

RACINE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019 - SUMMARY MINUTES

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

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

Committee Excused: Tom Hincz

**Youth in Governance
Representatives:** Achyut Krishnan, Mackenzie Geschke

Staff Present: Julie Anderson, Public Works & Development Services Director

Also Present: Doug McLemore

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 December 13, 2018, summary minutes

SUPERVISOR OSTERMAN MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, to approve the December 13, 2018, summary minutes.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Geschke aye

Youth Representative Krishnan: aye

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 6/0

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

There were no public comments.

4. Review and discussion regarding a request to rename Eagle Lake Park
(Discussion continued from the November 8, 2018, PWPFC meeting.)

Anderson summarized the discussion that took place at the previous meeting of the Committee on December 13, 2018, regarding naming of parks. She indicated that in the staff research, there is no record of parks being named after a family unless they donated land towards the park (examples given such as Bushnell, Pritchard, Fischer). Staff does not object to a feature or structure in the park being named after Don Hermes, but does not support re-naming the entire park after him for reasons stated earlier.

Discussion followed. Mr. McLemore indicated that his group and Mr. Hermes would be delighted to have just an area of the park named as a lasting legacy of the work done by M. Hermes for Eagle Lake over the past several decades. Supervisor Osterman felt that maybe this isn't enough, but he suggested that the boat launch/landing and area to the west of said launch could be named "Hermes Landing". A plaque or sign could be set up that lists the many accomplishments of Mr. Hermes. There was also discussion about fund raising for a sign and that it could be installed once the seawall is rebuilt in the next year or so. In the meantime, a temporary sign would be installed to acknowledge this area of the park. More discussion was held. The Committee recommended that perhaps staff could draft a resolution for the January 24, 2019, meeting of the Committee that spells out the renaming of that geographic area of Eagle Lake Park. Mr. McLemore could assist staff with some of the language to include regarding the numerous accomplishments of Mr. Don Hermes.

SUPERVISOR KRAMER MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Demske to direct staff to prepare a resolution for the January 24, 2019, meeting that could then be forwarded to the County Board for action.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Geschke aye

Youth Representative Krishnan: aye

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 6/0

5. Review, discussion and possible approval on a resolution to authorize acceptance of highway right-of-way on County Trunk Highway (CTH) G in the Village of Caledonia (Casey's General Store)

(Laid over at the November 8, 2018, PWPFC meeting.)

Anderson presented this item to the Committee. She indicated that the Casey's General Store is under construction at the NE corner of Charles Street and Four Mile Road. As part of the driveway access permit, Casey's has agreed to give back to Racine County a 40-foot strip of land along the north side of Four Mile Road for future road expansion. Anderson also noted that Corporation Counsel is making a few technical corrections to the draft resolution, but these corrections are not substantive relative to the 40-foot strip as described in the resolution. This would be ready for 1st reading at the January 22, 2019, County Board meeting. There were no questions from the Committee.

SUPERVISOR Monte OSTERMAN MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Dawson, to forward a resolution to the County Board for 1st reading on January 22, 2019, with a recommendation to approve.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Geschke aye

Youth Representative Krishnan: aye

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 6/0

6. Communications and referrals

- Notification of termination of Tallgrass Wetland Restoration Project at Cliffside Park

Anderson pointed to the letter and map that were in the packets of the Committee. This was a project that was brought to Racine County's Cliffside Park by the Root-Pike WIN group (Dave

Giordano) and it was part of a large grant award of about \$590,000 from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Wetlands fee in lieu program. This project was approved by Racine County early in 2018, and a contract was let to allow Tall Grass Conservancy to do site investigation and prepare for a wetland restoration project. In July 2018, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers visited the site and determined that this was not a good site for the type of project proposed, and further noted that there were serious concerns about the viability of the site as a mitigation project. The DNR notified Racine County in October and November 2018 that the project was not going forward and the contract with Tallgrass was being terminated.

Discussion followed. Anderson explained that the funding for wetland mitigation would go back into the DNR account and that Root-Pike WIN was seeking other locations for a project in SE Wisconsin, as they were very disappointed that this site did not work for the project. Anderson noted that the site was to be restored by the end of 2018, including removal of PVC monitoring wells from the park. No action of the Committee was needed, as this was just for information and discussion.

7. Miscellaneous Public Works Business

- The next PWPFC meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, and another meeting on Thursday, January 24, 2019. Both meetings are to begin at 6:00 p.m.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, **SUPERVISOR OSTERMAN MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Demske**, to adjourn at 6:28 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 6/0**