



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

April 9, 2024
7:02 pm

Board Members

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

Council Liaison

Gary Jablonski

Staff Liaison

December Lauretano-Haines

Emeritus

MaryGay Chaples, Aster Knight

Members present:

Chris Brownlow
Debra Goffe-Rose
Debbie Green
Dena Butler
Marie Nix

Council present:

Gary Jablonski
Jim Allbritton
Steve Breitkreuz
David Kuczenski

RFNRAB Members absent:

Laurie Morse

Others present:

John Garate

Staff present:

December Lauretano-Haines

Richard Ramcharitar

Call to order at 7:03 PM

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

Debra Goffe-Rose motioned to approve the March 2024 minutes. Dena Butler seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair discussed maintenance report. The new plantings at Calusa Corners park are looking good. Tree pruning is scheduled to take place along Volunteer, Stirling and Mather roads. Equestrian Park and Country Estates playground surface material looking good. Dog waste station working out well at Country Estates Park. Request from Town Administrator to address the invasive exotics in the Country Estates Park and other parks in Town. Country Estates Park will host a youth sports league. Request in the budget to extend playground life at the Equestrian Park. Area around the parking lot came up for discussion to replace all the railroad ties. Restored water service at the Equestrian Park wash rack. Will monitor water use. Staff shared samples of the dampening acoustic sound absorbing panels to alleviate some of the reverberation in the room at the Rolling Oaks Park. Site improvements at Southwest Meadows Sanctuary Park and Preserve is being done in phases.

Events coming up – Farmer’s Market every Saturday morning. First Open Chase Play was a success. Pilot program is being arranged to potentially begin in spring/summer for soccer, t-ball, and flag football programming. Aster Knight Parks Foundation May 11th Bingo at the Barn \$25

Council will consider on this Thursday’s agenda a youth program three days a week for the youngest kids at Rolling Oaks Barn to include soccer, flag football, and basketball. Second contract presented will be I9 Sports on Saturdays at the Country Estates Park.

Member made a suggestion to add Yoga at the barn.

New Parks & Rec Facilitator position hired.

Chair is continuing her education and promotion to keep the Town's Pollinator certification.

Chair discussed possible dangerous chemicals being used on Town property and parks. The town has 150 acres of property to maintain.

Zero Waste Broward Task Force meeting May 8th.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.