

**From:** David Lothspeich  
**Sent:** Monday, July 13, 2020 8:38 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** David Lothspeich <[dlothspeich@longgroveil.gov](mailto:dlothspeich@longgroveil.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Robert Parker Coffin Road Proposal

Hi Stephan,

Thank you for your email and for your input on this issue.

The reason for the proposed change is to clearing identify the road going to historic downtown Long Grove. The road was named Long Grove Road for decades prior to be changed in the 1980's or 90's to honor Robert Parker Coffin. The downtown has expressed concerns about the name for years and with the soon to be finished covered bridge, the plan is to continue this honor and recognition by naming the covered bridge the "Robert Parker Coffin Bridge" and to rename Robert Parker Coffin Road to Long Grove Road with honorary designation of Robert Parker Coffin Road. The replacement signs are estimated to cost \$3,300.

Through our recent research we found that the official name of the existing Long Grove Road is West Long Grove Road with roughly half of the properties identified as W. Long Grove Road already. Our existing street signs are not correct and need to be replaced regardless of the proposed action.

In terms of the private lane, I'm unclear as to when this began being referred to as Robert Parker Coffin Road and it is identified as such in both Google Maps and the Lake County GIS mapping system. The name of this private lane is up to the residents that are served by it and requires approval by the Village for the post office and others so as to minimize potential confusion. I do not know how or when the lane became known as Robert Parker Coffin Road but I believe that this name can remain as is or be changed to what the residents prefer. In cases where we have private lanes without official names, the addresses for the residences take on the name of the road that the private lane connects to (as is what appears to may have occurred here). In the case of private lanes that have official names, the address takes on that name (example: County Lane, located off of Old McHenry Road).

While all these matters are connected in ways, they appear that they may be separate matters that can be addressed individually or as a group. I will share your inquiry and my response with the Village Board so that they are aware of your input and concerns.

Please let me know if you have any further questions and/or if I can be of further assistance.

Thanks,

Dave

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Robert Parker Coffin Road Proposal

Hello Dave

We hope this finds you and your family safe. We live at 3214 RFD, on a private road off of Robert Parker Coffin Road, near the intersection of RPC and Old IL 53. Two days ago we heard by a neighbor that the Village Board will be voting on a resolution tomorrow to rename Robert Parker Coffin Road to Long Grove Road and make the current Long Grove Road, West Long Grove Road.

As you probably are aware, there are seven houses on our private road and multiple opinions on what we should do with the name of our road. Both the LG fire department and Google Maps refer to our road as Robert Parker Coffin Road. We believe most of our neighbors would prefer to not use Long Grove Road, but some other name. To be honest, we believe we need more time to make a decision. Is there any chance this resolution can be delayed for one month? Additionally, the local utility companies will need to be informed, including, gas, electric, waste mgmt., etc. since they do not accept "RFD" as an address. We had to give them a street name in the past.

Finally, we are curious as to why the Board is interested in changing the name of the road in the first place. We do not recall receiving information of this proposal. We are also curious of the cost to the Village. We believe there are a number of RPC road signs, fairly new historical looking signs, that no longer will be used. We do not understand the benefit of allocating the Village's scarce resources toward the renaming of a road that honors one of Long Grove's most prominent residents.

Thank you for your time,  
Stephen and Kristen Nelson

**From:** David Lothspeich  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 8:26 AM  
**To:** 'Joseph Di Iorio' <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Private Road Name & Res. #2020-R-21

Joe,

Good to hear from you and thank you for your email. I'm working with our engineer and attorney to confirm the process for the naming of roads, specifically private lanes and how the private lanes are identified by Lake County GIS, Google Maps, etc. At this point I don't know how or why your private lane was named "Robert Parker Coffin Road" when it is a private lane that should be named by the property owners served by the private lane.

We have private lanes with names such as Country Lane and we have private lanes without names. In cases where the private lane does not have an official name, the County GIS system uses the next closest public road with an example of this being the residences located across from Country Lane that have Old McHenry Road addresses. We will continue to sort through this and will keep you and the other property owners informed.

Please let me know when you determine an agreed upon name for your lane.

Thanks,

Dave

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**From:** Joseph Di Iorio <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 8:01 AM  
**To:** David Lothspeich <[dlothspeich@longgroveil.gov](mailto:dlothspeich@longgroveil.gov)>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]; Anna Shayevsky <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Private Road Name & Res. #2020-R-21

Hello Dave,

We are writing to you and the Village Board with regard to the 7/14/2020 Agenda item 5.

Consideration Of A Resolution Naming The Covered Bridge The "Robert Parker Coffin Bridge" And Renaming "Robert Parker Coffin Road" To "Long Grove Road", "Honorary Robert Parker Coffin Road" & Re-naming Existing "Long Grove Road" To "W. Long Grove Road". (Res. #2020-R-21)

We are residents of a private road near the intersection of Robert Parker Coffin Road and Hwy Old 53. This past weekend, the residents of our road have been in conversation regarding Res. #2020-R-21.

We also discussed the (Google,GPS) street name designation given to our private road.

Our addresses currently appear as Robert Parker Coffin Road, a public road, though our road is privately owned and jointly maintained by all residents of our road.

We were told that this street designation was assigned by the Fire Department.

At this time, all residents of our private road seem in agreement that we would like to name our private road, with a name different from a public road.

We have a joint concern for trespassers.

Having our road appear online as a part of a public road is not advantageous for maintaining our privacy and safety.

However, we would like more time to discuss our private road name as a neighborhood group.

We are respectfully requesting that the Village Board allow us a few weeks to discuss this topic among all families on our road.

We will then present our private road name proposal to the Board for consideration on the agenda of the next Board meeting on July 28, 2020.

This following represents the private road residents cc'd on this email:

Please proceed with the resolution voting as scheduled.

Anna Shayevsky	3206 RFD	- in favor of passing Res. #2020-R-21
Mark and Gomila Garber	3208 RFD	- in favor of passing Res. #2020-R-21
Phyllis Aragaki and Tim Robinson	3212 RFD	- in favor of passing Res. #2020-R-21
Joseph and Ann Marie Di Iorio	3213 RFD	- in favor of passing Res. #2020-R-21

Respectfully,

Joseph and Ann Marie Di Iorio

Joe's cell [REDACTED]

Home [REDACTED]

**From:** David Lothspeich  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 8:41 AM  
**To:** 'Dorine Levine' <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** RE: board meeting July 14, 2020

Dorine,

Thank you and your husband for your email. I appreciate the concerns and will share your email with Village Board in advance of the meeting this evening. The plan being considered by the Village Board would rename Robert Parker Coffin Road to Long Grove Road (the name of the road previous to Robert Parker Coffin Road) with the honorary designation (brown signs) of Robert Parker Coffin Road and the official naming of the historic bridge to Robert Parker Coffin Bridge to expand the honor of Robert Parker Coffin. The estimated cost for replacing the signage is \$3,300. As part of this project review, we have confirmed that the official name of the existing Long Grove Road is West Long Grove Road so the signage will need to be corrected regardless of the name of Robert Parker Coffin Road.

Another issue that has been identified is confirming how private lane's have been named and how they are identified by Lake County, Google Maps, etc. as your private lane has been named "Robert Parker Coffin Road" which I understand has resulted in drivers using the lane looking for a connection to IL 53, Long Grove Road, etc. Whether the Village renames Robert Parker Coffin Road or not, the Village will be looking into this issue further and working with the residents of your lane to post additional signage the entrance to your lane and other areas to clearly identify this as a private lane to drivers in hopes of eliminating this confusion and resulting traffic, etc. onto your private lane.

Thank you again and I will continue to keep you and the other property owners informed on this matter.

Thanks,

Dave

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**From:** Dorine Levine <[REDACTED]>  
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**Subject:** board meeting July 14, 2020

Dear Mr. Lothspeich,

My husband and I are NOT in favor of renaming the street Robert Parker Coffin Road. We built and have lived in Long Grove for over 31 years and have never had anyone comment to us negatively about the road name; if the name was questioned as unusual, we explained that this is the name of a man who was influential in Long Grove's history.

We are one of 8 families on the gravel road which runs west at the end of RPC and RTE 53. To re-name the street Long Grove Road will cause confusion and we feel will endanger ourselves and our neighbors by bringing traffic onto our gravel road. We feel that drivers will be looking for the connection between the two Long Grove Roads. We are on a single lane dead end road and have all been careful about not encouraging any extra traffic onto our road.

The other but lesser concern is the cost; what is the cost for changing signage and registering a name change with authorities? Does the Village not have other areas where funds could be better allocated ?

Dorine & Seymour Levine  
3205 RFD  
Long Grove, IL 60047

Anthony T. Dean  
3204 RFD  
Long Grove, IL 60047

July 13, 2020

Re: Name change Robert Parker Coffin Road

President and Members of the Long Grove Board of Trustees  
David Lothspeich, Village Manager

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I believe your agenda for the meeting Tuesday, July 14, 2020 lists a resolution to change the name of Robert Parker Coffin Road to Long Grove Road for the segment from IL 83 to IL 53 and then Long Grove West from IL 53 to the Village boundary with Kildeer.

I would oppose this change for both civic and personal reasons.

For civic reasons, the surname has an illustrious history first in England and then in our country. Established shortly after the Norman Conquest in Devonshire, and then in the colonies in 1642 by the gentleman who owned the whole of the island of Nantucket. It is a name associated with a long list of prominent Americans, (see the Wikipedia entry for the surname "Coffin"). We have a village with a covered bridge, a New England style church, a cemetery that seems as old as the 17th century and a Cape Cod salt box cottage that was the first house Bob Coffin built in Long Grove, perhaps his very first anywhere. Why should we not have a road with a quaint, historic name? And having had the pleasure and honor of working with Bob Coffin, we like being reminded of his life and contributions. That his family is possessed of old school modesty should not be a surprise. And if some find the name a mystery, perhaps a sign briefly relating the history of the village and the role he played would help to educate our visitors and, I might add, many of our residents.

As for my personal reasons, we have been engaged in a mighty battle with Google Maps with several cease and desist letters and several thousands of dollars of legal fees to make them stop listing our interior roads as public roads. We have had many intrusions of trucks, vans, autos, etc. all claiming that they are justified and authorized to use these cut through routes because Google maps says they are public rights of way. Naming a Long Grove Road that ends at our private lane and resumes further down IL 53 will create a great confusion of people entering our property to find the "missing" segment of Long Grove Road, and can only serve to further augment the volume of traffic that wanders down our roads only to find they are too narrow and that they all come to a dead end.

Finally, on a further personal note, some time ago, the Long Grove Fire Department or the Lake County Clerk or perhaps both, decided to name our private road as Robert Parker Coffin Road and put it on our voter registration cards. As a result our private lane

has been given the name of a public road as if it were simply an extension of Robert Parker Coffin Road. This needs to be changed. Our house, built by the Parson family in 1941, was given the name "Westover House" by a former owner who was a member of the Virginia Byrd family. When we bought the house we kept the name because neighbors insisted that it was the only landmark available for police, fire, deliveries, and tradesmen. We would very much like the road officially renamed "Westover House Private Lane".

Thank you for your kind consideration of these concerns.

Sincerely yours,

*Anthony T Dean*

Anthony T. Dean