



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

May 13, 2025
7:00 pm

Board Members

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

Emeritus

MaryGay Chaples, Aster Knight

Council Liaison

Gary Jablonski

Staff Liaison

December Lauretano-Haines

Members present:

Chris Brownlow
Dena Butler
Debbie Green
Ron Martinez
Laurie Morse

Staff present:

December Lauretano-Haines

Council present:

Bob Hartmann

Others present:

RFNRAB Members absent:

Call to order at 7:02 PM

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

Dena motioned to approve the April 2025 minutes. Ron seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair shared that SEAB board has ongoing relationship with Hawks Bluff Elementary School. This past year there was a bit of confusion with the Food Truck Event held once a year. Chris volunteered to be the point person for the Hawks Bluff Food Truck Event in the future.

Staff gave maintenance report. Country Estates Park looking for a better Sign Language message board. December has reached out to local schools and others that have active ASL programs.

In the Fall, the I9 Program will continue Saturdays and add Sunday programs. There have been no complaints or issues. At the Equestrian Park, we are still awaiting the upgrade items for the playground. Pieces from the Rolling Oaks Park Oak Tree that was struck by lightning are being used to make keychains. A Chainsaw artist is going to be creating design and carve the tree. The tree carving project should be completed by the Town's birthday party. Staff would like to schedule a meet and greet with the artist on May 22nd at 6:30 before Town Workshop. Interior of the Rolling Oaks Barn is being painted and some sprucing up. Freshening up the "farshtunkene" flower beds. Southwest Meadows Sanctuary is still dealing with battle over septic vs sunrise sanitary sewage system. The decision has been made that we are required to tie in to City of Sunrise sanitary sewage system.

Events - Town of Southwest Ranches 25th Birthday Party will be June 7th. Bingo event scheduled in September. Mayors' Chess Challenge will be in October. If you know of any events going on in Town, please let December know, so she can add to calendar. Bob suggested a living link, that is updated so others can see the most current schedule of events.

Bob shared that he is a bird guide on the weekends taking people to the Everglades. He would like to organize bird tours quarterly, early in the morning (8-10am) on the weekend in different parks in Town. Would like to organize groups of no more than 15 people.

Zero Waste Broward Task Force Meeting, May 14th at 7pm at Town Hall to organize on how to divide and conquer across all of Broward County

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