



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

March 11, 2025
7:00 pm

Board Members

Chris Brownlow, Dena Butler, Debbie Green, Ron Martinez, Laurie Morse

Council Liaison

Gary Jablonski

Staff Liaison

December Lauretano-Haines

Members present:

Debbie Green
Ron Martinez
Laurie Morse
Dena Butler

Staff present:

December Lauretano-Haines

Council present:

Bob Hartmann

RFNRAB Members absent:

Chris Brownlow

Others present:

Call to order at 7:05 PM

Observed moment of silence for both Aster Knight and Debra Goffe-Rose

The members present reviewed the minutes of the February 2025 meeting.

Laurie motioned to approve the February 2025 minutes. Ron seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The first year of the I9 sports youth program has been completed and they found it to be a success. They have asked how we can help to promote the events. It was requested that board members share with all their friends. Discount for Southwest Ranches residents.

Southwest Ranches received an Emerald Award at Water Matters Day for Rolling Oaks Park.

Staff gave maintenance report. A therapeutic message board has been installed at the Equestrian Park. There is another planned for Country Estates Fishing Hole Park. An upgrade at the Equestrian Park is being requested at the upcoming Council Meeting. This is to replace some elements in the playground equipment. Focusing on those items first, that could be a safety risk. Replanted by the little fountain. It is possible for a real camera to be added to the Equestrian Park. Lightning Oak project has become a little challenging. Refreshment to the interior paint at the barn. Southwest Meadows Sanctuary continues to have struggles with the different city, county, state and federal agencies in regard to the septic/sewer and water system.

Discussed what kinds of programs can the Town engage in to preserve the rural lifestyle.

Events – Farmers Market going on Saturday and Sunday. Pilot Compost Program has begun at the Farmers Market. Monthly Open Play Chess March 15th. Barn Dance on March 15th. Bingo at the Barn March 22nd. Sikh Youth 5k Run/Walk on April 5th. March 26th Tree Planting in Memorial to Debra Goffe-Rose. Town Birthday Party June 7th.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.