



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

February 13, 2024
7:00 pm

Board Members

Chris Brownlow, Dena Butler, Debra Goff-Rose, Debbie Green, Laurie Morse,
Marie Nix

Emeritus

MaryGay Chaples, Aster Knight

Council Liaison

Gary Jablonski

Staff Liaison

December Lauretano-Haines

Members present:

Chris Brownlow
Debra Goff-Rose
Debbie Green
Laurie Morse

RFNRAB Members absent:

Dena Butler
Marie Nix

Staff present:

December Lauretano-Haines

Council present:

Gary Jablonski
Jim Allbritton
Steve Breitkreuz
Bob Hartmann
David Kuczenski

Others present:

Call to order at 7:30 PM

The members present reviewed the minutes of the January 2024 meeting.

Debra Goff-Rose motioned to approve the January 2024 minutes. Laurie Morse seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Debra, Town Clerk, shared the Board Orientation Packet and urged all to read.

Chair discussed Stirling Road Linear Park and Horse Trail that goes through airport strip. On the north side of the road is a right of way, it's not actually a horse trail. The horse trail is on the south side of the road. In regard to the Stirling Road Linear Park it will take several governmental groups to agree. The Mayor has been in touch with some of the other parties. One of the challenges is that there are actually two bridges.

Davie has requested a traffic circle at Volunteer and Stirling.

Staff discussed Park Policies. Is there a need for changes in the park policies. For example, a fitness group was using Country Estates Park for classes. Another issue recently that came forward was the use of balloons at the Parks.

The field at Country Estates Park has potential for flag football or other field games. Frontier Park will most likely remain with limited use; more of an educational park. A member thought it might be nice to plant trees in memory of longtime residents throughout the Town.

Staff gave her maintenance report. More mulch to be placed in Calusa Corners Park playground. Lots of maintenance completed at the Country Estates Park. Some little repairs being addressed at the Equestrian Park. We now have a normal water bill at the wash rack at the Equestrian Park. Refreshing the Park a bit for the The Fun Horse Show on February 24th. Thresholds and fence posts, and kitchen cabinets fixed at

Rolling Oaks Park. There was a problem with the water pump and tested positive for bacteria twice in a row. The pump was flushed out several times and then they replaced the pump under warranty and now the water is testing good. Southwest Meadows Sanctuary improvements are expected to be encumbered, but possibly not completed by December 31. An aggressive pruning of the Fire Bush and removal of other invasive plants was done.

Events coming up – February 24th Fun Horse Show, March 9th Sikh 5K Run/Walk and Water Matters Day, Saturday March 30th Open Play Chess, March 16th Barn Dance

Discuss placement of possible Ed Board brick fundraiser at each of the parks. Perhaps we should also include the Rural Arts Board for their guidance.

Pollinator Partnership Project is in support of the Mayors Monarch Pledge and Wildlife Habitat projects.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.