

Dear Bill Jacob:

I am writing you about the recent resolution to name the bridge the Robert Parker Coffin Bridge.

I can see that it is a continuation of the street name, but do we need to have multiple locations named Robert Parker Coffin? Couldn't you come up with another name – Long Grove Bridge? Wasn't naming a street after Robert Parker Coffin enough? I have lived in Long Grove since 1998, and Robert Parker Coffin has meant little to me other than a historical reference and seeing the street name.

I am at a loss as to why you didn't poll the community or ask for suggestions. This was a lost opportunity to see what the people of Long Grove think. I don't recall seeing anything in the Bridge about the Board undertaking such a resolution to name the bridge, but maybe I missed it.

I think naming the bridge after Robert Parker Coffin was a bit of overkill and a missed opportunity to highlight other aspects about Long Grove. It is beginning to sound like Long Grove is stuck in a rut using the same name again and again, like Chicago and Naperville.

Sincerely,

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