

**Town of Somers
7511 12th Street
Somers, WI 53171**

**Town Work Session Meeting
Agenda
Tuesday, May 5, 2026
Immediately following the
Town Annual Meeting**

Town Board Work Session Meeting:	
Item #	
1	Call to Order
2	Citizen Comments
3	Administrator’s Report
4	Chair & Supervisor Reports
5	Review and Discuss request to build berm at 10901 60th Street (Parcel # 80-4-122-061-0250) per Ordinance 14.265.
6	Review and Discuss U.S. Department of Interior Consultation Notice Regarding Indian Gaming Regulatory Act for the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin – Kenosha 2023 Gaming Project. For information purposes, the proposal is in the City of Kenosha.
7	Review tentative agenda for Town Board meeting on May 12, 2026.
8	Adjourn

I hereby certify that, as the designee of the chief elected official of the Town of Somers, I posted this notice of the May 5, 2026 Work Session Meeting & Agenda in 3 public places & Somers website.

Dated this First day of May, 2026.

Wendy Burnette, Clerk-Treasurer

Requests from persons with disabilities who need assistance to participate in this meeting should be made to the Clerk’s Office at 262-859-2822 with as much notice as possible. **Notice is hereby given that members of the Town Board may participate telephonically. Notice is hereby given that members of the Village Board may be in attendance for the sole purpose of gathering information. A quorum may be present. However, no Board action will be taken.**

**TOWN OF SOMERS
TOWN BOARD
WORK SESSION ITEM MEMORANDUM**

WORK SESSION: May 5, 2026

TO: Town Chair Molinaro and Town Supervisors

FROM: Jim Hurley, Village Administrator
Kevin Poirier, Assistant Administrator

AGENDA ITEM: #3 Administrator's Report

Below please find a bulleted summary of major issues that Administration has worked on in the past month. Please note the vast majority of these items are Village focused and this report is being provided to give leadership an overview of the activity at Village/Town Hall.

Development

- Following the April 8th Work Session, met with Home Path to discuss updates to the proposed development agreement and declarations. Proposed revisions are included in the Work Session meeting packet.
- Met with a developer interested in a multi-family development. We advised of the Village's standards, which I suspect are higher than was anticipated. If we receive a completed checklist, then a follow up meeting will be scheduled.
- Following the Plan Commission and Village Board meetings, met with the Roers Development team regarding next steps. We explained that their items will go back to the Village Plan Commission for reconsideration on May 11th.

Administration

- Met with a local communications consultant to discuss assistance with the Village website, videos, newsletter, social media. Consultant would assist with the design of the new Village website, promotional material, and improved communications with residents going forward. Staff has received a proposal and is considering options.
- Scheduled Training / Education Sessions for Village Plan Commission and Village Board. Training occurred May 4th. The Village Attorney is preparing materials that will

be shared at the meeting.

- The Spring elections were held on April 7. There was a record number of participation. Clerk/Treasurer Burnette and her team handled it all very professionally, including running out of ballots due to the high turnout.
- Worked with Ehlers and Trustee Ostby on developing information for the financial management plan discussion. The discussion will include Fire/EMS Staffing.
- April 9, staff met with a vendor that makes polymer concrete which provides more protection from sewer gas. This product could be used in the future when replacing sewer infrastructures. It comes with a 50-year warranty.
- On April 10, staff and President Stoner met with representatives of the State and County to discuss the Speed Study on Sheridan Rd. April 13, Assistant Administrator Poirier met with the County Planning Directors to share issues with other municipalities. Lack of housing was the main issue discussed. Kenosha County is funding a Comprehensive Housing Study and Needs Assessment which Tracy Cross & Associates has already started.
- April 14, the Village was struck with an EF1 tornado that caused damage in the heart of the Village and at the Village Hall. A full report is provided in the packet.



- 12th Street Water Main meeting. Met with Baxter & Woodman and PTS Contractors to discuss the status of construction. Additional information is in the engineering report.

- At the Village Board Meeting April 28, the Somers Fire Chief Andersen gave Village employees who responded to the April 14 tornado incident a certificate of appreciation for going above and beyond the call of duty. Seventeen members of the Fire Department and seven Public Works employees were recognized for their performance.



- Kenosha County will hold its annual Household Hazardous Waste e-waste & Refrigerant collection from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 30 at the Keosha County Public Works garage in Bristol.
- Public Works employees continue to replace water meters throughout the Village. They are now down to the last few hundred.
- Utilities Manager Fugate has been working with our auditors and staff to finish the annual report to the Public Service Commission, which was submitted on April 28.
- Staff has continued to work on the conventional rate case, which must be completed by March 27, 2027.
- Assistant Administrator Poirier, Trustee Harbach and Ostby and Supervisor Armes attended the Bi-County Council of Governments on April 25. The annual event is a great opportunity to speak with representatives of neighboring communities. The event focused on the housing shortage in the Racine/Kenosha area. The presentation is available at this link: <https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:US:b0e4457b-45d5-4ee7-b4e9-806b78da7c98> , a video presentation by Travel Wisconsin outlines new efforts to attract filming in Wisconsin: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g3f694OKiYs>



- Senator Ron Johnson’s representative Paul Truess was also there and reminded of the importance of the ZIP Code Bill that is in the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs waiting for Senator Johnson’s support. Additional letters of support were sent out at the request of Glendale Mayor Bryan Kennedy.
- The National ZIP Code coalition has created a dedicated website outlining the issue and the communities’ efforts to resolve them: <https://national-zip-code-advocacy-coalition.streamlit.app/>
- Public Works installed an upsized pump at 45th Street Lift Station. Staff expect it will improve inflow during heavy rains, and reduce overtime costs.
- The Village was awarded a Local Road Improvement Program grant in the amount of \$34,030.42 which will be used for our 2026 paving program. The funds will be applied to the Valley View Subdivision, which will go out to bid on May 7.
- Somers Utilities Manager Fugate graduated from Gateway Technical College in April with a Civil Engineering / Highway Technology degree.

Fire Department



- The Somers Fire & Rescue Department Association held its annual Easter Egg Hunt. Because of poor weather conditions this year, it was held inside but was very successful. About a hundred residents participated. The Easter Egg Hunt is an annual event.

**TOWN OF SOMERS
TOWN BOARD
MEETING ITEM MEMORANDUM**

MEETING DATE: May 5, 2026

TO: Town Chair Molinaro and Town Supervisors

PREPARED BY: Kevin Poirier, Assistant Administrator

AGENDA ITEM: #5 Review and Discuss request to build berm at 10901 60th Street Street (Parcel # 80-4-122-061-0250) per Ordinance 14.265.

BACKGROUND:

Staff was contacted by Chuck Heinrich the owner of the property at 10901 60th Street regarding a landscaping project that includes a berm. He described the requested berm as follows:

- About 30' long
- 10' at its widest
- About 4' in height

He included pictures as examples. It will be built with a combination of stained brown (matches house) timbers and lannon stone with evergreen plantings and trees. There would be some drought resistant plantings between the stone.

The pictures I'm attaching are:

Ordinance 14.256 (a copy provided below) requires owners who want to build a berm to get Town Board approval.

§ 14.265BERMS.

(A) Purpose. The land forms and landscape will be preserved in their natural state, insofar as practicable, by minimizing soil and tree removal that is not essential to project development and by retaining grades and contours in keeping with the general appearance of neighboring developed areas. No berm shall be constructed which results in a rate of storm and surface water runoff from the parcel upon which the berm is constructed, either during construction or after completion of the construction of the berm, which is greater than the rate of

runoff therefrom onto adjoining parcels which existed prior to the commencement of construction of the berm.

(B) Definition. For purposes of this ordinance, any grading, regrading, deposit or other accumulation of earth or dirt which raises the elevation of existing topography 18 inches or more for the purpose of or which has the effect of acting as a barrier, screen or vision shield, with or without the addition of vegetation planted thereon, shall be considered a berm.

(C) Berm Construction. No owner, lessee, occupier of land, contractor or any agent or representative of any of the foregoing shall construct a berm without first obtaining plan review and approval by the Town Board. The Town Board may impose such conditions or requirements as are consistent with these ordinances in issuing a permit for the construction of a berm. No berm shall be constructed which exceeds six feet in height. For purposes of this sub-paragraph, the berm shall be measured from the toe to the top, taking existing topography into consideration. Prior to commencement of construction, the applicant or his agent or representative shall provide topographic elevations demonstrating existing topography. The burden of demonstrating pre-construction topographic elevations shall be on the party seeking to construct the berm. In no case shall the toe of a berm be located closer than five feet to any property line and in every case the berm shall be designed and shall operate such that storm and surface water shall be retained on the berm parcel to the extent necessary to assure that the rate of storm and surface water runoff from such real estate, both during construction and after completion of construction of the berm, shall not be greater than the rate of runoff therefrom onto adjoining parcels which existed prior to commencement of berm construction. The party seeking construction of the berm shall comply with all relevant provisions of the design standards contained in § 18.27 of these ordinances.

COMMENTS:

Somers Inspector Scott Seymour will review the project before being placed on a Town Board agenda.

ATTACHMENTS:

Topographical of survey showing location, shape and height

Photograph of area plus front of house

Sketch of North side view

Sketch of South side view

Photos of lannon stone on site.

Pintrest photos.

COUNTY TRUNK HIGHWAY "K"

(113' PUBLIC R.O.W.)

P.O.B.

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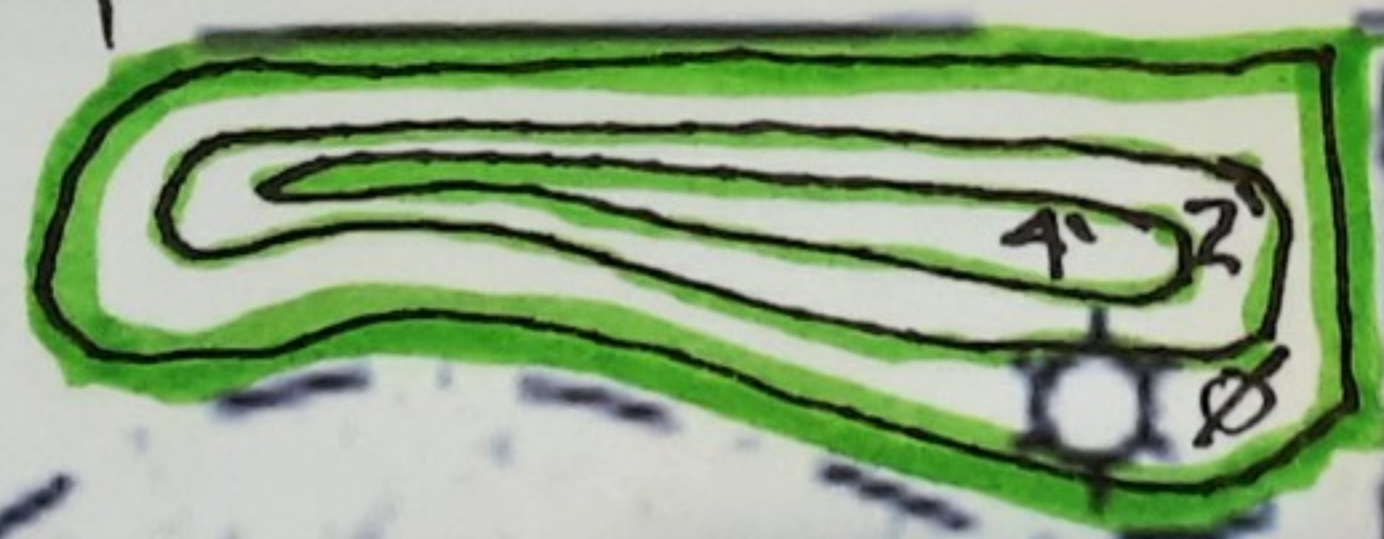
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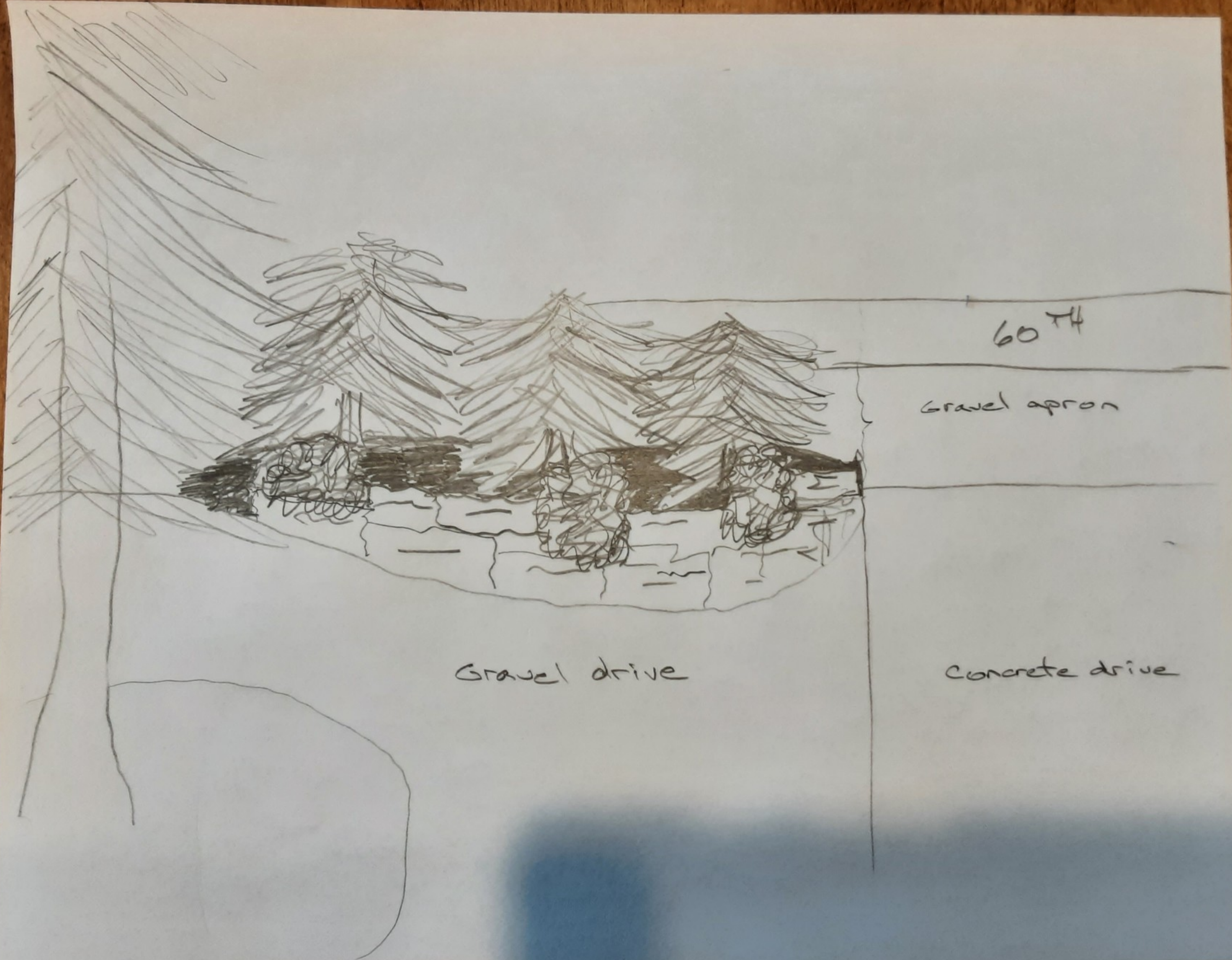
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Berm house

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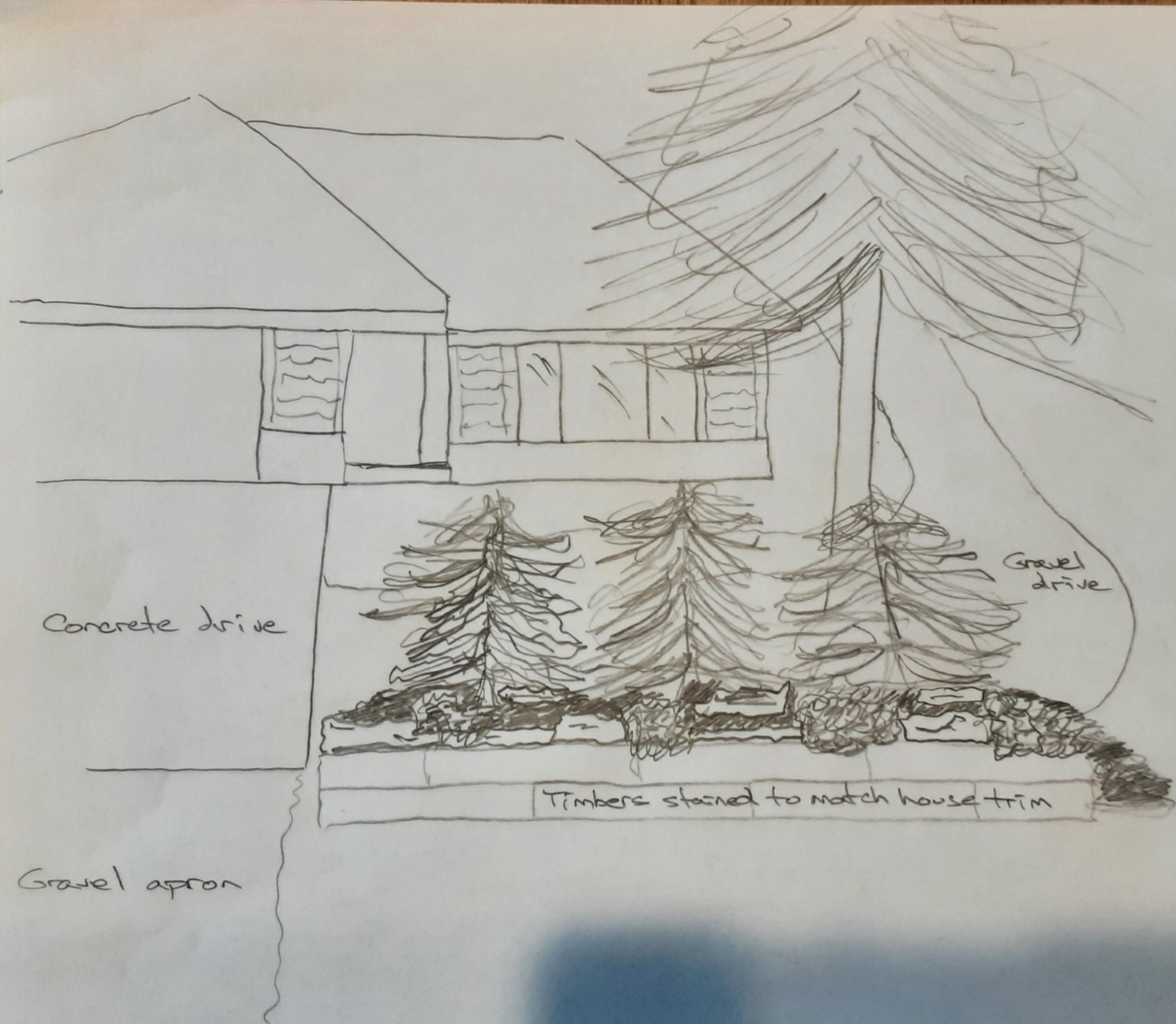


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Gravel drive

Concrete drive



Concrete drive

Gravel drive

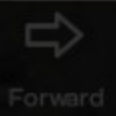
Timbers stained to match house trim

Gravel apron



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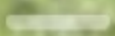


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**TOWN OF SOMERS
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MEETING ITEM MEMORANDUM**

MEETING DATE: May 5, 2026

TO: Town Chair Molinaro and Town Supervisors

PREPARED BY: Jim Hurley, Administrator

AGENDA ITEM: #6 Discuss U.S. Department of Interior Consultation Notice Regarding Indian Gaming Regulatory Act for the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin – Kenosha 2023 Gaming Project

BACKGROUND:

President Stoner received notice of a gaming land acquisition application filed by the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin for a gaming facility with casino, hotel, retail, and convention facilities. The proposal is for 58.899 acres located west of I-94, south of CTH K in the City of Kenosha. This is not in Somers. However, the Town received the notice for input regarding impacts on surrounding areas, including environmental, economic, social, and concerns related to gaming and gambling. A list of all local government agencies in receipt of the notice is included.

Deadlines

1) Public Comment period: April 27, 2026. Village Board members individually submitted several comments regarding concerns of public safety, impact on infrastructure, and services.

2) Consultation Notice: June 12, 2026. Given I was out of office, I requested an extension so the Village and Town Board have additional time to review the proposal and take collective action.

For example, the letter and resolution adopted by the Village of Pleasant Prairie are included in the packet.

SUGGESTED ACTION/ACTION REQUESTED/COMMENTS:

If the Town Board would like to take similar action, then staff will prepare a letter and resolution to be reviewed at the next work session meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

Consultation Notice

Village of Pleasant Prairie Letter and Resolution



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Midwest Regional Office

Norman Pointe II

5600 West American Boulevard, Suite 500

Bloomington, MN 55437

In Reply Refer To:
Real Estate Services
TR 4609 -P5
Kenosha 2023

Case Number: 50694

CONSULTATION NOTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 20 OF THE INDIAN GAMING REGULATORY ACT FOR THE MENOMINEE INDIAN TRIBE OF WISCONSIN – KENOSHA 2023 GAMING PROJECT

On May 10, 2023, the Bureau of Indian Affairs received an application from the MENOMINEE INDIAN TRIBE OF WISCONSIN (“Tribe”) to conduct off-reservation gaming activities on a 58.899 acre parcel of land located in and around the City of Kenosha, Kenosha County, Wisconsin, pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), 25 U.S.C. §§ 2701-2721. IGRA requires consultation by the Bureau of Indian Affairs on the proposed acquisition with appropriate State and local officials, including officials of other nearby Federally recognized Indian Tribes. The planned site is referred to as Kenosha 2023, and is located approximately 162 miles south of the Tribe’s government offices, and is described as follows:

See Exhibit “A”

PIN’s: 03-121-01-101-101, 03-121-01-101-102, 03-121-01-101-422, and 03-121-01-101-423

The Tribe plans to build a gaming facility with hotel, retail, convention and restaurant facilities. Proposed facilities include a casino, a Hard Rock Live venue of approximately 32,340 square feet, food and beverage venues, a seven-story hotel with 150 rooms, a spa/fitness area, an outdoor pool and supporting facilities. The proposed casino-resort would have a gross footprint of approximately 346,000 square feet. The casino gaming floor would include up to 1,500 slot machines, 330 table game seats and associated circulation on the ground floor of the facility, and would be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It is anticipated that the food and beverage facilities will include a bar, a steakhouse, noodle restaurant and other dining options. Parking would consist of a surface-level lot with approximately 2,400 spaces.

The BIA respectfully requests that you submit written comments, if any, on the following areas within 60 days of receiving this letter:

1. Information regarding environmental impacts on the surrounding community and plans for mitigating adverse impacts;
2. Anticipated impacts on the social structure, infrastructure, services, housing, community character, and land use patterns of the surrounding community;

3. Anticipated impact on the economic development, income, and employment of the surrounding community;
4. Anticipated costs of impacts to the surrounding community and identification of sources of revenue to mitigate them;
5. Anticipated costs, if any, to the surrounding community of treatment programs for compulsive gambling attributable to the proposed gaming establishment; and
6. Any other information that may assist the Secretary in determining whether the proposed gaming establishment would or would not be detrimental to the surrounding community.

Comments should be submitted in written form, and addressed to the following individual:

Thomas Wilkins, Realty Specialist
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Midwest Regional Office
5600 American Boulevard West, Suite 500
Bloomington, Minnesota 55437

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Thomas Wilkins, Regional Realty Specialist at (612) 725-4584.

Sincerely,

**JAMES
REDMAN**

Acting Regional Director

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Enclosures

cc: Honorable Joey Awonohopay Chairman, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin (by email)
John Wilhelmi, Tribal General Counsel, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin (by email)
Kim Komanekin, Land Manager, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin (by email)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION EXHIBIT A

Tract ID:

Tract Name: KENOSHA 2023

Land Area	Land Area Name	Tract Number	LTRO	Region	Agency	Resources	
440	MENOMINEE		MIDWEST LTRO	MIDWEST	MINNEAPOLIS REGIONAL OFFICE	Both (Mineral and Surface)	
Section	Township	Range	State	County	Meridian	Legal Description	Acres
1	001.00N	021.00E	WISCONSIN	KENOSHA	Fourth Principal MN-WI		58.899

METES AND BOUNDS: PARCEL 1: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 1, Town 1 North, Range 21 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, and being more particularly described as: Beginning on the North line of said 1/4 section at a point 434.07 feet West from the Northeast corner thereof; thence West along and upon the North line of said 1/4 section 832.43 feet and to a point 189.75 feet East from the West line of the North 41 acres of the East 49 acres of the North 1/2 of said Northeast 1/4 section - (as previously defined by former Kenosha County Surveyor, H.S. Southmayd, in December 1942); thence South parallel to the North 41 acres of the East 49 acres of the North 1/2 of said Northeast 1/4 section 624.0 feet; thence West parallel to the North line of said 1/4 section 189.75 feet and to the West line of the North 41 acres of the East 49 acres of the North 1/2 of said Northeast 1/4 section; thence South along and upon the West line of the North 41 acres of the East 49 acres of the North 1/2 of said Northeast 1/4 section 654.75 feet and to the Southwest corner of the North 41 acres of the East 49 acres of the North 1/2 of said Northeast 1/4 section; thence East along and upon the South line of the North 41 acres of the East 49 acres of the North 1/2 of said Northeast 1/4 section 824.94 feet and to a point 630.0 feet West from the East line of said 1/4 section; thence North parallel to the East line of said 1/4 section 450.00 feet; thence East parallel to the South line of the North 41 acres of the East 49 acres of the North 1/2 of said Northeast 1/4 section 362.8 feet and to the Westerly right-of-way line of Interstate Highway 94; thence North along upon the Westerly right-of-way line of said highway 635.88 feet; thence Northwesterly along and upon said right-of-way line 242.65 feet and to the point of beginning, lying and being in the City of Kenosha, County of Kenosha and State of Wisconsin; EXCEPTING THEREFROM those lands conveyed in Warranty Deed from The Community Development Authority of the Town of Bristol to the State of Wisconsin, Department of Transportation, dated August 4, 2008 and recorded in the Kenosha County Register of Deeds office on August 5, 2008 as Document No. 1564651; FURTHER EXCEPTING THEREFROM those lands conveyed in Special Warranty Deed from Community Development Authority of the Town of Bristol, n/k/a Village of Bristol to City of Kenosha, dated November 10, 2010 and recorded in the Kenosha County Register of Deeds office on December 3, 2010 as Document No. 1634242. Parcel 2 Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 1, Town 1 North, Range 21 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, and being more particularly described as: Commencing at the center of said Section 1; thence North 88 degrees 57 minutes 55 seconds East, 1126.64 feet along the South line of said Northeast 1/4 to the point of beginning; thence North 01 degree 47 minutes 34 seconds West 1300.76 feet; thence North 89 degrees 50 minutes 02 seconds East 38.75 feet; thence North 02 degrees 05 minutes 48 seconds West 238.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 09 minutes 51 seconds East 1186.01 feet to the Westerly right-of-way line of Interstate Highway 94; thence South 01 degrees 49 minutes 56 seconds East 336.06 feet along said right-of-way; thence South 88 degrees 34 minutes 00 seconds West 235.21 feet; thence South 01 degrees 49 minutes 56 seconds East 120.00 feet; thence North 88 degrees 34 minutes 00 seconds East 235.20 feet to the Westerly right-of-way line of Interstate Highway 94; thence South 01 degrees 49 minutes 56 seconds East 877.05 feet along said right-of-way; thence South 88 degrees 57 minutes 55 seconds West 708.63 feet; thence South 02 degrees 03 minutes 19 seconds East 221.66 feet to the South line of said Northeast 1/4; thence South 88 degrees 57 minutes 55 seconds West 516.88 feet along said south line to the point of beginning, lying and being in the City of Kenosha, County of Kenosha and State of Wisconsin. AND Commencing at Northeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 1, Town 1 North, Range 21 East; thence South 00°36'35" East, along the east line of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 1, a distance of 1561.42 feet; thence North 89°17'19" West, parallel with the north line of the Northeast 1/4 of said section 1, a distance of 268.71 feet to the west line of Interstate 94 as monumented and the point of beginning; thence continue North 89°17'19" West, a distance of 235.10 feet; thence South 00°11'41"

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Office Codes: F,F,50,440 AD Number: 4200393147 Case: 50694

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Applicant Name: MENOMINEE INDIAN TRIBE OF WISCONSIN

Tract ID:

Tract Name: KENOSHA 2023

<u>Land Area</u>	<u>Land Area Name</u>	<u>Tract Number</u>	<u>LTRO</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Resources</u>
440	MENOMINEE		MIDWEST LTRO	MIDWEST	MINNEAPOLIS	Both (Mineral and Surface)

<u>Section</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Meridian</u>	<u>Legal Description</u>	<u>Acres</u>
						West, a distance of 33.08 feet; thence South 89°56'43" East, a distance of 235.09 feet, to the west line of said Interstate 94 as monumented; thence North 00°11'42" East, along said west line a distance of 30.38 feet to the point of beginning, lying and being in the City of Kenosha, County of Kenosha and State of Wisconsin. EXCEPTING THEREFROM those lands contained in Warranty Deed from The Town of Bristol (as to Parcels I, II and III) and The Community Development Authority of the Town of Bristol (as to Parcel IV and part of Parcel III), to Gateway Center, LLC, a Wisconsin limited liability company, dated November 16, 2006 and recorded in the Kenosha County Register of Deeds office on November 29, 2006 as Document No. 1502945; FURTHER EXCEPTING THEREFROM those lands conveyed in Special Warranty Deed from Community Development Authority of the Town of Bristol, n/k/a Village of Bristol to City of Kenosha, dated November 10, 2010 and recorded in said Register's office on December 3, 2010 as Document No. 1634242; FURTHER EXCEPTING THEREFROM those lands conveyed in Quit Claim Deed from Community Development Authority to Evelyn E. Roberts, dated September 16, 2015 and recorded in said Register's office on September 24, 2015 as Document No. 1757896.	

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TRIBE OF WISCONSIN – KENOSHA 2023 GAMING PROJECT – Mailing List

Office of the Governor
Post Office Box 7863
Madison, Wisconsin 53707

Office of the Governor
207 State House
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Lake County Board
18 N County Street,
Waukegan, IL 60085

McHenry County Board
2200 North Seminary Ave.,
Woodstock IL 60098

Kenosha County Clerk
1010 56th Street, Second Floor,
Kenosha, WI 53140

Milwaukee County Board
633 W. Wisconsin Ave,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Racine County Clerk
730 Wisconsin Ave,
Racine, WI 53403

Waukesha County Board
515 W. Moreland Boulevard, Room AC130,
Waukesha, WI 53188

Walworth County Administrator
100 W Walworth Street,
Elkhorn, WI 53121

Antioch Village Board
874 Main St,
Antioch, IL 60002

Town of Antioch Board
1625 Deep Lake Road, Suite B,
Lake Villa, IL 60046

Town of Avon Board
433 E Washington Street,
Round Lake Park, IL 60073

Village of Beach Park Board
11270 W Wadsworth Rd,
Beach Park, IL 60099

Town of Benton Board
40020 N Greenbay Road,
Beach Park, IL 60099

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TRIBE OF WISCONSIN – KENOSHA 2023 GAMING PROJECT – Mailing List

Town of Burton
Post Office Box 353,
Spring Grove, IL 60081

Town of Cuba Board
28000 W Cuba Road,
Barrington, IL 60010

Village of Fox Lake Board
66 Thillen Dr,
Fox Lake, IL 60020

Town of Freemont Board
22385 W Route 60,
Mundelein, IL 60060

Town of Grant Board
26725 W Molidor Road,
Ingleside, IL 60041

Village of Grayslake Board
10 Seymour Ave,
Grayslake, IL 60030

Village of Green Oaks Board
2020 O'Plaine Rd,
Libertyville, IL 60048

Village of Greenwood Board
4314 Greenwood Dr.
Woodstock, IL 60098

Village of Gurnee Board
325 O'Plaine Rd,
Gurnee, IL 60031

Village of Hainsville Board
100 Hainesville Rd,
Hainesville, IL 60030

Village of Hawthorn Board
12007 Prairie Ave,
Hebron, IL 60034

Village of Hebron Board
12007 Prairie Ave,
Hebron, IL 60034

Town of Hebron Board
10206 Seaman Road,
Hebron, IL 60034

Village of Holiday Hills Board
1304 Sunset Dr,
Holiday Hills, IL 60051

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TRIBE OF WISCONSIN – KENOSHA 2023 GAMING PROJECT – Mailing List

Village of Indian Creek Board
36 Crestland Rd,
Indian Creek, IL 60061

Village of Island Lake Board
3720 Greenleaf Ave,
Island Lake, IL 60042

Village of Johnsburg Board
1515 Channel Beach Ave,
Johnsburg, IL 60051

Village of Lake Barrington Board
23860 N. Old Barrington Rd.
Lake Barrington, IL 60010

Village of Lake Bluff Board
40 E. Center Avenue
Lake Bluff, IL 60044

City of Lake Forest Board
220 E Deerpath Rd,
Lake Forest, IL 60045

Village of Lake Villa Board
65 Cedar Ave,
Lake Villa, IL 60046

Town of Lake Villa Board
37908 N Fairfield Road,
Lake Villa, IL 60046

Village of Lakemor Board
28581 IL-120,
Lakemoor, IL 60051

Village of Libertyville Board
118 W Cook Ave,
Libertyville, IL 60048

Town of Libertyville Board
359 Merrill Court,
Libertyville, IL 60048

Village of Lincolnshire Board
1 Olde Half Day Road,
Lincolnshire, IL 60069

Village of Lindenhurst Board
2301 Sand Lake Rd,
Lindenhurst, IL 60046

Village of Long Grove Board
3110 Old McHenry Rd,
Long Grove, IL 60047

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TRIBE OF WISCONSIN – KENOSHA 2023 GAMING PROJECT – Mailing List

Village of McCullom Lake Board
4811 W Orchard Dr,
McCullom Lake, IL 60050

City of McHenry Board
333 S Green St,
McHenry, IL 60050

Town of McHenry Board
3703 N Richmond Rd,
Johnsburg, IL 60051

Village of Mettawa Board
26225 N. Riverwoods Blvd.,
Mettawa, IL 60045

Village of Mundelein Board
300 Plaza Cir,
Mundelein, IL 60060

Town of Newport Board
19020 W Grass Lake Road,
Old Mill Creek, IL 60046

Village of North Barrington Board
111 Old Barrington Rd,
North Barrington, IL 60010

City of North Chicago Board
1850 Lewis Ave,
North Chicago, IL 60064

Village of Old Mill Creek Board
40870 N Hunt Club Rd
Old Mill Creek IL 60083

Park City Board
3355 Belvidere Rd,
Park City, IL 60085

Village of Prairie Grove Board
3125 Barreville Rd,
Crystal Lake, IL 60012

Village of Richmond Board
5600 Hunter Dr,
Richmond, IL 60071

Town of Richmond Board
7812 Il Route 31,
Richmond, IL 60071

Village of Ringwood Board
6000 Barnard Mill Rd,
Ringwood, IL 60072

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Village of Round Lake Board
442 N. Cedar Lake Road
Round Lake IL 60073

Village of Round Lake Beach Board
1937 N Municipal Way,
Round Lake Beach, IL 60073

Village of Round Lake Heights
619 Pontiac Ct,
Round Lake Heights, IL 60073

Village of Round Lake Park Board
203 E Lake Shore Dr,
Round Lake Park, IL 60073

Town of Shields Board
906 W Muir Avenue,
Lake Bluff, IL 60044

Village of Spring Grove Board
7401 Meyer Rd,
Spring Grove, IL 60081

Village of Third Lake Board
87 N Lake Ave,
Third Lake, IL 60030

Town of Vernon Board
3050 N Main Street,
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

Village of Vernon Hills Board
290 Evergreen Dr,
Vernon Hills, IL 60061

Village of Volo Board
500 S Fish Lake Rd,
Volo, IL 60073

Village of Wadsworth Board
14155 W Wadsworth Rd,
Wadsworth, IL 60083

Town of Warren Board
17801 W Washington Street,
Gurnee, IL 60031

Village of Wauconda Board
101 N Main Street
Wauconda, IL 60084

Town of Waukegan Board
149 S Genesee Street,
Waukegan, IL 60085

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100 N Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue
Waukegan, IL 60085

Village of Winthrop Harbor Board
830 Sheridan Rd,
Winthrop Harbor, IL 60096

Village of Wonder Lake Board
4444 Thompson Rd,
Wonder Lake, IL 60097

City of Zion Board
2828 Sheridan Rd,
Zion, IL 60099

Town of Zion Board
1015 27th Street,
Zion, IL 60099

Village of Big Bend Board
W230 S9185 Nevins St,
Big Bend, WI 53103

Village of Bloomfield Board
N1100 Town Hall Rd,
Pell Lake, WI 53157

Town of Bloomfield Board
N1302 Town Hall Rd,
Walworth, WI 53184

Town of Brighton Board
25000 Burlington Rd,
Kansasville, WI 53139

Village of Bristol Board
19801 83rd St,
Bristol, WI 53104

City of Burlington Board
113 E. Chestnut St. Suite B
Burlington, WI 53105

Town of Burlington Board
32288 Bushnell Road,
Burlington, Wisconsin 53105

Village of Caledonia Board
5043 Chester Ln,
Racine, WI 53402

City of Cudahy Board
5050 S Lake Dr,
Cudahy, WI 53110

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Town of Dover Board
23409 N Shore Dr,
Kansasville, WI 53139

Village of East Troy Board
2015 Energy Dr.,
East Troy, WI 53120

Town of East Troy Board
N9330 Stewart School Road,
East Troy, WI 53120

Village of Elmwood Park Board
3508 MARYLAND AVE,
RACINE WI 53401

City of Franklin Board
9229 W Loomis Rd,
Franklin, WI 53132

Town of Geneva Board
N3496 Como Road,
Lake Geneva, WI 53147

Genoa City Village Board
755 Fellows Rd,
Genoa City, WI 53128

Village of Greendale Board
6500 Northway,
Greendale, WI 53129

City of Greenfield Board
7325 W Forest Home Ave,
Greenfield, WI 53220

Village of Hales Corners Board
5635 S New Berlin Rd,
Hales Corners, WI 53130

City of Kenosha Board
625 52nd St,
Kenosha, WI 53140

Town of LaFayette Board
N5573 Bowers Road,,
Elkhorn WI 53121-4165

City of Lake Geneva Board
626 Geneva St,
Lake Geneva, WI 53147

Town of Lynn Board
W3728 Franklin Walsh St.,
Zenda, WI 53195

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Town of Lyons Board
Post Office Box 337,
Lyons, WI 53148

City of Milwaukee Board
200 E Wells St,
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Village of Mount Pleasant Board
8811 Campus Drive,
Mt Pleasant, WI 53406

City of Muskego Board
W182 S8200 Racine Ave,
Muskego, WI 53150

City of New Berlin Board
3805 S Casper Dr,
New Berlin, WI 53151

Village of North Bay Board
3615 Hennepin Pl,
Racine, WI 53402

Town of Norway Board
6419 Heg Park Road,
Wind Lake, WI 53185

City of Oak Creek
8040 S 6th St,
Oak Creek, WI 53154

Village of Paddock Lake Board
6969 236th Ave,
Salem, WI 53168

Town of Paris Board
16607 Burlington Road,
Union Grove, WI 53182

Village of Pleasant Prairie Board
9915 39th Ave,
Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158

City of Racine Board
730 Washington Ave,
Racine, WI 53403

Town of Randall Board
34530 Bassett Road,
Burlington, WI 53105

Village of Raymond Board
2255 76th St,
Franksville, WI 53126

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Village of Rochester Board
300 W Spring St,
Rochester, WI 53167

Village of Salem Lakes Board
9814 Antioch Rd,
Salem, WI 53168

Town of Somers Board
7511 12th St,
Kenosha, WI 53144

City of South Milwaukee Board
2424 15th Ave,
South Milwaukee, WI 53172

Town of Spring Prairie Board
N6097 State Road 120,
Burlington, Wisconsin 53105

Town of Springfield Board
6157 County Highway P Dane,
Wisconsin 53529

Village of Sturtevant Board
2801 89th St,
Sturtevant, WI 53177

Village of Twin Lakes Board
105 E Main St,
Twin Lakes, WI 53181

Village of Union Grove Board
925 15th Ave,
Union Grove, WI 53182

Village of Waterford Board
415 N Milwaukee St,
Waterford, WI 53185

Town of Wheatland Board
600 52nd Street, Suite 140,
Kenosha, WI 53140

Village of Wind Point Board
215 E 4 Mile Rd,
Racine, WI 53402

Village of Yorkville Board
4110 S Beaumont Ave,
Kansasville, WI 53139

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Interested Party

Hon. James Crawford
Forest County Potawatomi Community
Post Office Box 340
Crandon, Wisconsin 54520



Office of the Village President
David J. Klimisch

VIA EMAIL ONLY

April 24, 2026

Thomas Wilkins
Realty Specialist
United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs
Minneapolis Regional Office Norman Pointe II
5600 West American Boulevard, Suite 500
Bloomington, MN 55437

Re: Comments and Objection to Section 151 Request to Acquire Land in Trust for Gaming for the Proposed Menominee Indian Tribe Hard Rock Casino Project proposed to be located in Kenosha, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Wilkins,

On behalf of the Village of Pleasant Prairie (the "Village"), I submit these comments in response to the Bureau of Indian Affairs notice regarding the request of the Menominee Indian Tribe to acquire the subject property in trust for gaming purposes.

According to the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs ("BIA") letter, Case Number 50694, the subject property (the "Property"), consists of four (4) parcels (Tax Parcel Numbers: 03-121-01-101-101, 03-121-01-101-102, 03-121-01-101-422 and 03-121-01-101-0423), of approximately 59 acres in total land area, and is generally located in the southwest quadrant of I-94 and County Trunk Highway K in the City of Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Background

On December 11, 2023, the Village Board of Trustees (the "Village Board") passed and adopted Village Board Resolution No. 23-39 (*see attached*), whereby the Village Board unanimously voted to ask that the Bureau of Indian Affairs reject the application made by the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin to place land near Pleasant Prairie, in Kenosha County, into Federal Trust for the purposes of Class II and Class III gaming unless an Intergovernmental Agreement can be reached remediating the negative environmental, social, and economic impacts to Pleasant Prairie.

Analogous to 2023, the Village has the same viewpoint today and respectfully objects to the proposed acquisition of the Property for the development of the Menominee Indian Tribe Hard Rock Casino Project (the "Project") and requests that the BIA fully consider the substantial adverse impacts to the Village that are reasonably foreseeable from the Project.

The Village of Pleasant Prairie is adjacent to the City of Kenosha and the Project site is in close proximity (approx. ½ mile) to the municipal boundary of the Village. As noted in the previously referred to Village Board Resolution No. 23-39, the Village will experience the following negative environmental, social and economic impacts:

- Increased runoff to the Kilbourn Ditch entering the Pleasant Prairie Clean Water Utility and the Des Plaines River watershed.
- Increased number of public safety and mutual aid calls involving the Pleasant Prairie Police Department and the Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue Department.
- Increased traffic on Village roadways and to the overall Village (and regional) transportation systems.
- Inequitable funding for the Kenosha Unified School District schools located within Pleasant Prairie jurisdictional boundaries.
- Harm to the continuing economic redevelopment efforts along the I-94 corridor.
- Strain placed on funding for Village, City of Kenosha, and County of Kenosha services by the removal of almost 60 acres of prime development land from property tax and sales taxes.
- Overall negative affect on social and socio-economic costs to the overall community.

At the same time, the Village is not a party to the intergovernmental agreements that were described three (3) years ago in 2023 for the City of Kenosha and the County of Kenosha and the Village is not positioned to receive revenue sharing or other direct offsets to cover the increased costs and risks that would be imposed on our community.

Information Requested by the BIA

To the extent the BIA requests specific fiscal and service information, the Village provides the following.

- **Annual property taxes currently levied on the subject property allocated to Pleasant Prairie.** The Property is located in the jurisdiction of the City of Kenosha. The Village levies no taxes on the Property.
- **Special assessments currently assessed against the property in support of Pleasant Prairie:** The Property is located in the jurisdiction of the City of Kenosha. The Village has no special assessments assessed against the Property.
- **Governmental services currently provided to the property by Pleasant Prairie:** The Property is located in the jurisdiction of the City of Kenosha. However, the Village, through contract, is committed to providing back-up public safety services (Police and Fire & Rescue) not only to the to

the Property, but also to surrounding properties and to the City of Kenosha as a whole and to other surrounding municipalities as well.

- **Zoning consistency:** The Property is located in the jurisdiction of the City of Kenosha; therefore, the City provides the zoning services, designations and regulations for the Property. However, the Village respectfully requests that the BIA evaluate whether the intended casino use is consistent with surrounding land uses and applicable zoning and land use standards, including compatibility with nearby residential areas and established community destinations.

Fiscal Impacts and Unfunded Local Costs

The Village requests that the BIA evaluate the full fiscal impact on the Village, including the shift of costs to Village taxpayers without a corresponding revenue source.

A major 24-hour gaming and entertainment complex is reasonably expected to increase demand for public safety and emergency response. The Village supports regional response through mutual aid and interjurisdictional frameworks. The BIA should evaluate how increased service demand and associated costs will be mitigated for neighboring communities that are not receiving direct revenue sharing.

Transportation and Traffic Impacts to Pleasant Prairie

The Village requests that the BIA evaluate traffic impacts on the regional transportation network, not solely the immediate, local site access roads.

- **I 94 (Exit 345), County Trunk Highway C:** Pleasant Prairie anticipates increased traffic volumes and congestion at this interchange and on connecting Village roadways associated with the Project.
- **I 94 (Exit 344), State Trunk Highway 50:** State Trunk Highway 50 (75th Street), east of its interchange with I-94, is located entirely within the Village boundaries. Highway 50 is a major and critical corridor serving residents, employers, and commercial and industrial destinations. Therefore, all costs associated with Highway 50 originating from the Project (e.g., police, fire & rescue, physical improvements, etc.) would be borne by the Village. The Village anticipates significant increases in traffic and associated safety concerns associated with the Project.

Stormwater, Retention, and Watershed Concerns

Pleasant Prairie is downstream from the proposed Project site and the Village has serious concerns regarding stormwater retention and detention planning and the potential for increased flooding and erosion impacts.

The Project location is under the stormwater management regulations for the DesPlaines River Watershed, which are more stringent and more intensive than other Village/City of Kenosha watershed management regulations. The stormwater management for the Project will need to be designed in accordance to the most recent regulations. The Village requests that the BIA require a clear demonstration

that stormwater design will meet applicable standards and watershed criteria intended to protect already stressed water resources and to prevent adverse downstream impacts.

Land Use Compatibility and Community Character

The proposed casino and associated facilities would introduce intensive 24-hour use adjacent to established residential areas and existing community destinations. The Village is concerned that the scale, intensity, and operational characteristics of the Project are incompatible with the character and land use patterns of the surrounding area and will create adverse, negative impacts that extend beyond the host jurisdiction.

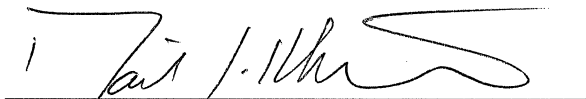
Request for Full Consideration and Mitigation

For the reasons above, Pleasant Prairie respectfully requests that the BIA deny the fee to trust acquisition for gaming purposes or, at minimum, require comprehensive analysis and enforceable mitigation addressing:

- Regional traffic impacts at I 94 Exits 344 and 345 and connecting corridors.
- Public safety and emergency response demand and funding.
- Stormwater retention, detention, and downstream watershed impacts.
- Fiscal impacts to Pleasant Prairie, including loss of tax base and increased service costs.

Please include this letter in the administrative record for Section 151 "Request to Move Land into Trust for Gaming".

Respectfully submitted,



David J. Klimisch
Village President
Village of Pleasant Prairie

Enclosure: Village Board Resolution No. 23-39

RESOLUTION NO. 23-39

RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF PLACING APPROXIMATELY 59.19 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED LESS THAN ONE MILE FROM THE VILLAGE OF PLEASANT PRAIRIE INTO FEDERAL TRUST FOR THE MENOMINEE INDIAN TRIBE OF WISCONSIN FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING CLASS III AND II GAMING

Whereas, the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin intends to apply to the Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs to have approximately 59.19 acres of land located within one mile from the corporate boundaries of the Village of Pleasant Prairie placed into Trust for the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin for the purpose of conducting Class III and Class II gaming; and,

Whereas, the Tribe, through its authority, may only conduct gaming at the facility near Pleasant Prairie if it is placed into Federal Trust through application and approval by the Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

Whereas, as part of the application process, the impact of the establishment of such a gaming operation on the surrounding community must be addressed along with the efforts to address such impacts; and,

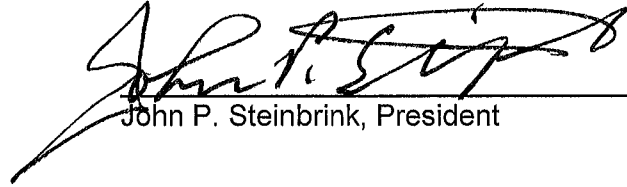
Whereas, The Village of Pleasant Prairie has identified negative environmental, social, economic and other impacts to the community such as increased runoff to Kilbourn ditch entering the Pleasant Prairie Clean Water Utility and the Des Plaines River watershed, increased number off public safety calls involving the Pleasant Prairie Police Department and Pleasant Prairie Fire & Rescue, increased traffic on our roadways, inequitable funding for Kenosha Unified School District schools located in Pleasant Prairie, harm to the economic redevelopment efforts along the Interstate, the strain on funding for Village, City, and County services by the removal of almost 60 acres of prime development land from property and sales taxes, and the net social costs to our community; and,

Whereas, the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin has not offered the Village of Pleasant Prairie an agreement or plan to remediate the negative impacts the proposed gaming facility will bring to the community, as is required before placing such land into Federal Trust by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village Board of Trustees for the Village of Pleasant Prairie that it asks the Bureau of Indian Affairs to reject the application made by the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin to place land near Pleasant Prairie in Kenosha County into Federal Trust for the purposes of Class III and Class II gaming unless an Intergovernmental Agreement can be reached remediating the negative environmental, social, and economic impacts to Pleasant Prairie; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Menominee Tribe and Authority, the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Kenosha County Executive, and City of Kenosha Mayor.

Passed and adopted this 11th day of December, 2023.



John P. Steinbrink, President

Attest:



Jane C. Snell, Village Clerk

Posted: 12/12/23

**Town of Somers
7511 12th Street
Somers, WI 53171**

**Town Board Meeting
Tentative Agenda
Tuesday, May 12, 2026
5:15 pm**

Town Board Meeting:	
Item #	
1	Call to order
2	Pledge of Allegiance
3	Consent and Approval of Minutes of Town Board meetings on April 14, 2026
4	Correspondence:
5	Citizens Comments
6	Chair & Supervisor Comments
8	Action on request to build berm at 10901 60th Street (Parcel # 80-4-122-061-0250) per Ordinance 14.265.
9	Possible action on U.S. Department of Interior Consultation Notice Regarding Indian Gaming Regulatory Act for the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin – Kenosha 2023 Gaming Project. For information purposes, the proposal is in the City of Kenosha.
10	Approval of Operator Licenses: none
11	Adjourn

I hereby certify that as the designee of the chief elected official of the Town of Somers I posted this notice of the Mat 12, 2026 Town Board Meeting & Agenda in 3 public places.

Dated this XXX **day of XXX, 2026.**

Wendy Burnette, Clerk-Treasurer

Requests from persons with disabilities who need assistance to participate in this meeting should be made to the Clerk's Office at 262-859-2822 with as much notice as possible. **Notice is hereby given that members of the Town Board may participate telephonically. Notice is hereby given that members of the Village Board may be in attendance for the sole purpose of gathering information. A quorum may be present. However, no Board action will be taken.**