOLLOWS

D. FILING:

- Excuse absences
- Adopt Town of Southwest Ranches Recreation, Forestry and Natural Resources Advisory Board Meeting Minutes for June 2015.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

- Country Estates park ballfields – FRDAP Grant: Emily McCord Aceti will address the board. Staff is seeking review and support for an application to the Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) for funding to construct phase one multi-purpose ballfield improvements at Country Estates Fishing Hole Park, as per our existing FCT commitment.
- Memorial Trail: Council has requested the Board consider dedicating a portion of the Griffin Road C-11 Trail to Lucia Rodrigo. Proposed signage (designed per the Town's Rural Identification Program standards) indicating the dedication, as well as language citing the Florida Statutes 316.0825 and 773.06 ["Vehicle approaching an animal" and "Nicole's Law" statutes] is proposed for consideration.
- Country Estates Park Equestrian Access gate: With the temporary daily closure of the park during trail construction, council has requested the Board consider the need for (a) permanent limited-access feature(s) to keep motorized vehicles out while allowing equestrians and pedestrians to enter during operating hours. Proposed location for the feature(s) would be at one or both of the pedestrian gates, which ultimately will be opened and closed daily on a "sunrise to sunset" schedule. The Town has a standard construction plan for this type of access feature, which is in use at multiple locations (SW 185 Way Pocket Park, C-11 trail west, Equestrian Park). Cost to construct (not currently budgeted) is approximately \$1,200-\$1,500 per gate.

F. OLD BUSINESS:

- Aster Knight Parks Foundation Fundraiser: Ride for the Ranches and Country Fair: Board members are asked to provide an update regarding their ideas and volunteering to help run this event.
- Follow up/Maintenance report attached for the Board's review and discussion.

G. AGENDA PREP FOR NEXT MEETING

H. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

I. STAFF COMMENTS

J. HOA/PUBLIC COMMENTS

K. ADJOURNMENT