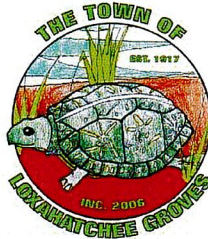


TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES

TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
155 F. ROAD, LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FL 33470

ROADWAY, EQUESTRIAN TRAILS AND GREENWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES MAY 21 , 2026 – 5:00 PM – 5:46 PM



Meeting Audio Available Upon Request in the Office of the Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

The Roadway, Equestrian Trails and Greenway Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Committee Chairperson Frank Schiola.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Committee began the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Chairperson Schiola.

ROLL CALL (Please note there is a vacancy in Seat 5)

Present Members:

- Frank Schiola, Chairperson
- Katie Lakeman, Committee Member
- Jodi Jansen, Committee Member

Absent Members:

- Darcy Dean Murray, Committee Member

Present Staff:

- Craig Lower, Public Works Superintendent
- Gabriella Croasdaile, Assistant to the Town Clerk

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND/OR MODIFICATION TO THE AGENDA

Staff requested the appointment of a chair and vice chair to the agenda. The committee concluded that once all members were present, they would select their chair.

**MOTION: COMMITTEE MEMBER LAKEMAN/ COMMITTEE MEMBER JANSEN
MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. MOTION PASSED 3-0.**

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

1. 01/15/2026 – Roadway, Equestrian Trail & Greenway Committee Minutes

**MOTION: COMMITTEE MEMBER JANSEN/ COMMITTEE MEMBER LAKEMAN
MOVED TO APPROVE THE 01/15/2026 MINUTES. MOTION PASSED (3-0).**

2. 02/19/2026 – Roadway, Equestrian Trail & Greenway Committee Minutes

**MOTION: COMMITTEE MEMBER LAKEMAN/ COMMITTEE MEMBER JANSEN
MOVED TO APPROVE THE 02/19/2026 MINUTES. MOTION PASSED (3-0).**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA

3. Swearing In of New Members – Katie Lakeman & Jodi Jansen

Assistant to the Town Clerk Gabriella Croasdaile swore in Committee Member Lakeman and Committee Member Jansen.

4. Discussion Items Regarding Roadway Standards, Equestrian Trails, and Greenway Connectivity for presentation to the Town Council by the Chair of the RETGAC Committee

The committee discussed and developed a list of priorities and recommendations they believe should go before Town Council. The discussion included:

- Long -term improvements of North Road;
- Efforts to notify property owners of vegetation extending into public right of ways;
- Safety improvements for equestrians on Okeechobee Boulevard

The committee and liaison Lower concluded that they would come back next meeting with a condensed list as members send in their priorities and recommendations.

5. Discussion Regarding the Naming and Designation of Trails for Presentation by the Chair of the RETGAC Committee to the Town Council

Discussion began by the committee stating they would like names that are unique to Loxahatchee Groves and are representative of the community. Chairperson Schiola suggested using the names of animals that are unique to the area.

Committee Liaison Lower explained that he would avoid using colors to name the trails as that is similar to neighboring communities. He also explained that the committee also has the privilege of naming the trails within Solar Sportsystems. Long-term plans to designate canal bank corridors as equestrian trail connections and continue efforts to improve trail connectivity throughout the Town were discussed.

6. Discussion Regarding Connectivity Between the ALDI Trails and the Park System

The Committee discussed opportunities to improve connectivity between the ALDI trail system and the Town's park network. Members reviewed existing access points near Madison Green and identified areas where trail entrances and fencing improvements could enhance accessibility and safety.

Discussion focused on potential trail crossings and bridge connections, although staff noted that constructing new bridges would involve significant costs. As a more practical alternative, members discussed the use of equestrian crossing flashers, additional warning signage, pavement markings, and signal improvements to increase safety for trail users.

The Committee also reviewed existing and potential future crossing locations along Folsom Road, G Road, and other trail corridors. Staff discussed challenges associated with acquiring easements and securing cooperation from property owners to create additional trail connections, as well as limitations posed by existing roadway and utility easements that may affect future connectivity projects.

7. Update on the North Road Trail Project

Mr. Lower provided an update on the North Road Trail Project, reporting that staff is preparing to begin clearing vegetation and developing the trail corridor. He explained that constructing the trail along the fence line is the most practical and cost-effective option due to the roadway's existing location. Staff also plans to improve drainage crossings and continue installing equestrian safety signage as work progresses.

8. Update on the Solar Sport Systems Trail Improvements

Mr. Lower presented gave an update on the continuing work that has been happening on Solar Sport Systems Trails, specifically the maintenance. He is currently working on trying to implement a hitching post and the committee suggested a water area as well.

Mr. Lower let the members know if they see anything they would like to report in the area to let him know so he can work with Diane Jenkins on the area.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS

Committee Member Katie Lakeman thanked staff for recent maintenance improvements.

Committee Member Jodi Jansen expressed appreciations for recent roadway improvements.

Chair Frank Schiola requested staff investigate reports of equipment and materials being placed within trail easements and rights-of-way that may obstruct equestrian access. As well as suggested the idea of committee branded shirts.

CONFIRMATION OF THE NEXT MEETING DATE

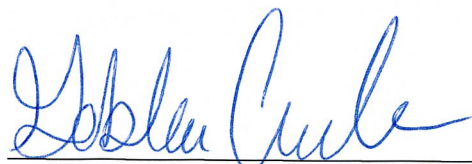
The committee decided that the next meeting would be on June 25th at 5:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee Member Lakeman moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:46 PM. Chair Frank Schiola seconded the motion.



Roadway, Equestrian Trails
and Greenway Advisory Committee
Chairperson



Gabriella Croasdaile,
Assistant to the Town Clerk