



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

February 12, 2019
7:00 pm

Town Hall
13400 Griffin Road
Southwest Ranches, FL 33330

Board Members

Chris Brownlow, Mary Gay Chaples, Lana Eichel, Debra Goff-Rose,
Debbie Green, Aster Knight, Marie Nix, Karen Parkerson

Council Liaison

Gary Jablonski

Staff Liaison

December Lauretano-Haines

Members present:

Lana Eichel
Debbie Green
Debra Goff-Rose
Chris Brownlow
Marie Nix

RFNRAB Members absent:

MaryGay Chaples
Aster Knight
Karen Parkerson

Council present:

Gary Jablonski
Mayor Doug McKay
Bob Hartmann

Staff present:

December Lauretano-Haines

Call to order at 7:00 PM. A Quorum was established.

Debra Goff-Rose motioned to approve the minutes of the January 2019 meeting. Lana Eichel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Marie Nix motioned to excuse the absence of MaryGay Chaples, Aster Knight, and Karen Parkerson. Debra Goff-Rose seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Staff briefed the members present regarding the issue of fence replacement on Griffin Road at Country Estates Fishing Hole Park. The members of the Parks Foundation have offered the following recommendations:
Remove razor wire
Repurpose the top rail
Add bottom rail
Use a heavier gauge, child-proof, vinyl coated chain link in either black or green.
Use existing posts and hardware, painted to match the new fabric.

Marie Nix motioned to recommend the use of child-proof chain link fencing in black or green as noted above. Debra Goff-Rose seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Staff briefed the members present regarding the request by Rosie and Rob for use of the Equestrian Park past closing hours for dog training. The Board requested to know if there was ever an issue with lock up or unrestricted use. Staff knows of no such issues.

Debra Goff-Rose motioned to recommend allowing the user group to continue their dog training so long as no issues arise from the use. Marie Nix seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The chair briefed the members present with regard to wetlands at Rolling Oaks. She has long wanted to see this pond dredged in order to improve its drainage capacity. Staff would also like to remove invasive exotics and plant beneficial native species. Staff has on multiple occasions created a budget item for this project, but it has never been approved. The Chair is going to request the project be approved.

Debbie Green briefed the members present regarding three upcoming events

1. SEAB Hoedown fundraiser. Saturday March 9th. \$50 ticket includes dinner Outback steakhouse. Cash Bar. 7 – 8 pm bar included.
2. Sikh Society of Florida 5 K run March 30th.
3. Country Estates Homeowners Association 4th Annual Barbeque. Saturday, March 30th. Free for CEHOA members, \$7 for guests/BBQ or \$5/hamburger or hot dog.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.