

RACINE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022 - SUMMARY MINUTES

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

Attendance: T. Kramer √ R. Grove √ T. Hincz E M. Harmon E
E. Hopkins √ E. Chart √ J. Malacara √

Non-committee members in attendance: Supervisors Bob Miller & Jody Spencer

Youth in Governance: M. Beversdorf √ K. Holland √

Staff: J. Anderson √ R. Behm E A. Valley √ B. Haas E

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

6:00

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Tom Kramer.

2. Roll Call

6:00

Supervisor Kramer had the committee members and staff introduce themselves.

3. Review and possible approval of the draft summary minutes for the August 25, 2022, meeting.

6:02

Supervisor ROBERT GROVE moved, seconded by **Supervisor Chart**, to approve the August 25, 2022, minutes as presented.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative:

Mabel Beversdorf: aye

Kalyn Holland: aye

Motion carried unanimously: VOTE: 5/0

4. Public Comments

6:03

The following spoke in favor of the renaming of Christopher Columbus Causeway to Kipikawi Causeway in the City of Racine.

- Diane Lange
- Sunali Knotek
- Betty Brenneman
- Jessica MacPhail
- Rosalinda Salines

- Margaret Flood
- Michael Shields
- Starla Thompson (via phone)

Some discussion included the history of the area and the peoples who lived here. Christopher Columbus is not considered a hero to indigenous people, but as a conqueror instead.

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

6:25

Julie Anderson introduced this item and explained it is being brought back to the board as it was tabled earlier. Staff was concerned how this name change would impact businesses on the causeway. She read a communication from the general manager of the marina who indicated that the estimated cost for their business would be over \$20,000 because all their marketing was completed and has gone to print for the 2023 boating season. This includes full size print ads at the upcoming boat shows, print ads within boating magazines, double-sided sales flyers and tri-fold sales brochures would have to be updated and reprinted. All digital marketing outlets, including websites, social media, banner ads, etc., would have to be updated as well. The Brewhouse would need to do the same. The estimated cost for both businesses would be over \$30,000.

Supervisor Grove received a communication from the Reefpoint Brewhouse in opposition to the name change due to the cost.

Supervisor ERIC HOPKINS moved, seconded by **Supervisor Malacara**, to send recommendation to the County Board to change the name of the causeway to Kipikawa effective in 2024. A draft would be prepared of the name change to be presented to the committee in January 2023 and be approved by the committee before forwarding to the full County Board.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative:

Mabel Beversdorf: aye

Kalyn Holland: aye

Motion carried unanimously: VOTE: 2/3 (Chart, Grove, Kramer – dissenting votes)

6. Review of CTH X speed study (for information only)

7:02

Alex Valley presented information on the speed study on CTH X. A small section of this highway is currently at 45 miles per hour while other sections on either side are at 35 miles per hour, which is why the speed study was done. The data does not support reducing the speed limit.

Supervisor Robert Miller invited the committee members to go look at this section of the highway. The Village of Somers changed their section of the highway in 2021 from 45 to 35 miles per hour due to the number of accidents.

Supervisors Grove and Chart agree with the idea of making the speed limit uniform.

7. Review of Racine County Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER). Handout provided at meeting. (No action of the Committee).
7:15

Alex Valley presented this item and discussed the 5-year plan and projects approved for 2023. He also discussed some of the cost savings by doing some parts of the projects inhouse. The PASER ratings are done every other year and submitted to the DOT.

The intersection of CTHs K and V was discussed as a continuing problem intersection. A safety study was done and roundabouts were installed in the higher crash related areas. The intersection of CTHs K and V will be at the top of the list in the next couple of years for State and Federal funding. The County was unable to fund this project partly due to the estimated cost of real estate that will need to be acquired.

8. Miscellaneous Public Works business
7:29

- Referrals - None
- Next meeting of the PWPF Committee will be Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 6pm.

9. Adjournment
7:30

There being no further business, **Supervisor ROBERT GROVE moved**, seconded by **Supervisor Hopkins** to adjourn **at 7:30 p.m.**

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative:

Mabel Beversdorf: aye

Kalyan Holland: aye

Motion carried unanimously: VOTE: 5/0