

(approved by committee on 11/12/2020)

RACINE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2020 - SUMMARY MINUTES

Ives Grove Auditorium
Ives Grove Office Complex
14200 Washington Avenue
Sturtevant WI 53177

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Committee Present: Robert Grove, Tom Kramer, Jody Spencer,
Brett Nielsen, Eric Hopkins

Committee Excused: Thomas Pringle, Tom Hincz

**Youth in Governance
Representatives:** Roselyn Pachero (excused), Robert Barkley Jr. (present)

Staff Present: Julie Anderson, Public Works & Development Services Director
Roley Behm, Engineering Manager

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Bob Grove.

2. Review and possible approval of the draft summary minutes for the August 13, 2020, August 25, 2020, and September 8, 2020.

Supervisor Brett NIELSEN moved, seconded by **Supervisor KRAMER**, to approve these minutes as presented at 6:02 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0**

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Barkley: aye

3. Public Comments

NONE

4. Review, discussion, and possible action on the request to change the name of the John Margis Jr. Wildlife Area in Burlington

Anderson presented this item, read the letter that was received from Mr. Fred C. Hewitt III. He requested that the name of the John Margis Jr. Wildlife Area in Burlington be changed to reflect his family's role in the history of the former fish hatchery that was located in this area. His request was that the name be changed to "Fred Hewitt, Bohners Lake Fish Hatchery." Anderson discussed the resolutions relative to the naming of this area to the John Margis Jr Wildlife Area, which occurred in 1992. John Margis served as a member of the Racine Co Board of Supervisors from April 1955 until 1977, during which time he served as Chairman of the Highway and Parks Committee, First Vice-Chairman of the County Board, and then County Board Chairman, and he was appointed as the Racine County Highway Commissioner in 1977 and served for a period of seven years during which time he brought many new and innovative programs to the Racine County Highway operations. He was instrumental in the purchase and development of many of Racine County's finest parks including Cliffside, Quarry Lake, Eagle Lake, Ives Grove and Browns Lake. Mr John Margis Jr was also recognized throughout the State of Wisconsin as an outstanding leader in County government. On March 24, 1992, The County Board adopted a resolution officially naming the area known as "The Fish Hatchery Property" as the "John Margis Jr Wildlife Area." Additionally, Anderson informed the Committee that County Executive Delagrave is not at all in favor of changing the name of the John Margis Jr. Wildlife Area because Mr Margis was an icon in Racine County government and his accomplishments countywide have been far-reaching and impactful to all residents and visitors to Racine County.

Discussion followed. Committee members acknowledged that a fish hatchery did exist at this site at one time, but the fish hatchery closed long ago, and they felt that the name recognized the area in honor of John Margis Jr. was and should remain as such.

Supervisor Tom KRAMER moved, seconded by **Supervisor NIELSEN**, to DENY the request to change the name of the John Margis Jr Wildlife Area at 6:13 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0**

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Barkley: aye

5. Review, discussion, and possible action to amend speed limits for segments of CTH C.

Roley Behm presented this item. He presented the speed limits listed in the County Code of Ordinances and noted that speed limit changes for CTH C need to be updated in the Ordinance and he shared a map that also showed the speed limit zones along CTH C. Discussion followed. Behm explained that the Ordinance must outline the speed limit zones so that speed limits can be enforced. In summary, these speed limit changes are more of a house-keeping item to update the ordinance in effect.

Supervisor Brett NIELSEN moved, seconded by **Supervisor KRAMER**, to forward Ordinance for first reading of the County Board on October 22, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Barkley: aye

6. Communications and Referrals

NONE

7. Miscellaneous Public Works business

- Note: There will be NO PWPFC meeting on Thursday, October 22, 2020, due to Racine County Budget public hearing that same evening
- Next scheduled PWPFC meeting: Thursday, November 12, 2020

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, **Supervisor Tom KRAMER moved**, seconded by **Supervisor HOPKINS**, to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 5/0**