

**TOWN OF KOSHKONONG
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
June 14, 2023**

Present:

Chairperson Kim Cheney

Supervisors George Jaeckel, Jim Brandenburg, Erik Hoffman, Matt Hill

Clerk Caitlin Kincannon

This meeting was broadcast and recorded by ZOOM, there were no attendees.

Chairperson Kim Cheney called the Town of Koshkonong public hearing to order at 6:00 PM. The Clerk verified the proper postings had been made.

Chairperson Cheney announced liquor license renewals for 7 businesses: VFW Post 1879, Bitz's Out Limits, Koshkonong Mounds Country Club, Sammy's Place, Jellystone Park, & Bingg's. Kim advised Humphrey Floral was also included, and Jellystone has changed its name to Wishing Well RV Resort. No public comments on liquor license renewals.

Chairperson Cheney opened up public comment regarding ATV/UTV/RTV use on Oxbow Bend, Pottawatom Trail and Blackhawk Bluff.

Brian Hespard, N389 Pottawatom Trail – spoke in favor of ATV use, and believes either all three roads should be opened for use, or none at all.

Charles Miller, N445 Pottawatom Trail – Charles asked why Bingham's Point was singled out from ATV usage. Supervisor Hoffman explained because the area is landlocked, and ATVs could not leave the neighborhood, however it would have been considered if a request was brought to the Board.

Bill Lauderdale, N339 Oxbow Bend – spoke in favor of ATV use

Mike Yeager, N349 Oxbow Bend – spoke of safety concerns with young kids and pets in the neighborhood.

Peter Layton, N429 Oxbow Bend – spoke in favor, advised some residents need vehicle usage to get around.

The Clerk took final votes for the advisory poll. After confirming there was nobody else present wanting to submit a vote, the Clerk read the poll results aloud to the Board. Results were as follows:

39 total votes submitted – 58% of available votes.

Blackhawk Bluff – 13 votes submitted, 5 were yes, 8 were no. NO was the majority for Blackhawk.

Oxbow Bend – 13 votes submitted, 11 were yes, 2 were no. YES was the majority for Oxbow.

Pottawatom – 13 votes submitted, 9 were yes, 4 were no. YES was the majority for Pottawatom.

A resident asked about approval on the YES majority streets. Chairperson Cheney advised this was advisory only and would be taken into consideration on the agenda item at the Board meeting to follow.

Larry Skelly asked about accumulated votes. Clerk reported 25 total yes votes, 14 total no votes, YES being the majority combined.

Brian Hesgard reiterated his opinion that all three roads should be approved, or none. Supervisor Hoffman responded.

Chairperson Cheney spoke of 2 petitions that were initially submitted. Kim inquired how the residents who voted NO feel they'll be affected if it was passed.

A resident spoke about it being a safety issue, and feels there will be more traffic on the road.

Jeanne Zeman, N347 Pottawatom Trail – golf carts and legality of the matter was questioned.

Chairperson Cheney inquired if there has been any problems with the ATV usage that has occurred in the area already.

A resident spoke about public access to the lake.

Supervisor Hill advised since the ATV ordinance had passed on his street, Vinnie Ha Ha, he has not personally observed an increase in traffic, and has not seen any joyriding occur.

Supervisor Hoffman advised that once the Board makes a decision, it does not have to be set in stone, and it can be reconsidered if there's problems.

Supervisor Jaeckel advised when the county opened up ATV usage with the 1-year sunset clause, there have been no issues. He addressed safety concerns.

Zach Johnson, N335 Pottawatom Trail – suggested requiring reduced speed at nighttime.

Supervisor Brandenburg addressed the vote on ATV usage on the November ballot, and the vote today is for Bingham's Point.

Nancy Pryatel, N385 Pottawatom Trail – believes that majority of ATV users would respect the rules.

Chairperson Cheney adjourned the public hearing at 6:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Caitlin Kincannon
Clerk

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