



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

March 12, 2024  
7:00 pm

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**Board Members**

Chris Brownlow, Dena Butler, Debra Goff-Rose, Debbie Green, Laurie Morse, Marie Nix

**Emeritus**

MaryGay Chaples, Aster Knight

**Council Liaison**

Gary Jablonski

**Staff Liaison**

December Lauretano-Haines

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Members present:

Chris Brownlow  
Debra Goff-Rose  
Debbie Green  
Laurie Morse  
Marie Nix

Council present:

Gary Jablonski  
Jim Allbritton  
Steve Breitzkreuz  
Bob Hartmann  
David Kuczenski

RFNRAB Members absent:

Dena Butler

Others present:

Lori Parrish

Staff present:

December Lauretano-Haines

John Garate

Call to order at 7:04 PM

The members present reviewed the minutes of the February 2024 meeting.

Laurie Morse motioned to approve the February 2024 minutes. Debra Goff-Rose seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair asked visitors to introduce themselves.

Staff briefed the members present on the maintenance report.

The members present discussed recycling at parks. Staff mentioned that the public is not good at recycling, but it is time to try again. We can start at one park as a pilot program. Maybe obtain receptacles that encourage recycling better, such as those used in county parks.

The Member presents discussed a proposed secret garden tour event in the fall as a fundraiser.

The chair briefed the members present on the pollinator program in which she and staff are participating.

Councilman Allbritton briefed the members present regarding the Council's recent tour of an incinerator facility in Palm Beach.

Debbie Green showed the door hangers that the Zero Waste task force has printed as an awareness campaign.

Debra Goff Rose asked about memorial trees in parks. Staff is willing to plant trees, but without irrigation, these must always be hand watered. Also, markers end up looking like headstones in a cemetery and also become damaged with maintenance activity.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.