

RESOLUTION No. 69- 223

In the matter of changing name of Akins Road) and Akins Drive to Briarwood Lane, upon the) request of petitioners.)

WHEREAS, by letter dated March 6, 1969 the Columbia Township Trustees apprised the Board of Lorain County Commissioners of the following petition to change the name of a street:

PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ROADS

We the undersigned Residents of Akins Drive and Akins Road, in Columbia Township, Ohio hereby petition the Lorain County Commissioners to rename these roads. The Akins Road mentioned is the most northerly section still being maintained located in Columbia Township Lot #47. The undersigned further agree that the reason for requesting this change is that there is a state of total confusion created by having a total of (4) Akins in Columbia Township located within one-half mile of one another.

We recommend the names of Akins Drive and Akins Road herein mentioned be renamed "Briarwood Lane"

Requested by:

NAME	ADDRESS
John Gemick	15895 Akins Road
Phyllis E. Gerrick	15895 Akins Road
Anthony J. Kristek	15875 " "
Alice M. Kristek	15875 " "
Wilma Boris	15939 " "
Forrest Rundle	16019 " "
Coletta Rundle	16019 " "
Arlie Baker	25309 " Drive
Laura Baker	" " "
Phyllis Garland	25327 " "
Roydin Garland	" " "
John B. Reed	25345 " "
Erna Reed	" " "
Robert W. Eichenberg	25387 " "
Frances & Leonard Sukosky	25470 " "
Louise J. Knopf & Harry J. Knopf	25434 " "
Floyd and Jeanne Morrow	25414 " "
Roger Gouther	25318 " "
Claude and Wilma Young	16198 " "
Charlotte Gouchring	25291 " "
Eugene A. Bulgrin & Agnes Bulgrin	16004 " "
Kenneth Dumke and Jerome Dumke	25336 Akins "
Phyllis J and Donald Rundle	25364 " "
Malvin Eichenberg	25365 " "

WHEREAS, the Board did set this day for a public hearing to review the petition their being five property owners present and all spoke in favor of this request; and

WHEREAS, the Lorain County Engineer recommended this Request be granted; and

WHEREAS, The Lorain County Engineer, and his chief Deputy, respectively; Harvey Holcomb and Charles Waryu, were present, along with Richard Laux, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney; to advise the Board on this matter; and

WHEREAS, the following communication expressing opposition was filed:

March 20, 1969

"In regards to the changing of the name of Akins Road and Akins Drive to that of Briarwood Lane. Said highways being located Lot 47, Township of Columbia, County of Ohio, State of Ohio.

We, the undersigned would like to state our position in the matter as follows:

1. We do not object to changing the name of Akins Road which extends from its intersection with the easterly end of Akins Drive to lands formerly owned by Harry Stinchcomb.

2. We are opposed to changing the name of Akins Drive for reasons outlined below.

A. Conflict with present numbering system. (Enc. Please refer to map on page four)

To gain access to Akins Drive you turn south on West River Road at Columbia Center. Thence south a distance of about one mile to the intersection of Akins Drive with West River Road. As you turn to your left onto Akins Drive the first house number is 25470. Proceeding easterly along Akins Drive to its intersection with Akins Road at its north end you will note that the last house number on Akins Drive is 25276. Upon making a right hand turn onto Akins Road you note the first house number on your left is 15075, a difference of 9401 numbers. At its southerly end Akins Road has a house number of 16198.

If Akins Road and Akins Drive are both changed to Briarwood Lane, as the petition proposes, what happens to the numbering system? Since the two highways extend in different direction, Akins Drive, east and west, and Akins Road, north and south, the new Briarwood Lane cannot very well be numbered consecutively for to do so would conflict with the present numbering system in this area and thus add to the confusion that the signers of the petition claim now exists.

Therefore it is our contention that the name of only one road should be change. Changing the name of Akins Road would end any confusion with that part of Akins Road as it exists approximately one-half mile further south.

B Changing the name of Akins Drive will place an additional burden upon our mail service as it will be at least two years before all the mail addressed to the residents will bear the new highway name.

C The Akins family was one of the early settlers in the area and on land on which both Akins Road and Akins Drive are situated. We submit that the name Briarwood Lane is related in no way to the area's historical background.

D It takes years for a name to become established well enough for many people to remember.

In conclusion, we the undersigned freeholders do not oppose the renaming of Akins Road. We do oppose the changing of the name of Akins Drive to Briarwood Lane.

Thanking you for your consideration and attention in this matter and do hereby affix our signatures below:

S/ Homer C. Akins, Walter M. Driscoll, Mary Driscoll"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Lorain County, Ohio, that this public hearing having been held as provided by Section 5541.04 R. C. of Ohio, we do and hereby find for the petitioners in their request to change the name of located in Lot 47 Lorain County Akins Road and Akins Drive, to be known henceforth as "Briarwood Lane", Columbia Township, Ohio

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Lorain County Engineer, and the Columbia Township Trustees be give a certified copy of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was introduced upon a motion by Commissioner Fred M. Ritenauer, seconded by Commissioner J. J. Karon, and the vote taken thereon resulted as follows: Fred M. Ritenauer, "aye"; J. J. Karon, "aye"; E. M. Pincura, absent.

Motion carried.