

Discussion: Based on historical accounts this is the correct name.

Action: Approved

Proposed Name: **Omer Springs**

Location: Polk County Size: 1.2 acres Access: Public

Current Name: Markee Springs or Marquee Springs

Background:

The Omer family has requested this name change to recognize their family history on the property where the spring pond is located. They have owned this property for approximately 50 years. The family is interested in allowing the public access to the springs and are in the process of selling land to the Dept. of Natural Resources.

The spring pond is attached to a ½ mile spring creek that is tributary to the Apple River. This creek is also named Markee. The pond and creek are known to contain Brook trout. The applicant has not requested to change the name of the creek, possibly that should be considered if the spring name is changed. A list of contacts that support the name has been provided.

Discussion: There is uncertainty over the history of the Markee name. Even though the applicant provided a list of contacts there was no documentation of local support from adjacent landowners or local government. It was noted there are nearby landowners by the name of Markee and they may object to a change. There was a general reluctance to consider changing this name until more is known about the historical significance of Markee and local support is demonstrated.

Action: Not Approved