

(approved by committee 3/12/2020)

RACINE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020 - SUMMARY MINUTES

(NOTE: Audio recording from Racine County is available upon request. These minutes are intended as a summary of actions taken by the Committee and do not include verbatim or detailed accounts of all comments made by staff, the Committee and members of the general public present at the meeting.)

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

Committee Present: Robert Grove, Mike Dawson,
Tom Kramer, Nick Demske

Committee Excused: Monte G. Osterman, Fabi Maldonado, Tom Hincz

Youth in Governance

Representatives Present: Katlynn Gill, Jillian Humphreys

Staff Present: Julie Anderson, Public Works & Development Services Director
Dave Prott, Highway Superintendent
David Cooke, County Board Vice-Chair
Don Trottier, County Board Supervisor
Jonathan Delagrave, Racine County Executive

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Robert Grove.

2. Review and possible approval of the January 23, 2020, summary minutes

SUPERVISOR Tom KRAMER MOVED, seconded by Supervisor DAWSON, to approve the January 23, 2020, summary minutes as presented.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth Representative Gill: aye

Youth Representative Humphreys: aye

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 4/0

3. Discussion regarding the status of Caledonia-Mt Pleasant Memorial Park in Franksville.

Anderson, Prott and Co Exec Delagrave informed the Committee about the status of the Caledonia-Mt Pleasant Park. It is a 55-acre site and there are several shelters, buildings and a large playground that all need repair and/or maintenance. It is possible that the Villages may ask the County to take over the Park. At this time, the Villages of Caledonia and Mt Pleasant are determining how to move forward. County park and highway staff have visited the park and conducted a quick inventory of the conditions of the structures in the park. There appears to be a lot of deferred maintenance to be addressed, including roofs and support beams and some foundations. In addition, several dead or diseased trees in the park have been marked for removal, which the Village of Caledonia is handling this winter.

Discussion followed. Racine County Parks does have the capacity to take on this park, but it would likely require the hiring of another park manager, along with expansion of mowing contracts, etc. The County Executive noted that since this park is along the Highway K corridor, it is highly visible, and the concern is that the park needs to have on-going maintenance and upkeep and not become an eyesore. Racine County has experience with maintaining and running parks.

At this time, no action is needed by the Committee. This item was for information only. **There was no action taken by the Committee.**

4. Review, discussion and recommendation on an Ordinance to temporarily reduce speed limits near the intersection of CTH C and CTH V (1st reading requested at February 11, 2020 County Board meeting.)

Anderson and Prott explained to the Committee that with the installation and activation of the light signals at the intersection of CTH V & C, it is now necessary to reduce the speed limit to slow traffic down as it enters that intersection. Posted speed limits are currently 45-55mph. The plan is to lower the speed limits to 35 mph for an area that extends north, south, east and west of that intersection for 850 feet. The intersection is currently very narrow, and pavement widening will be needed and hopefully accomplished in 2020 to add a few feet of width to the lanes.

Anderson also reported that the social media feedback about the new signals has been very positive, and the general feeling is that the traveling public is happy with the new signals at that intersection.

SUPERVISOR Nick DEMSKE MOVED, seconded by Supervisor KRAMER, to approve the lowering of the speed limit as proposed by staff, with first reading at the February 11, 2020 County Board meeting.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES' ADVISORY VOTES:

Youth representative Gill: aye

Youth representative Humphreys: aye

Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 4/0

5. **Communications and Referrals**

NONE

6. **Miscellaneous Public Works Business**

Next scheduled PWPFC meeting: February 27, 2020 (unless a special meeting is requested before that date at the call of the Committee Chair).

7. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, **Supervisor Tom KRAMER moved**, seconded by **Supervisor DEMSKE**, to adjourn at 5:30 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 4/0**