



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

Tuesday,  
October 14, 2025

Town Hall  
13400 Griffin Road  
Southwest Ranches, FL 33330

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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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**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 September 2025.
- November 11<sup>th</sup>: meeting occurs on Veterans' day – for Board discussion

**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: *"Migratory birds connect people, ecosystems, and nations. They are symbols of peace and of an interconnected planet."* - Antonio Guterres

**I. STAFF COMMENTS**

**J. HOA/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**K. ADJOURNMENT**



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

September 9, 2025  
7:00 pm

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Members present:

Dena Butler  
Debbie Green  
Ron Martinez

RFNRAB Members absent:

Chris Brownlow  
Laurie Morse

Staff present:

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Council present:

Bob Hartmann  
Steve Breitkreuz  
Gary Jablonski  
Jim Allbritton  
David Kuczenski

Call to order at 7:03 PM

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

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

Staff briefed the members present about optional hiatuses in November for Veterans Day and for a December 9 scheduling conflict for Council with another event. The Board opted to wait until closer to the date to determine if they will hiatus for November.

Debbie Green motioned to take the optional hiatus in December. Ron Martinez seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Staff requested to know if the Board members present will agree to continue to serve in 2026. Dena, Ron and Debbie are happy to continue serving on this Board.

Staff gave maintenance report.

Vice Mayor Hartmann briefed the members present regarding the new Wings Over the Ranches Program.

Staff and Councilmember Allbritton briefed the members present regarding the proposed Veterans Social Café events that we are in concept stages for. Debbie Greene mentioned two women on the women's group who are vets: Elly Keane and Elizabeth (last name?). Mayor Breitkreuz suggested dominoes for the Social Café.

The members present asked about adding sound panels at the Rolling Oaks Barn. We could use further help with sound dampening. Staff will see about adding this to the budget.

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



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Follow up/Maintenance Report**

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**CALUSA CORNERS PARK**

- **Playground Surface material replenishment:** Work was completed in September.

**COUNTRY ESTATES PARK**

- **Therapeutic Recreation Elements / Communication Board:** Sign is in fabrication.
- **Youth Sports Program:** Fall programs had low enrollment. Contractor will concentrate on enrollment for winter program. Weekend reservations will be suspended during program seasons.
- **Playground Surface material replenishment:** Work was completed in September.
- **Irrigation shed:** Demolition work was completed.

**EQUESTRIAN PARK**

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**ROLLING OAKS PARK**

- **Lightning Struck Oak:** Awaiting delivery of plaque.
- **Acoustic Panels Phase II:** Materials in hand. Installation will follow.

**SOUTHWEST MEADOWS SANCTUARY PARK AND PRESERVE**

- **New Construction:** Permitting issues are resolved. Work is proceeding with completion anticipated within FY 2026.
- **Historic Home:** This structure has significant deterioration and is being offered as-is to anyone who wishes to remove it.

**EVENTS CALENDAR, UPCOMING and PROPOSED**

Please ask your groups to provide input to Staff to ensure cooperation among all park users and to eliminate user conflicts, which abound!

- **Southwest Ranches Farmers Market:** Saturdays 10am - 3pm and Sundays 11am - 4pm at Southwest Meadows Preserve
- **Aster Knight Southwest Ranches Parks Foundation Pumpkin Patch Event** at Southwest Meadows Preserve – October 16<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday and Friday: 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
Saturday: 10:00 am – 9:00 pm  
Sunday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
- **Mayor's Chess Challenge** event will be on Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall.
- **Aster Knight Southwest Ranches Parks Foundation Monthly food truck event** at Southwest Meadows Preserve – Tuesday November 4<sup>th</sup> (1st Tues of each month) from 4 pm to 9 pm.

- **Wings Over the Ranches:** Quarterly birding tour led by VM Hartmann – Saturdays, 8:00 am – 10:30 am register at <https://www.southwestranches.org/wings-over-the-ranches-application/>
  - Nov 22, 2025            Sunshine Ranches Equestrian Park
  - Jan 10, 2026           Rolling Oaks Park
  - Mar 14, 2026           Country Estates Park
  - Aug 15, 2026           Southwest Meadows Sanctuary & Calusa Corners

**OTHER PROPOSED NEW EVENTS UPCOMING:**

- Monthly or bimonthly **Veterans Social Café** with chess, checkers, dominoes, Bridge, or cards. We are collecting contact information for veterans who live in Town who may wish to participate.