

**1. 2. 3.** The July 12, 2022 Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kubar at the Community Center at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Clerk Johansen called the roll with Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger, who appeared remotely, present. Trustee Metzger could hear and participate by audio link.

**4. New Business – Presentation and Discussion for action:**

*a. Review and Act Upon Eagle Project Final Presentation, James Zuckerman, Troop 10:* Eagle Scout candidate James Zuckerman was absent. J. Varsho moved the Board table this agenda item. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger, by audio-phone, voted aye. The motion passed.

*b. Review and Act Upon Proposal for Upland Design to Prepare OSLAD Grant Application for Whitney Park:* E. Murphy moved the Board approve the “Agreement Between Client and Firm for Landscape Architectural Services Master Plan Updates & OSLAD Grant Preparation”. M. Metzger, by audio-phone, seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger, by audio-phone, voted aye. The motion passed.

*c. Review and Act Upon Proposed Trail of Equestrian Use at Corron Farm:* J. Kubar stated he was prepared to vote to approve some Corron Farm trails in Campton Township be opened to equestrian use on a limited trial basis but then the Township received a letter from TOIRMA (Township Officials of Illinois Risk Management Association) stating “We do not recommend this because the trail at Corron was not set up for equestrian use. To add equestrians would be a substantial increased liability exposure.” J. Kubar added that now we need to look at Headwaters for equestrian use. Sandy Klinkey said equestrians are not supposed to use limestone trails at Headwaters. Tom Serewicz said there is a sign at Headwaters that says do not use the limestone trail, keep going straight. S. Klinkey said equestrians are supposed to pick up manure. We need a container. T. Serewicz said use a garbage can. Mike Warick from Palomino Drive stated he is an insurance executive. The Township insurance company says no to horse use at Corron Farm. State our case to use Corron Farm for equestrian use in a letter to them. They need to give us a list of reasons, not just say no. Now it will take a long time to appeal to their reason to get approval to use Corron Farm for equestrian use. J. Kubar said we are not insurance experts. S. Klinkey said there’s parking at Headwaters. You want the manure to be put in a garbage can with picnic waste? J. Kubar said there’s a can by the porta-potty. T. Serewicz said we can get a 96 gallon can. M. Warick said you need an area where the manure doesn’t get hot – a separate container. J. Kubar said we can get a dumpster out there for this. S. Klinkey said can you provide a map, where horses can go, and not go. T. Serewicz said it will take 3 weeks to get signs up at Headwaters. We will do that. It will cost about \$1000.00. J. Kubar said there might be enough room at Headwaters for three trailers. If there’s a problem you can park near the garage. E. Murphy moved the Board table this agenda item. M. Metzger, by audio phone, seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger, by audio-phone, voted aye. The motion passed.

## **5. Reports:**

*Highway Commissioner – Sam Gallucci:* Commissioner Gallucci's report stated the road crew mowed over grown brush obstructing the view of the intersection of Campton Hills and Beith Roads; trimmed trees around signs for sign visibility; trimmed the intersection of Campton Hills and Farmview Roads, Pine Hills and Campton Hills Roads, and Anderson Road for site visibility; removed excess soil to improve drainage on Retreat Court, Anderson Road, Hunters Hill Lane, and Foxfield Drive; replaced culverts on 4N383 Foxfield Drive, 4N465 Foxfield Drive, 42W565 Foxfield Drive, the intersection of Arrowhead Drive and Foxfield Drive, Hunters Lane, Blue Larkspur Lane, and Anderson Road; removed a tree stump on 4N383 Foxfield Drive; applied shoulder gravel to Knollwood, Arrow Head, and Homeward Glen Drives, and Cranston Road; continued Dura Patching on Garfield, and Pouley Roads, Jens Jensen Lane, and Beith Road between Crestwood Court and Springwood Lane. All grates and storm drains were cleaned of debris throughout Campton Township and the Village of Campton Hills; trees were cut down and chipped up due to storm damage throughout the Township and Village; wing mowing and ditch mowing was completed throughout the Township and Village; roadways were assessed for drainage problems and potholes; potholes were repaired with cold patch throughout the Township and Village; all stop signs in the Township and Village were checked on a weekly basis and damaged or missing ones replaced; and the District 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 certified the Assessor's books on June 15<sup>th</sup>. The County is processing them. It will take about a month and then appeals start.

*Solid Waste District – Larry Gallagher, President:* Solid Waste President Gallagher stated Lakeshore replaced six or eight solid waste carts that were burned by vandals. J. Kuper asked are there cameras there? Josh Nelson said we had cameras there but they were moved to another site. John said let's look into getting more cameras there. L. Gallagher said Lakeshore asked for Police reports so they can turn this into their insurance company for reimbursement. Regarding the power pole incident on Silver Glen, it appears Lakeshore will deny responsibility and blame someone else. It's between Lakeshore and another party. J. Kuper stated the Township incurred \$2500.00 in expense because of lost service to the house. Mention that to Lakeshore. He will talk to Township attorney Jerry Hodge. E. Murphy asked does the Township have a copy of the Waste District contract with Lakeshore? Answer was yes, also it's on their website. Larry added he got a request from the Village of Campton Hills Manager regarding a senior citizen's Lakeshore garbage pick-up in Plato Township. Although the Campton Township Solid Waste District does not go into Plato Township, he visited with this senior citizen anyway and solved his garbage pick-up problem with Lakeshore Recycling. The Solid Waste District is down to three Trustees. There is one open position and they are looking for a replacement.

*Financial Report – Cheryl Stutesman, Finance Director:* Finance Director Stutesman stated:

Audit – Sikich is still in the fieldwork stage of our audit. She is having a call with Sikich tomorrow to try to wrap up the audit in the next week, or so.

### **Kane County Property Tax Receipts in June, 2022:**

Town	362,373.67
Open Space	2,246,601.95
Roads	<u>664,444.70</u>
Total:	<u>3,273,420.32</u>

J. Varsho asked why is Open Space so high? Answer was the Bond Money.

Roads – Received funds from the Village of Campton Hills for:

Road & Bridge May, 2022	27,372.18
MFT April, 2022	<u>18,049.71</u>
Total:	<u>45,421.89</u>

A power outage knocked out the server and the modem fried. Internet outage affected operations for two days.

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

*Operations Manager – Tom Serewicz:* Operations Manager Serewicz stated:

**At Anderson Park** mowing and weed whacking was done, trees were pruned, the parking lot herbicided, signage was added to the park, and storm damaged branches were cut down and hauled away.

**At Whitney Park** mowing and weed whacking was done.

**At the Community Center** mowing and weed whacking was done, and storm damaged branches were hauled away.

**At Gray Willows** mowing and weed whacking was done, and storm damaged trees on the trail were cut down and hauled away.

**At the Harley Woods – Torch Property** mowing and weed whacking was done.

**At Corron Farm** mowing and weed whacking was done, a tree on the north trail was cut down and hauled away, and work is continuing on the big tool shed including insulation and framing interior improvements.

**At Town Hall** mowing and weed whacking was done.

**At Brown Road Meadows** mowing and weed whacking was done, and the parking lot herbicided

**At Lily Lake Blue Park** mowing and weed whacking Blue Park and the cemetery was done, and the play ground area herbicided.

**At the Headwaters Conservation Area** mowing and weed whacking was done, trails were mowed, and new park and trail signs were installed.

**At Poynor Park** mowing and weed whacking was done, trails were mowed, and the new turf area watered.

**In General** trucks were sanitized daily, office staff assisted, the two burnt garbage cans were replaced, and Police Report 22-300019 filed, Corron Farm hosted the Daves family reunion, and the Women’s Auxillary luncheon, the dump truck and trailer passed inspection, all z-trak mowers are running, and TOIRMA insurance visited our site.

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

**Projects Completed/Ongoing:**

- Community gardens are active for the season. We are keeping water tanks full.
- We assisted operations staff as needed.
- We are doing aggressive invasive species control including focus on Creeping Thistle and Sweet Clover. Weather conditions resulted in a particularly strong weed season, combined with being short staffed this has made control especially difficult. At this point our main goal is minimizing impact.
- Continued planning 2022 All Wheel Show. The current focus is on marketing as well as obtaining more sponsors.
- Monitoring nest boxes at Gray Willows Farm as well as continuing monitoring of Monarch Joint Venture study plot at Gray Willows Farm.
- Installed new trails at Headwaters, Gray Willows, and Harley Woods. Working on additional trail improvement projects.
- The Valerian weed is a new weed to control.

### **Meetings/Trainings/Public Outreach:**

- Partnered with Anderson Human to host Critter Camp at Gray Willows Farm. This camp was extremely successful with over 100 kids participating. We are looking forward to growing the program next year.
- Attended Township Planning Commission meeting.

### **Volunteer Service:**

- People Mover Eagle Scout Project completed. Progress is being made on other Eagle Scout projects.
- Volunteers are assisting with wildlife studies.
- Special thanks to Jen Nelson for leading Park and Recreation Month programs/marketing, and Kristi Bruns for volunteering her graphic design skills.

*Planning Commission Report – Jesse Varsho, Chairman:* Chairman Varsho stated there has been no Planning Commission meeting since last months Board meeting. The next Planning Commission meeting will be on July 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be a site tour of Anderson Park. We are getting a new Planning Commission member.

*Supervisor Report – John Kubar:* Supervisor Kubar stated:

The Village of Campton Hills is having a special meeting tonight to discuss elements of the proposed zoning Ordinance the public objected to at the special meeting held in April. Gerald Hodge, the Township's council will be at the meeting tonight. He will speak during the public comment portion of the meeting addressing the Township's concerns and issues that have not been adequately addressed by the Village of Campton Hills. He will attend our next Board meeting and discuss his observations and potential options the Township can exercise to protect its ability to manage its open space properties.

The Township participated in a status meeting on the Lily Lake gas station Spill remediation last week. Participants included: Campton Township, Kane County State's Attorney, Illinois Attorney General's office, Illinois Environmental Protection agency, Kane County Water Resources Department, Campton Township's County Board member, and the Chair of the Kane County Board. For the most part the State is currently focusing on the spill and not the wetlands. The IEPA LUST program had a limited amount of money (\$1.5 M) to spend on the spill response. Those funds are depleted. The IDNR must conduct their assessment. This will take time and their funds are limited. The gas station owner has rejected any responsibility for the wetland's restoration in their answer to the complaint filed by the Illinois Attorney General. We will have another meeting, the latter part of July, to discuss what options the State, County, and the Township can take to get the wetlands restored.

I had discussions with V3 Companies on the status of our wetland banks at Headwaters and gray Willows.

- Recent 2022 sales include:
  - Gray Willows: 0.34 credits; \$43,400.00.
  - Headwaters: 0.474 credits; \$64,800.00.
- Pending Sales:
  - Gray Willows: 1.31 credits; \$367,000.00.
  - Headwaters: 4.47 credits; \$766,200.00. (some sales waiting on permit approvals).
- Available credits:
  - Gray Willows: 0.6885
  - Headwaters: 4.136

S.B. 3789 was signed by Governor Pritzker on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and became Public Act 102-1088. This legislation creates the decennial Committee on Local Government Consolidation and Efficiency Act. The Township Government must, by June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and every 10 years thereafter, form a committee to study the following:

- Local efficiencies,

- An analysis of whether consolidation should be an option with another unit of government. And,
- Create a report with recommendations covering efficiencies, accountability, and consolidation explanations.

## **6. Approval of Minutes:**

*a. Board Meeting June 14, 2022:* E. Murphy moved the Board correct the minutes on page one, Assessor's report, next to last sentence, change ".06%" to "6%". J. Varsho seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger, by audio phone, voted aye. The motion passed. J. Varsho moved the Board approve the minutes, as corrected. M. Metzger seconded the motion by audio phone. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger, by audio phone, voted aye. The motion passed.

**7. Citizens' Comments:** Restoration Ecologist Nelson, who was in telephone communication with Township Attorney Hodge, stated our Attorney in attendance at the Village of Campton Hills public meeting told him he was not allowed to speak on the Village Zoning agenda item because they were speaking about chickens and RV's.

## **8. Old Business – Presentation and Discussion for Action:**

*a. Review and Act Upon Whitney School House Proposal:* E. Murphy moved the Board remove this agenda item permanently. J. Varsho seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger, by audio phone, voted aye. The motion passed. J. Kuper gave direction to staff to put on the next agenda an agenda item that says to find contractors to do a complete restoration of Whitney School House. E. Murphy asked does it have to be completely restored to period? Answer was there are three categories: restoration, complete historic accuracy, and rehabilitation. We are at the rehabilitation category. As long as it looks period and its functional, that's the goal. The standards are national, state and local. We restore it to local standards, not national or state.

*b. Review and Act Upon Parks & Open Space Survey:* Restoration ecologist Nelson stated he sent the proposed draft Open Space survey out to all Board members with the addition that we are in favor of trail riding of horses. He is not aware of any changes suggested by feedback from Board members. J. Varsho moved the Board approve the draft Open Space survey. M. Metzger seconded the motion by audio phone. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger, by audio phone, voted aye. The motion passed. J. Nelson said so we go live with this tomorrow. He will also put flyers up in kiosks. He thinks there will be about a 60 to 90 day run for this.

## **9. Claims and Demands Authorized for Payment:**

*a. Town Fund \$11,652.89:* J. Varsho moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Town Fund in the amount of \$11,652.89. M. Metzger seconded the motion by audio phone. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger, by audio phone, voted aye. The motion passed.

*b. Road & Bridge Fund \$63,961.56:* E. Murphy moved the board approve the claims and demands on the Road and Bridge Fund in the amount of \$63,961.56. J. Varsho seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger, by audio phone, voted aye. The motion passed.

*c. Capital Improvement Fund \$0.*

*d. Open Space Fund \$21,757.78:* E. Murphy moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Open Space Fund in the amount of \$21,757.78. M. Metzger seconded the motion by audio phone. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger, by audio phone, voted aye. The motion passed.

**10. Executive Session – Review Executive Session Minutes of June 14, 2022; Land Acquisition; Personnel Issues; Legal Issues:** J. Varsho moved the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing Executive Session minutes of June 14, 2022, and discussing land acquisition, personnel issues, and legal issues. E.

Murphy seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger, by audio phone, voted aye. The motion passed and Executive Session began at 9:12 p.m.

**11. New Business Continued:** Supervisor Kuper reconvened the regular session at 9:45 p.m.

*aa. Review and Act Upon Whether to Approve Executive Session Minutes of June 14, 2022:* E. Murphy moved the Board approve the Executive Session minutes of June 14, 2022 as amended by E. Murphy. M. Metzger seconded the motion by audio phone. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho. Murphy, and Metzger, by audio phone, voted aye. The motion passed.

**12. Adjournment:** E. Murphy moved the Board adjourn the meeting. J. Varsho seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger, by audio phone, voted aye. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Johansen

Clerk