

RACINE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2021 - SUMMARY MINUTES

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

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Committee Present: Robert Grove, Tom Hincz, Eric Hopkins, Brett Nielsen

Committee Present via Conference Call: Tom Kramer, Jody Spencer

Committee Excused: Thomas Pringle

**Youth in Governance
Representatives:** Andrew Karnes (present), Aaliyah Williams (excused)

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

Others Present:

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 March 25, 2021 meeting.

Supervisor Tom HINCZ moved, seconded by **Supervisor NIELSEN**, to approve these minutes as presented at 6:04 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 6/0 YIG AYE**

3. Review and possible approval of the draft summary minutes for the April 13, 2021 meeting.

Supervisor Brett NIELSEN moved, seconded by **Supervisor Hincz**, to approve these minutes as presented at 6:05 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 6/0 YIG AYE**

4. Public Comments

Ken Michel spoke regarding the Caledonia/Mt. Pleasant Memorial Park. He wanted to introduce himself and indicated that as a craft beer operator he is excited about future park events.

5. Presentation, discussion, and possible recommendation regarding the renaming of a portion of Christopher Columbus Causeway to Kipikawi Causeway in the City of Racine.

Julie Anderson presented background on this item using text and maps and read into record comments submitted by residents via email.

Resident Mary McIlvane indicated that Christopher Columbus had no connection to our country and should not be remembered as being more important than the indigenous people who were here first.

Rosalena Sosa: It would be a great way to celebrate Earth Day by saying yes to renaming the causeway.

Supervisor Spencer: road names are confusing; only affecting one business and supports the name change. The Christopher Columbus rock should be updated to Kipikawi Causeway.

Supervisor Hopkins asked if there is an historical relevance to the name Kipikawi.

Jessica McPhail explained that Kipikawi is Potawatomi native name for Root. Racine is French for Root after the Root River.

Supervisor Tom Kramer asked whether the Potawatomi governing council was involved? Has anyone asked the businesses and the Marina on the causeway what the economic impact to would be for the name change?

Jessica McPhail answered that the Potawatomi, Ho-Chunk and Menomonee nations were contacted and were in favor of the name change.

Supervisor Tom KRAMER moved, seconded by **Supervisor Hincz**, to table until after the pandemic ends.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Karnes: aye

Motion carried: VOTE: 4/2

Aye: Kramer, Grove, Nielsen, Hincz.

Nay: Spencer, Hopkins

6. Presentation, discussion, and possible action on an amendment to the temporary beer garden application, Memorandum of Understanding, and the parks fee schedule within 2021 budget. (first and second reading requested at the May 11, 2021 County Board meeting)

Dave Prott noted minor changes for beer garden processes, the addition of a fee and verbiage changes on the memorandum of understanding. This would allow staff to review and approve the application without having to be reviewed and approved by committee. An administrative fee is also being added in the amount of \$1000 to cover the park staff time to set up for and clean up after beer garden events. There is a lot of staff time that goes into these events and in previous events the County lost money due to excessive staff time spent.

Supervisor Tom HINCZ moved, seconded by **Supervisor Nielsen** to approve, and forward the resolution and exhibits to the County Board at 6:42 p.m.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Karnes: aye

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 6/0

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action on a list of surplus items to be sent to auction.

Dave Prott presented this item. He said that we did not send items to auction in 2019 due to the pandemic, but that we are now ready to move forward with sending items to online auction.

Supervisor Tom HINCZ moved, seconded by **Supervisor NIELSEN**, to approve list of items to be go to auction at 6:47 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 6/0**

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Karnes: aye

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 6/0

8. Communications and Referrals

- Agricultural Impact Statement Addendum dated March 23, 2021.
- Summer jobs available for summer help for ages 16 years or older and (4) full-time Machine Operator positions available.

9. Miscellaneous Public Works business

- Next scheduled PWPF meeting: Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, **Supervisor Tom KRAMER moved**, seconded by **Supervisor Hincz**, to adjourn at **6:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 6/0**