

TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES

TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

155 F. ROAD, LOXAHATCHEE GROVES, FL 33470

ROADWAY, EQUESTRIAN TRAILS AND GREENWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

JULY 17 , 2025 – 5:00 PM – 6:14 PM



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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 2)*

Present Members:

- **Frank Schiola, Chairperson**
- **Darcy Dean Murray, Vice Chairperson**
- **Katie Lakeman, Committee Member**
- **Ashley Bruce, Committee Member**

Present Staff:

- **Craig Lower, Public Works Superintendent**
- **Sammie Brown, Assistant to the Town Clerk**

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion: Vice Chairperson Darcy Dean Murray made a motion to approve the agenda as is. The motion was seconded by Chairperson Frank Schiola. Motion passes 4-0.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Vice Chairperson Darcy Dean Murray made a motion to approve the minutes from 5/15/25 Roadway, Equestrian Trails and Greenway Advisory Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Katie Lakeman. Motion passes 4-0.

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND/OR MODIFICATION TO THE AGENDA

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

REGULAR AGENDA

Agenda Item: Continued Discussion of Signs, Acceptance, and Placement for Town Trails

Public Works Superintendent Craig Lower presented sign examples from Wellington and Indian Trails. Comments from the committee regarding signage included helmet safety, simple signage, equestrian safety, and reflectiveness. Overall, the committee liked many of the examples shown but believed that they could work together on creating signs that pertain more to the Town. Such as specific equestrian rules, urging helmet use, and removing unnecessary language.

Agenda Item: Continued Discussion Regarding Partnership with Seminole Ridge High School Students: Psa on Equestrian Safety

Students presented two different PSA drafts about equestrian safety for the committee to consider. A one-minute version and a two-minute version. Committee members expressed:

- Their likeness for the one-minute version as it appeals to the public rather than riders.
- Implementing extra braking distance for trailers and agricultural vehicles.
- Including bicyclists and e-bikes in safety messages.
- An emphasis on messaging for drivers. This includes notes to slow down, avoid honking, yielding.
- Including Florida Statutes that are regarding not startling animals.
- Including helmet laws.
- Using stricter language such as “rules” or “laws” rather than “tips”.

The students will return based on feedback and once they have filmed their parts for the PSA.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS

There were no committee member comments at this time.

CONFIRMATION OF THE NEXT MEETING DATE

- The next Roadway, Equestrian Trails and Greenway Advisory Committee meeting will be on August 21, 2025, at 5:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

There was a motion to adjourn made by Committee Member Katie Lakeman, seconded by Vice Chairperson Darcy Dean Murray.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13PM.



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



Gabriella Croasdaile,
Assistant to the Town Clerk