

Town of Loxahatchee Groves

Town Hall Council Chambers

155 F. Road, Loxahatchee Groves, FL 33470

Roadway, Equestrian Trails & Greenway Committee Meeting

AGENDA

September 17, 2026 - 5:00 PM



Frank Schiola (Seat 4), Chair

Ashley Bruce (Seat 5), Vice Chair

Katie Lakeman (Seat 1), Committee Member

Jodi Jansen (Seat 2), Committee Member

Darcy Dean Murray (Seat 3), Committee Member

Administration

Interim Town Manager Valerie Oakes

Board Liaison: Craig Lower, Public Works Director

Board Clerk: Camila Infante, Public Works Coordinator

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Committee Agenda Items

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Additions, Deletions, and/or Modification to the Agenda

Approval of the Minutes

1. July 16, 2026- RETGAC Minutes

Public Comments

Regular Agenda

2. Discussion Regarding Equestrian Connectivity
3. Park Bond Meeting Update
4. Selection of Trail names, Final Review

Committee Member Comments

Katie Lakeman (Seat 1), Committee Member

Jodi Jansen (Seat 2), Committee Member

Darcy Dean Murray (Seat 3), Committee Member

Ashley Bruce (Seat 5), Vice Chair

Frank Schiola (Seat 4), Chair

Confirmation of the Next Meeting Date

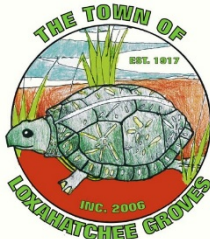
5. October 15, 2026

Adjournment

TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES

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

ROADWAY, EQUESTRIAN TRAILS AND GREENWAY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES JULY 16, 2026 – 5:00 P.M. – 5:31 P.M.



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 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**
- **Ashley Bruce, Vice Chair (via Zoom)**
- **Katie Lakeman, Committee Member**
- **Jodi Jansen, Committee Member**

Absent Members:

- **Darcy Dean Murray, Committee Member**

Present Staff:

- **Craig Lower, Public Works Director**
- **Camila Infante, Public Works Coordinator**

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND/OR MODIFICATION TO THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

1. 06/25/2026 – Roadway, Equestrian Trail & Greenway Committee Minutes

**MOTION: COMMITTEE MEMBER LAKEMAN/ COMMITTEE MEMBER JANSEN
MOVED TO APPROVE THE 06/25/2026 MINUTES. MOTION PASSED
(4-0).**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. Discussion Regarding Pillars of Strategic Planning.

The Committee reviewed the Strategic Planning Worksheet and discussed several strategic priorities for inclusion in the Town's long-term planning efforts. Discussion included preserving the Town's rural character through improved code enforcement, enhancing equestrian facilities, expanding and connecting roadway and infrastructure improvements. Members also discussed the importance of preserving open spaces, creating community gathering areas, supporting agricultural initiatives throughout community markets and events, and providing facilities that accommodate both equestrian activities and broader community use. The Committee emphasized collaboration in developing strategic recommendations for future presentations to the Town Council.

3. Discussion on Names for Town's Trail System.

The Committee reviewed recommendations for establishing a unified naming convention for the Town's trail system. Members discussed creating a recognizable trail network while assigning unique names to individual trail segments that reflect the character and history of Loxahatchee Groves. Suggested naming themes included trees, plants, and wildlife.

Discussion also included the importance of distinguishing the Town's trail system from others and determining appropriate classifications for trail segments such as multi-use or Equestrian trails.

4. Updates on Loxahatchee Groves Park Initiative and Ongoing Trail Connectivity Efforts.

Public Works Director Lower provided an update on the Loxahatchee Groves Park Initiative. Palm Beach County advised that the proposed park improvements are currently pending funding through the 2026 Parks Bond referendum. If approved by voters, the project will move forward with opportunities for Town coordination and public input. If the referendum is unsuccessful, the project will remain deferred until funding becomes available. The Committee also received an update on ongoing trail connectivity efforts, and staff will continue to provide updates as new information becomes available.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMMENTS

Vice Chair Ashley Bruce wants to thank Committee Members for filling out the worksheets. Although she will not be at the workshop meeting, she will still be doing the mockup for the presentation on July 21st, 2026.

CONFIRMATION OF THE NEXT MEETING DATE

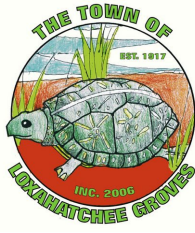
The Committee decided that the next meeting would be on August 20th at 5:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Frank Schiola moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:31 P.M. Committee Member Lakeman seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

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

Camila Infante,
Public Works Coordinator



TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES ROADWAY, EQUESTRIAN TRAILS & GREENWAY COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM MEMORANDUM

TO: Roadway, Equestrian Trails & Greenway Committee

FROM: Craig Lower, Public Works Director

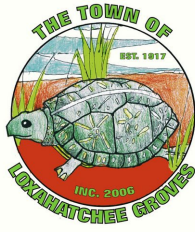
DATE: September 17, 2026

SUBJECT: Discussion on Equestrian Trail Connectivity

Background:

The Committee has identified a need to improve equestrian trail connectivity between 161st and A Road. This discussion will allow the Committee to review the existing conditions, identify potential routes, and consider any challenges affecting connectivity within this area.

Committee discussion and direction regarding potential options and next steps for establishing or improving equestrian trail connectivity from 161st to A Road.



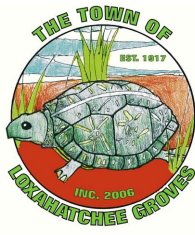
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TO: Roadway, Equestrian Trails & Greenway Committee
FROM: Craig Lower, Public Works Director
DATE: September 17, 2026
SUBJECT: Park Bond Meeting Update

Background:

The Park Bond meeting remains scheduled to be held in November 2026. Additional information is not available at this time. An official update will be provided to the Committee following the November meeting.

No action is required at this time. This item is being provided for informational purposes.



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TO: Roadway, Equestrian Trails & Greenway Committee
FROM: Craig Lower, Public Works Director
DATE: September 17, 2026
SUBJECT: Selection of Trail Names- Final Review

Background:

The Committee previously discussed proposed names for the Town's trail. This item is being presented for the Committee to complete its review and make a final selection from the proposed trail names.

Committee review, discussion, and final decision regarding the proposed trail names.