



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

June 10, 2025  
7:00 pm

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### **Board Members**

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

### **Council Liaison**

Gary Jablonski

### **Staff Liaison**

December Lauretano-Haines

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### **Members present:**

Dena Butler  
Debbie Green  
Ron Martinez  
Laurie Morse

### **RFNRAB Members absent:**

Chris Brownlow

### **Staff present:**

December Lauretano-Haines

### **Council present:**

Bob Hartmann  
Steve Breitkreuz  
Gary Jablonski  
Jim Allbritton

### **Others present:**

Call to order at 7:03 PM

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

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

Staff gave maintenance report. Staff is looking for a better Sign Language message board for Country Estates Park. 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. Town will continue to mow the field weekly through the summer. Gary recommended that we mow the park at the higher level to try to help make the grass more cushiony. At the Equestrian Park, the playground upgrade items will begin next week. Work expected to be completed by the end of July. At the Rolling Oaks Park, the lightning-stricken Oak tree has been transformed. The chainsaw artist completed his work. The Parks Foundation would like to put something surrounding the tree to protect against any harm to the artwork or vandalism. A suggestion was to perhaps put a rock border, similar to what's around the small landscape area in front of the barn. Plans paint the interior of the Barn. A suggestion was made for future town events, to plan to have landfill, recycle, and compost containers next to each other at the event. Ground has been broken at Southwest Meadows Park. There will be a Groundbreaking Ceremony on Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 prior to the Town Council Meeting. Still hoping to get feedback for the Town Calendar of Events.

Events – Farmers Market is ongoing on Saturdays, Bingo at the Barn September 27<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Chess Challenge October 18<sup>th</sup>. The Parks Foundation is planning Food Truck Event the first Tuesday of the Month from 4pm – 9pm. Staff is looking for dates for the Bird Tours in our Parks with Councilman Hartmann. 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. There is interest in starting a monthly or quarterly

event for Veterans. Request made again to add pickleball courts in some of our parks. Suggestion made that Country Estates Park and Rolling Oaks Park may be good sites.

Broward Solid Waste Authority meeting to share the draft master plan to all elected officials and city/town staff at Broward Theatre of Performing Arts on Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 9am and another meeting to discuss the plan with residents at Tree Tops Park on Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

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