

**RACINE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018 - SUMMARY MINUTES**

Public Works-Development Services Conference Room  
Ives Groves Office Complex  
14200 Washington Avenue  
Sturtevant, WI 53177

**Committee Present:** Robert Grove, Tom Hincz, Monte G. Osterman, Mike Dawson,  
Tom Kramer, Fabi Maldonado, Nick Demske

**Youth in Governance  
Representatives:** Achyut Krishnan (present), Mackenzie Geschke (excused)

**Staff Present:** Julie Anderson, Public Works & Development Services Director  
David Prott, Highways & Parks Superintendent

**Also Present:** Jordan Clarke and David Keller, MJ Electric  
Douglas McLemore  
Jay Golla  
Stephen Jordan  
Robbin Vester

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**1. Call to Order, Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Robert Grove.

**2. Approval of the November 8, 2018, summary minutes**

**SUPERVISOR MONTE OSTERMAN MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Dawson,** to approve the November 8, 2018, summary minutes.

**YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:**

Youth Representative Geschke N/A

Youth Representative Krishnan: aye

**Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 7/0**

**3. Public Comments (limited to 15 minutes, 3 minutes per speaker)**

Ms. Robbin Vester briefly outlined her concerns with traffic near CTH "H" and STH 20, as she resides in the Villas of Racine Condominiums. She is very concerned about additional development in that area that may precipitate more intersections and traffic volume to that area along CTH "H" (Fancher Rd). She hopes that the Committee and Racine County are involved with the Village in review of development plans and that traffic increases are studied very closely with anticipated development in that area. She noted she is not opposed to development, but wants traffic flows properly managed to avoid increased crashes.

4. **Review, discussion and possible approval on a resolution authorizing and approving the transfer of funds using performance-based maintenance (PBM) proceeds to purchase a mower tractor for the Racine County Public Works Fleet Division (Laid over at the November 8, 2018, PWPFC meeting)**

Dave Prott explained the proposed purchase and clarified questions from the previous meeting of this Committee. Staff is requesting a recommendation to approve and move forward for first reading December 18, 2018.

**SUPERVISOR MONTE OSTERMAN MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Dawson,** to forward a resolution to the County Board for 1<sup>st</sup> reading on December 18, 2018, with a recommendation to approve.

**YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:**

Youth Representative Geschke N/A

Youth Representative Krishnan: aye

**Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 7/0**

5. **Review, discussion and possible approval to allow the American Transmission Company (ATC) to install electrical structure reinforcements along portions of the Racine-Sturtevant bike trail in the Village of Mt. Pleasant and the City of Racine from January through July 2019**

Mr. Dave Keller, MJ Electric, was present to explain that the existing structures will be reinforced so additional lines and electrical conductors can be added. Any disturbance of the ground is fully restored after the work is completed.

**SUPERVISOR MONTE OSTERMAN MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Hincz,** to approve and allow ATC to install electrical structure reinforcement along portions of the Racine-Sturtevant bike trail as presented.

**YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:**

Youth Representative Geschke N/A

Youth Representative Krishnan: aye

**Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 7/0**

6. **Review and discussion regarding a request to rename Eagle Lake Park**

Anderson explained that this request was brought forth by Doug McLemore who was present at the meeting tonight. Mr. McLemore explained that Mr. Don Hermes has lived all of his life on Eagle Lake, and that Hermes has worked tirelessly for decades on water quality in the lake, for a sustained fishery in the lake and on runoff concerns around the lake. McLemore indicated that the Eagle Lake Management District feels it would be fitting to rename the park after Don Hermes. Mr. Jay Golla was present from the Eagle Lake Management District to support the park name change. They referred to Don Hermes as "Mr. Eagle Lake".

Discussion followed. Anderson indicated there are no known Racine County ordinances that would prohibit the renaming of a park after a person, but that it is more typical that parks are named after families or persons who have donated the land for the park. That is not the case with Eagle Lake Park.

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Additional discussion was held that possibly a structure or a feature in the park could be named after Mr. Hermes, instead of renaming the entire park. The Committee agreed that some type of permanent recognition seemed appropriate, but they were not fully in support of renaming the park. More discussion followed.

**SUPERVISOR MONTE OSTERMAN MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Demske,** to receive and file the request, but to bring options back to the Committee within 60 days relative to naming something in the park after Mr. Don Hermes.

**YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:**

Youth Representative Geschke N/A

Youth Representative Krishnan: aye

**Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 7/0**

**7. Special Use Request**

- Make-a-Wish of Wisconsin and Veterans' Outreach of Wisconsin fundraising event  
Quarry Lake Park / Sunday, July 21, 2019, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Stephen Jordan was present to discuss the planned event at Quarry Lake Park. It involves a car and motorcycle show, beer sales, food trucks/vendors and other activities. Mr. Jordan has held this fundraising event in other areas, such as Kenosha County, but desires to bring it to Quarry Lake Park in 2019. Discussion held about other possible reviews needed by health departments, etc.

**SUPERVISOR TOM HINCZ MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Monte Osterman,** to approve the fundraising event in Quarry Lake Park as presented.

**YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:**

Youth Representative Geschke N/A

Youth Representative Krishnan: aye

**Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 7/0**

**8 Communications and referrals**

Anderson briefed the Committee about the status of the CTH "MM"/STH 38 project. No discussion held and no action taken by the Committee.

**9. Miscellaneous Public Works Business**

- There will be no PWPFC meetings for the remainder of the 2018 calendar year, unless a special meeting is called by the Chairman. The next regularly scheduled PWPFC meeting will be held on Thursday, January 10, 2019, if warranted.
- Supervisor Hincz informed the Committee that he has worked a lot with the WisDOT team on speed limits along STH 164 in the Town of Waterford. He reported that there will be a consistent speed limit of 45 mph from the Caldwell School south to the Elder Care development along STH 164 in the Town of Waterford. This will alleviate the multitude of speed limits that had been posted along that stretch of STH 164.

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- Supervisor Hincz also reported that a ground-breaking event would be held on Saturday, December 15 at 10:00 a.m. for the expansion of the Waterford Lions Club main building in the Town of Waterford. All are welcome to attend this event, as the County Executive would also be there. This is an exciting project.

**10. Adjournment**

There being no further business, **SUPERVISOR MONTE OSTERMAN MOVED**, seconded by **Supervisor Hincz**, to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 7/0**