

The Board reviewed the recommendation of the Personnel-Administrative Committee to approve the elimination of the word "squaw" as a place name in Sawyer County. Sawyer County Clerk Kris Mayberry, at the direction of the Committee, had sent a letter to the clerk of each municipality in Sawyer County requesting that each municipal governing body advise the County of any lake, stream, place, or other geographic feature within their municipality that includes the word "squaw". The letter requested that each municipality having any lake, stream, place, or other geographic feature within their municipality that contains the word "squaw" indicate if they concur with changing the name from including the word "squaw" and, if so, if they have a recommendation for an alternative name. Responses from the municipalities indicated the existence of:

- Squaw Creek in the Town of Edgewater. The Town of Edgewater Board of Supervisors recommends changing the name of Squaw Creek to Heron Creek.
- Squaw Lake in the Town of Hayward, the Town of Hunter and the Town of Round Lake. The Town of Hunter Board of Supervisors supports changing the name of Squaw Lake to Osprey Lake. The Town of Round Lake indicated that they have no problem with renaming Squaw Lake and suggested that the effected property owners be contacted and allowed to decide on a name. The Town of Hayward Board of Supervisors did not respond to the request.
- Squaw Creek in the Town of Hayward and the Town of Bass Lake. The Town of Bass Lake Board of Supervisors determined to approve renaming Squaw Creek to Osprey Creek. The Town of Hayward Board of Supervisors did not respond to the request.
- Squaw Bay on the Chippewa Flowage in the Town of Hayward. The Town of Hayward Board of Supervisors did not respond to the request.

The recommendation of the Personnel-Administrative Committee is to approve the following name changes:

- Squaw Creek in the Town of Edgewater to Heron Creek
- Squaw Lake in the Town of Hayward, the Town of Hunter, and the Town of Round Lake to Osprey Lake
- Squaw Creek in the Town of Hayward and the Town of Bass Lake to Osprey Creek
- Squaw Bay on the Chippewa Flowage in the Town of Hayward to Osprey Bay

County resident Hazel Jonjak had indicated that the bay on Round Lake commonly known as Richardson's Bay is shown as Squaw Bay in Sawyer County's Plat Book. It was confirmed that this name for the bay was also used on the maps produced by the United States Geological Survey. Ms. Jonjak and other County residents suggested that the name of Squaw Bay on the Chippewa Flowage be changed to an Ojibwe name.

Motion by Trettin, 2nd by Hamblin, to approve recommending to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Geographic Name Council the name changes recommended by the Personnel-Administrative Committee and changing the name of the bay on Round Lake commonly known as Richardson's Bay to Richardson's Bay. Motion carried.

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Re: elimination of the word "squaw" as a place name in Sawyer County

Please be advised that the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors, at their meeting held June 21, 2001, approved the suggestion of the Geographic Names Council to rename "Squaw Bay" on the Chippewa Flowage "Ikwe Bay".

Please let me know if any additional information is needed to complete the procedure.

Thank you for your assistance.

Kris Mayberry

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C: Hazel Jonjak
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