**1. 2. 3.** The April 7, 2022 Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kupar at the Community Center at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Clerk Johansen Called the roll with Supervisor Kupar and Trustees Varsho and Murphy present.

### 4. Reports:

Highway Commissioner - Sam Gallucci: Commissioner Gallucci's report stated the District plowed snow and salted roads on 03/07 and 03/10/22 widening all streets and intersections throughout Campton Township, the Village of Campton Hills, and Campton Hills in Plato Township due to drifting snow. We prepared brine in tanks on trucks to treat roadways with brine and salt on three occasions. All trucks are cleaned and washed after every snow event. The Road District contracted with the Village of Campton Hills to cold patch pot holes in all Plato Township subdivisions. We picked up garbage on Garfield Road and removed an old and broken wooden guard rail on High Point Lane. We repaired damaged mailboxes and posts throughout Campton Township and the Village of Campton Hills; cleaned all grates and storm drains of debris throughout the Township and Village; assessed roadways for drainage problems and potholes; repaired potholes with cold patch throughout the Township and Village; checked all stop signs in the Township and Village on a weekly basis and replaced damaged or missing ones; and we checked for the issuance of culvert permits throughout the Township and Village. Ongoing maintenance on Township vehicles and equipment was performed in-house by Highway District staff.

Assessor – Alan D. Rottmann: assessor Rottmann stated he was reviewing real estate sales and looking at homes to see if they need to be reassessed. Campton Hills Village President Mike Tyrrell contacted him about recent Village zoning changes from farm to residential. He told him assessments are not based on zoning.

Solid Waste District - Larry Gallagher, President: Absent.

Financial Report - Cheryl Stutesman, Finance Director: No written report.

Corron Farm Preservation Society update – Laurel Garza, President: Absent.

Operations Manager – Tom Serewicz: Operations Manager Serewicz stated:

**At Anderson Park** storm culverts were cleaned, asphalt pot holes repaired, parking lot barricades taken down, and the pipeline contractor assisted.

**At Whitney Park** the heat in the main house was checked, ice control applied to sidewalks, storm damaged tree branches were cut up and hauled away, and the plastic on the school house was repaired.

**At the Community Center** ice control was applied to sidewalks, pot holes were patched with asphalt, turf was repaired, and we assisted in removing the old meeting room floor.

**At Gray Willows** the heat in the main house was checked, leaves were removed from the basement entrance, the shop was cleaned, and ice control was applied to the shop.

At Harley Woods: Torchy Property: No report.

**At Corron Farm:** ice control applied, cut and hauled away storm damaged branches, installed new park sign on corner of Silver Glen & Corron Road, repaired a fence, regraded gravel areas, and repaired turf.

**At Town Hall:** ice control applied to sidewalk, cleaned the inside of the building, and checked the heat.

Brown Road Meadows: gravel was spread, closed for the season.

Lily Lake Blue Park: ice control applied to sidewalks, driveway markers taken down.

Headwaters Conservation Area: turf was repaired, got quote on new dog pen fence.

**Poynor Park:** opened for the season, added new parking bumps, patch potholes in driveway with asphalt, install, grade, stake to fill in areas with black dirt.

**General Notes:** sanitize trucks daily, clean/wash trucks, assist office staff, rust repairs to truck #57 (dump truck), label fuel cells, all port-o-lets delivered for spring season, staff assisted in prescribed burn, and met with Supervisor regarding Corron Farm barn work.

*Natural Resources Monthly Report – Josh Nelson, Restoration Ecologist:* Restoration Ecologist Nelson stated:

# **Projects Completed/Ongoing:**

- 1. Completed winter seeding.
- 2. Repaired/Expanded driveway at office.
- 3. Cleaned Gray Willows barn in preparation for summer events.
- 4. Promoting/taking reservations for community gardens.
- 5. Assisted operations staff as needed.
- 6. Completed ComEd Green Region and ComEd Powering Safe Communities grant applications.
- 7. Wrapped up winter brush clearing projects.
- 8. Processed GIS (Geographic Information System) data from growing season.
- 9. Completed Parks and Open Space brand guide and beginning implementation.
- 10. Continued planning 2022 All Wheel Show. Current focus is obtaining vendors and sponsors.
- 11. Kane County Wild Ones will be hosting their annual Native Plant Sale at Gray Willows Farm in May. This will be a great promotion for the Parks and Open Space Program.
- 12. Began spring prescribed burns.
- 13. Continued promotion of the Kane County Spring 2022 Ephemerals INaturalist Citizen Science project.
- 14. Pruned trees in turf areas.
- 15.Began spring salamander survey. This year focusing on Gray Willows Farm. Significant numbers of Eastern Tiger Salamanders have been documented. This is significant in demonstrating the success of the wetland restorations. We found five salamanders with egg masses. This is diagnostic of wetland health and speaks highly of the work being done.
- 16. Making preparations for the Annual Meeting.

## Meetings/Trainings/Public Outreach:

- 1. Additional meetings with Anderson Humane Society regarding potential partnerships. We will be co-hosting their summer camp series at Gray Willows Farm. In addition, we are planning a twice monthly series on hikes/nature programs to be co-hosted. We are also coordinating with Anderson Humane as wildlife release sites.
- 2. Met with Sheriff Ron Hain regarding Township partnerships.
- 3. Met with the director of the SanFilippo Foundation regarding possible fundraising events.
- 4. Carter Dell completed OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) 10-hour safety training course.
- 5. Natural Resources staff participated in fire extinguisher safety use training courtesy of Maple Park Fire Department, led by Max Anderson.

### **Volunteer Service:**

- 1. Cub Scout Pack 165 carried out a brush clearing workday at Gray Willows Farm. Pack 150 scheduled a workday.
- 2. Volunteer Leah Kmiecik finished installation of 20 nest boxes at Gray Willows Farm with assistance from staff. Within 24 hours bluebirds were already utilizing them. These will be monitored through Nestwatch.org.
- 3. Multiple Eagle Scout projects in progress, anticipating upcoming workdays.
- 4. A volunteer steward has documented (with reliable validation from the University of Illinois) the Southern Plains Bumblebee on the Ponds of Stony Creek development site. While not unheard of in our area, we lie outside of its standard range. This species is not federally listed but is identified by the International Union of Conservation of Nature's Red List as Endangered.

	Hours	State Value	Staff Value
Total Volunteer Hours to Date	1720	\$50,516.40	\$20,640.00
Volunteer Steward Hours to Date	229	\$6,725.73	\$2,748.00

Planning Commission Report - Jesse Varsho stated the last meeting of the Plan Commission was March 23rd. Participants from the public mentioned horse trails. There are common sense plans for these uses to make logical choices. E. Murphy stated could we put a kiosk there to have people sign in to see what they are doing, to see what they are using the trails for. To see how many people use it. J. Varsho said what to do about horse poop? There is an Ordinance about this. The Kane County Forest Preserve has closed the horse trails now because they are wet. Wet trails are not good for horses.

Supervisor Report - John Kupar: Supervisor Kupar stated:

I received a final report on the wetlands sale for last year from V3. Campton Township's wetland's banking program had a very respectful performance this past year. Credits that were sold and available credits include the following:

Performance Period: - March 2021 - March 2022

o Total 2021 Sales: \$2,017,282.50 Total Credits Sold: 19.91 Township Share: \$403,456.50

o Gray Willows:

Total Sales: \$1,151,830.00 **Total Credits** 11.927 Average Price: \$96,573.00

Headwaters Conservation Area

Total Sales: \$865,452.50 **Total Credits** 7.94 Average Price \$106,524.00

#### 2022 Headwaters Sales to date:

- \$137,637.50, Pulte balance for 1.43 credits, Pulte Homes, Batavia, 2/17/2022
- \$36,300, 0.314 credits, Village of Plainfield Road Project, 2/10/2022

V3 has had recent discussions with the USACE (United States Army Corp. of Engineers) that they (Army Corp.) will release 8.81 certified credits at Headwaters. V3 has also requested the release of 2.15 uncertified credits at Gray Willows with V3's 2021 monitoring report.

The Township met with the owners of Friendly Ford (Randy and Matt Yockey) to discuss sponsorship of Campton Township's next car show which will be held at Poynor Park. Matt and Randy agreed to sponsor the show and provide material, personnel, and financial support. Randy is a longtime resident of

- Campton Township and he wants to help us succeed any way he can. We anticipate over 200 cars this year.
- Yesterday, over 8000 gallons of gas was released from the Shell station in Lily Lake. The site was under construction which exposed the tops of the storage tanks. Heave rains caused water to accumulate in the tank area causing the tanks to rise and break the distribution lines. The gas went under Route 64 into the wetlands that we have a conservation easement with WLS Television, Inc. The Elburn Fire Department responded along with IEPA (Illinois Environmental Protection Agency) Emergency Response Management, Kane County Emergency Response Management, Kane County Water Resources, Illinois State Fire Marshal, Lily Lake and Campton Township. Josh Nelson and his team are providing information on the extent of the contamination in the wetlands to the responders. As of this afternoon approximately 1,000 gallons of fuel/water mixture have been recovered. The intent of the immediate remedial measure is to construct an interceptor ditch in the middle of the wetlands to capture free product and impacted water.

# 5. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Board Meeting March 8, 2022: J. Varsho moved the Board approve the minutes of the meeting of March 8, 2022. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupar and Trustees Varsho and Murphy voted aye. The motion passed.
- *b. Special Board Meeting March 4, 2022:* E. Murphy moved the Board approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of March 4, 2022. J. Varsho seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupar and Trustees Varsho and Murphy voted aye. The motion passed.

### 6. Citizens' Comments: None.

#### 7. Old Business - Presentation and Discussion for Action:

a. Review and Act Upon Whitney School House Proposal: J. Varsho moved the Board table this agenda item. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupar and Trustees Varsho and Murphy voted aye. The motion passed.

### 8. New Business - Presentation and Discussion for Action:

- a. Review and Act Upon Brochure, Mailer and Township Survey: Restoration Ecologist Nelson stated there are several ways we can survey residents on the benefits of park districts. He has quotes on a brochure. For 6,000 copies to print and fold the cost is \$3,800, and another \$700 for bulk mailing, totaling \$4,500.00. If we go digital or by web site we could launch almost immediately. J. Varsho suggested a post card. It was decided to give this more time to think it through. J. Varsho moved the Board table this item. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupar and Trustees Varsho and Murphy voted aye. The motion passed.
- b. Review and Act Upon Campton Township Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 22-1T: J. Varsho moved the Board approve the Campton Township General Town Fund Budget and Appropriation Ordinance No. 22-1T. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kupar and Trustees Varsho and Murphy voted aye. The Ordinance passed.
- c. Review and Act Upon Campton Road District Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 22-1R: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the Campton Township Road and Bridge Fund Budget and Appropriation Ordinance No. 22-1R. J. Varsho seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kupar and Trustees Varsho and Murphy voted aye. The Ordinance passed.
- d. Review and Act Upon Approval of Year End Fiscal Report March 31, 2022 for Annual Meeting: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the Normal Trial Balance by Department to Statement of Revenues and Expenditures from 4/1/2021 through 3/31/2022. J. Varsho seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kupar and Trustees Varsho and Murphy voted aye. The motion passed.
- e. Discuss and Act Upon Trustee Candidate Mark Metzger: J. Kupar stated Mark is our chief maple syrup maker. He is a retired Naval Captain of destroyers and was

chief engineer of a nuclear aircraft carrier. He has lived here since 2010. He was unable to be here tonight. J. Varsho moved to table this agenda item. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupar and Trustees Varsho and Murphy voted aye. The motion passed.

f. Review and Act Upon Approval of Line-Item Amendments to Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures Line Item Amendments to Original Budget from 4/1/2021 through 3/31/2022. J. Varsho seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kupar and Trustees Varsho and Murphy voted aye. The motion passed.

## 9. Claims and Demands Authorized for Payment:

- a. Town Fund \$13,451.97: J. Varsho moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Town Fund in the amount of \$13,451.97. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kupar and Trustees Varsho and Murphy voted aye. The motion passed.
- b. Road & Bridge Fund \$117,671.86: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Road and Bridge Fund in the amount of \$117,671.86. J. Varsho seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kupar and Trustees Varsho and Murphy voted aye. The motion passed.
  - c. Capital Improvement Fund \$0
- d. Open Space Fund \$24,771.49: J. Varsho moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Open Space Fund in the amount of \$24,771.49. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kupar and Trustees Varsho and Murphy voted aye. The motion passed.
- 10. Executive Session Review Executive Session Minutes of March 8, 2022; Land Acquisition; Personnel Issues; Legal Issues: J. Varsho moved the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing the Executive Session minutes of March 8, 2022. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupar and Trustees Varsho and Murphy voted aye. The motion passed and Executive Session began at 8:52 p.m.
- **11. New Business Continued:** Supervisor Kupar reconvened the regular session at 8:54 p.m.
- aa. Review and Act Upon Whether to Approve Executive Session minutes of March 8, 2022: J. Varsho moved the Board approve the Executive Session minutes of March 8, 2022. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupar and Trustees Varsho and Murphy voted aye. The motion passed.
- **12. Adjournment:** J. Varsho moved the Board adjourn the meeting. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupar and Trustees Varsho and Murphy voted aye. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Johansen

Clerk