



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

Tuesday,
June 10, 2025

Town Hall
13400 Griffin Road
Southwest Ranches, FL 33330

Board Members

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

Council Liaison

Gary Jablonski

Staff Liaison

December Lauretano-Haines

- A. ROLL CALL**
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- C. AGENDA AS FOLLOWS**
- D. NEW BUSINESS:**
- Adopt Town of Southwest Ranches Recreation, Forestry and Natural Resources Advisory Board Meeting Minutes for May 2025.
- E. OLD BUSINESS:**
- Follow up/Maintenance report attached for the Board's review and discussion.
- F. AGENDA PREP FOR NEXT MEETING**
- G. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**
- H. Quote of the month:**
"How could I look my grandchildren in the eye and say I knew what was happening to the world and did nothing?" -David Attenborough
- I. STAFF COMMENTS**
- J. HOA/PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- K. ADJOURNMENT**



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

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Members present:

Chris Brownlow
Dena Butler
Debbie Green
Ron Martinez
Laurie Morse

Staff present:

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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.



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COUNTRY ESTATES PARK

- **Therapeutic Recreation Elements / Communication Board:** Staff continues to seek guidance / resources for an accessibility amenity for this playground.
- **Youth Sports Program:** i9 Spring season ended May 31. Programs will break for the summer and return with Saturday and Sunday programs on October 4th for the Fall season. Weekend reservations will be suspended during program seasons.

EQUESTRIAN PARK

- **Playground upgrade:** Work will commence in mid-June and will be completed by July 31.

ROLLING OAKS PARK

- **Lightning Struck Oak:** Josh Landry's design for the public art feature is scheduled to be complete in the month of June. Pieces of the branches have been made into giveaways for the Town's 25th birthday celebration.
- **Interior Painting Project:** Interiors painting will go to the market for pricing in later June, with project to be completed by September 19th.

SOUTHWEST MEADOWS SANCTUARY PARK AND PRESERVE

- **New Construction:** Approvals and permits are in hand, Notice to Proceed has been issued. Work will commence soon. This park will connect to Sunrise's sanitary sewer system.

EVENTS CALENDAR, UPCOMING and PROPOSED

Staff has yet to receive input for the annual events calendar. Input from all groups is necessary to ensure cooperation among all park users and to eliminate user conflicts, which abound.

- **Southwest Ranches Farmers Market:** Saturdays at Southwest Meadows Preserve, 10am - 3pm. (Sunday program suspended until September 21st).
- **Bingo at the Barn:** Saturday, September 27th, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Tickets not yet on sale
- **Mayor's Chess Challenge** event will be on Saturday October 18th at Town Hall.
- **PROPOSED NEW EVENTS:**
- **Monthly food truck event** at Southwest Meadows Preserve – awaiting further info from Parks Foundation
- **Quarterly birding tour** led by VM Hartmann – Need dates and preferred locations (Rolling Oaks Park; Country Estates Park, Frontier Trails Park?)
- Monthly or bimonthly **Veterans Social Café** with chess, checkers, dominoes, Bridge, or cards