

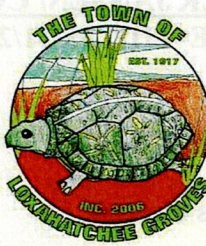
TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES

TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

155 F. ROAD, LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FL 33470

ROADWAY, EQUESTRIAN TRAILS AND GREENWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

JUNE 25, 2026 – 5:07 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.



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CALL TO ORDER

The Roadway, Equestrian Trails and Greenway Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 5:07 P.M. 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

Present Members:

- Frank Schiola, Chairperson
- Katie Lakeman, Committee Member
- Jodi Jansen, Committee Member
- Darcy Dean Murray, Committee Member
- Ashley Bruce, Committee Member (via Zoom)

Present Staff:

- Craig Lower, Public Works Director
- Gabriella Croasdaile, Assistant to the Town Clerk
- Camila Infante, Public Works Coordinator

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND/OR MODIFICATION TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions, deletion or modifications to the agenda.

**MOTION: COMMITTEE MEMBER LAKEMAN/ COMMITTEE MEMBER JANSEN
MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. MOTION PASSED 5-0.**

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

1. 05/21/2026 – Roadway, Equestrian Trail & Greenway Committee Minutes

**MOTION: COMMITTEE MEMBER JANSEN/ COMMITTEE MEMBER LAKEMAN
MOVED TO APPROVE THE 05/21/2026 MINUTES. MOTION PASSED
(5-0).**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Swearing In of Ashley Bruce

Gabriella Croasdaile, Assistant to the Town Clerk, swore in Committee Member Bruce via Zoom.

3. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

**MOTION: COMMITTEE MEMBER LAKEMAN/ COMMITTEE MEMBER BRUCE
MOVED TO APPOINT FRANK SCHIOLA AS CHAIR AND ASHLEY
BRUCE AS VICE CHAIR. MOTION PASSED (5- 0)**

4. Discussion Regarding Pillars of Strategic Planning

- The Committee discussed transportation and public safety initiatives, including the importance of maintaining trees within Town right-of-way to prevent roadway overgrowth. Members also discussed the potential installation of horse crossing warning lights at the intersections of B Road and Okeechobee Boulevard and D Road and Okeechobee Boulevard.

Craig Lower, Public Works Director, provided updates on several transportation and infrastructure projects, including planned improvements to the C Road and Collecting Canal crossings, and the installation of rapid flashing beacons near B Road, behind the Publix Works facility at D Road and Tangerine Boulevard. He also provided updates regarding: the planned maintenance of the North Road Trail, following completion of current construction projects; ongoing canal cleaning efforts; and evaluation of a possible traffic signal at the intersection of "Blind Curve" or "Blind Drive" and warning signs in appropriate locations.

- The Committee discussed opportunities for the Town to acquire additional easements to support future infrastructure and community needs. Members also discussed encouraging developers to dedicate easements during the development review process as a means of expanding the Town's easement network when appropriate.
- The Committee discussed the potential repurpose of portions of Loxahatchee Groves Park for equestrian use, while maintaining County ownership of the property. Members discussed the opportunity to develop a multipurpose equestrian facility capable of accommodating various riding disciplines and noted that such improvements could strengthen community involvement. The Committee referenced Nicole Hornstein Park as an example of a simple, functional equestrian facility, utilizing basic panel fencing. The Committee also discussed the importance of providing regular updates on the Loxahatchee Groves Park initiative and the ongoing trail connectivity project during future committee meetings.

Public Works Director Craig Lower stated that he would contact County staff to discuss potential improvements and future use of the park.

- The Committee discussed preserving the Town's rural character through future planning initiatives. Members emphasized limiting industrial and largescale commercial development while encouraging locally owned businesses and boutique-style establishments. The discussion also included discouraging franchise development and maintaining the Town's small-town character by minimizing future expansion.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS

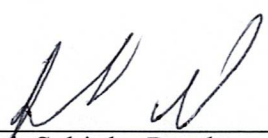
Vice Chair Ashley Bruce mentioned putting together a mockup to be discussed at the Workshop on July 21st. Ashley requested that future committee agendas include continued updates on the Loxahatchee Groves Park initiative and ongoing trail connectivity efforts.

CONFIRMATION OF THE NEXT MEETING DATE

The Committee decided that the next meeting would be on July 16th at 5:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Frank Schiola moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 P.M. Committee Member Lakeman seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.



Frank Schiola, Roadway, Equestrian Trails
and Greenway Advisory Committee
Chairperson



Camila Infante,
Public Works Coordinator