

## **Active Recreation/Soccer Field – Timeline and Summary**

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**3/3/25** – At the January Board meeting, the Board of Directors approved the name “Defender Field”. Signage and rules have been installed.

**11/24/25** - The Board of Directors, Parks and Recreation Committee and Staff are engaged in discussions to name the field.

**9/24/25** - We still need to complete our first mow and mow a walking path to the field (sometime next week).....but the active recreation field located along South Riding Boulevard between Defender Drive and Tall Cedars Parkway is now open for use.

In the early 2000’s there was a soccer field in that location. This field has soccer nets but will not be striped and there will be NO lighting. It is not a “regulation” size soccer field either due to restrictions we encountered in the planning stage.

Access to the field is from the trail that runs alongside the pond, an easy and quick walk from Peacock Market Plaza.

There will be NO parking as there is no physical space or land that can be converted into parking.

Additionally, all of the plans, studies, tests, grading, asphalt, more testing, etc. necessary would easily run the community \$1 million.

The Defender West developer (apartments across from McDonald's) who gave the land to South Riding and the funds to build the recreation field will be planting several hundred whips (very small trees) around the field and further down the trail to fulfill some of their “reforestation” proffer requirement with the County.

As soon as possible we will name the field, add signage, trash receptacles, and some benches.

Usage is on a first-come, first served basis.

