

1. 2. 3. The July 13, 2023 Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kuper at 7:39 p.m. at the Community Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Clerk Johansen called the roll with Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger present.

4. Old Business – Presentation and Discussion for Action:

a. Review and Act Upon Scout Final Presentation – Casey Oliva: M. Metzger moved this item be removed from the agenda. J. Varsho seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

5. Reports:

Highway Commissioner – Sam Gallucci: Commissioner Gallucci's report stated the Highway District completed cold patching repair on McDonald Road and mowed all ditches on McDonald Road between Kendall Road and Brierwood Drive in Plato Township in compliance with the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Campton Hills. Numerous fallen trees were cleared, cut and chipped up, on Town Hall, Far View, and Swanberg Roads, Lost View and Sylvan Lanes, and Willowbrook Drive, to ensure safe roads. The Ravine Road washout was repaired for drainage and road safety. Cross culvert replacement has begun on Johnson, Wyngate, and Arbor Creek Roads, and two on Ridgeview Court. The culvert on Johnsway Lane is being replaced. A dead deer was picked up on Bolcum Road, and garbage bags were picked up on Old Burlington Road. All grates and storm drains were cleared of debris throughout Campton Township and the Village of Campton Hills, gravel was applied to roadway shoulders in the Township and Village, tree trimming was completed throughout the Township and Village, trimming of weeds was completed in several areas of the Township and Village to enhance safety, roadways were assessed for drainage and pothole issues, potholes were repaired with cold patch throughout the Township and Village, stop signs were checked throughout the Township and Village on a weekly basis, and damaged or missing signs replaced, the District checked for the issuance of culvert permits throughout the

Township and Village, and ongoing maintenance on Township vehicles and equipment was performed in-house by Highway District staff.

Assessor – Alan D. Rottmann: Absent.

Solid Waste District – Larry Gallagher, President: No Report.

Financial Report – Rebekah Flakus, Finance Director: Finance Director Flakus's report stated:

Town Fund

Administration

- The 2nd disbursement of the Kane County Property Tax Levy was received for Town. This installment was a significant amount of the total amount levied.

Road District Fund

Administration

- The 2nd disbursement of the Kane County Property Tax Levy was received this month. This installment was a significant amount of the total amount levied.
- Field Fees and Court fines #4080 & #4120 have already met or exceeded the annual amount budgeted.

Maintenance

- Equipment, account #5470, is currently over its budget. Diagnostic software, a hydraulic sign hammer and several items to compete Truck 2 and Truck 8. This account also includes the striping/logo painting of a truck that was bought in FY 2023. I will be reviewing these expenses to determine if any reclasses are necessary.

Open Space Fund

Administration

- The 2nd disbursement of the Kane County Property Tax Levy was received this month. This installment was a significant amount of the total amount levied.
- The Township's contact at Bank of New York Mellon transferred the last two bond rebates this month. These were deposited into the #4050 grant proceeds account. These bi-monthly deposits are due to the 2010 Build American Bonds.

Maintenance

- The real estate taxes were paid in full last month. Account #5710 is slightly over budget. The budget didn't include a large enough increase over the prior year.
- Maintenance-Buildings, account #5580, includes several expenses for Corron Farm. \$20,000 of the expenses for this project this year will be reimbursed to us by the Corron Farm Preservation Society.

I am slightly behind in my work for the current audit, but have spoken with Sikich, LLP about rescheduling plans to complete. Over the next couple weeks, I will be preparing documents, and journal vouchers, and adjustments to get Fiscal Year 2023 closed.

Trustee Murphy stated short term interest rates are 5% so we want to move our short- term money to get better interest for the Township.

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

Operations Manager – Tom Serewicz: Operations Manager Serewicz's report stated:

At Anderson Park mowing and weed whacking was done, and trails and gravel were herbicided.

At Whitney Park mowing and weed whacking was done.

At the Community Center mowing and weed whacking was done and the emergency lights were repaired.

At Gray Willows mowing and weed whacking was done, weeds were herbicided, barn siding was patched, and we helped set-up the Picnic Event.

At Harley Woods mowing and weed whacking was done.

At Corron Farm mowing and weed whacking was done, trails were mowed, storm damaged branches were cut up and hauled away, weeds were herbicided, the north trail pruned, gravel was spread near the barns, and we worked in the big tool shed.

At Town Hall mowing and weed whacking was done, the front door lock repaired, and air conditioning and water were checked.

At Brown Road Meadows mowing and weed whacking was done, unused plots were mowed, and water containers filled.

At Lily Lake Blue Park mowing and weed whacking was done at Blue Park and the Cemetery.

At the Headwaters Conservation Area mowing and weed whacking was done, trails were mowed, trees were pruned, weeds herbicided, and the dog waste garbage can replaced.

At Poyner Park mowing and weed whacking was done, trails were mowed, storm damaged trees were cut up and hauled away, weeds were herbicided, and the Kiosk repaired.

Goldenstein is no report.

In General office staff and outreach staff were assisted, met the Supervisor at the Gardens, and met with Wasco Fast Pitch at Poyner Park regarding the ball fields.

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

Natural Resource Projects Completed/Ongoing:

1. Mechanical control of Sandbar Willow at Poyner Park.
2. Mechanical control of Wild Parsnip and Yellow Sweet Clover at Corron Farm, Headwaters Conservation Area, and Poyner Park.
3. Mechanical control of White Sweet Clover at Corron Farm, Gray Willows Farm, and Headwaters Conservation Area.
4. Chemical control of Crown Vetch, Creeping Thistle, Alfalfa, and Birds Foot Trefoil at Headwaters Conservation Area, Gray Willows Farm, and Poyner Park.

5. Chemical control of Cutleaf Teasel at Headwaters Conservation Area, And Harley Woods.
6. Chemical Control of Reed Canary Grass at Headwaters Conservation Area, and Gray Willows Farm.
7. Enrichment seeding in areas of heavy weed control efforts at Headwaters Conservation Area.
8. Coordinating with V3 regarding Lily Lake fuel spill restoration project and wetland mitigation banks.

Other Projects Completed/Ongoing:

1. Trail maintenance at Harley Woods and Gray Willows Farm. Installing new connector trail at Headwaters Conservation Area.
2. Managing community gardens. Significant portion of time spent on maintaining water tanks.
3. Assorted equipment repair/maintenance.
4. Assisted with the picnic at the Farm and Summer Critter Camp.
5. Led Kane County Nature Rx Forest Therapy experience for staff from Kane County Health Department and State's Attorney's office.
6. Finalizing paperwork for Illinois Clean Energy Grant for Goldenstein Farm.

Meetings/Professional Development:

1. Met with Kane County Nature Rx Coalition to discuss programming.
2. Attended Conservation Foundation meeting.
3. Attended Planning Commission meeting. Led hike at Harley Woods.

Outreach Program Manager – Cheryl Smith: Outreach Program Manager Smith stated:

Outreach Programs:

- SUMMER CRITTER CAMPS – WEEK ONE – JULY 3, 5, AND 6.
 - We had 20 campers for the first week.
 - The kids had so much fun that we now have a wait list for week 3 as many kids want to return.
- PICNIC @ THE FARM – JULY 1ST
 - Over 100 people attended.
 - The weather was miserably sticky, we did not have the numbers I was hoping for.
 - I think this is an event that will grow to be great.
- SUNRISE HIKE –
 - Lots of interest.
 - We will start adding different types of hikes as our schedules allow.
- CRITTER CLUB – 4 – 5 YEARS OLD.
 - We are starting to get registrations.
- NATURE & WILDLIFE DETECTIVES – 6 – 10 YEARS OLD
 - Last month was a success, we have kids returning.
- O.W.L.S. – OLDER WISER, LEARNING FOR SENIORS
 - Program push is on hold until after Critter Camp.
- BARN BINGO *– SO MUCH FUN!!!
 - July 5th – Our very first Barn Bingo was a big success.

- We had 29 people show up in a storm.
- We raised \$230 – (\$60 spent on snacks and water).
- Working on securing more sponsors for this event (food and prizes)
 - August and September sponsors are covered.

*Per Trustee Murphy this must meet the requirements of a 501 3 c.

Nature Rx:

- Josh and the Conservation Foundation co-hosted a Nature Rx program at Gray Willows Farm on June 27th.

Programs in the Works:

- Prairie Fest
 - August 12th @ Historic Corron Farm
 - 11:00 am – 3 pm
- Poynor After Dark
 - September 15th @ Poynor Park
 - Glow disc golf, games, hikes, and activities
- Program for children with disabilities –
 - Program push on hold until after Critter Camp
- Parents Night off Program
 - Parent drop off for 3 hours from 5 – 8 pm at Gray Willows
 - Once a month on a Friday night
- Creatures of the Night
 - October 20th at Historic Corron Farm
 - Kid Friendly costumes with costume contests for kids and adults, wagon rides, spooky hikes, bonfire (s'mores), apple bar, photo booths.
- Fall Critter Camp
 - Three days (Mon, Tues, Wed) during Thanksgiving break.
- Winter Critter Camp

Planning Commission Report – Jesse Varsho, Chairman: Plan Commission Chairman Varsho stated Plan Commission met at Harley Woods. A couple questions: Who takes the lead on the tree dedication? And who does the Wheel Show? Josh has been doing it. J. Kuper stated we'll let Josh know he does the Car Show.

Supervisor Report – John Kuper: Supervisor Kuper stated:

- The Township received \$95, 949.20 from wetland credit sales. This included:
 - \$603.00 from Gray Willows from a fractional sale to DuPage County Forest Preserve, and
 - \$95,346.20 from Blackberry Creek wetlands bank from fractional credit sales to:
 - TCM Land Holdings (0.32)
 - Village of Monee (0.32)
 - Quick Trip Corp (0.38)
 - Trade Lane Properties (0.44)
 - Village of Roselle (0.674)

- Total – 1.934 credits
 - \$170,000 per credit acre.
- I spoke with Anthony Carusso of Wessels and Sherman. I asked Wessels and Sherman to review the Township’s Employee Handbook and update it to current State standards. A copy of the handbook has been sent to him for review. I also asked him to locate an HR consultancy that potentially could manage the Township’s HR functions on a part time basis.
- I will be meeting with a property owner this Saturday to discuss potential acquisition. This property is adjacent to one of the Township’s Open Space properties.
- In preparation of the closing of the Goldenstein West property, we submitted documents requested by the Illinois Clean Energy Foundation. Upon review, the Foundation noted that the property appraisal was more than a year old. In addition, the appraisal report had the Conservation Foundation as the purchaser. I spoke to the Conservation Foundation and they will generate a new appraisal with Campton Township as the owner.
- I spoke with Micelle Kelly, the Township’s grant writer. We discussed the status of the LAWCON grant. All indications are that this grant will be awarded in August.
- Next week I have a meeting scheduled with Senator Don Dewitte discussing HB 3642. HB 3642 amends the Illinois Open Space to require a majority affirmative vote of the Township Board, and a majority affirmative vote of a Township Referendum before Township Open Space lands could be sold.

Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Township Open Space Article of the Township Code. Reduces the acreage that constitutes open land or open space under the article to 25 acres (currently, 50 acres). Provides, in the definition of “open space purposes”, that development includes development for agricultural purposes. Provides that a township board may lease open space for open space purposes and may not lease any part of open space to anyone other than the federal government, a state government, or a local government. Provides that leased open space may be used for agricultural purposes. Provides that the township board may not sell, convey, donate or otherwise dispose of open space without referendum approval by the majority of the voters of the township at a regular election, and provides that the board may certify the question of disposition of property to the appropriate election authority only if the board approves the question by at least a two thirds majority of the board members. Provides that, if a township dissolves or is consolidated or merged or the boundaries of the township are altered, any affected open space shall continue to be used as required in the open space plan unless the open space disposed of is approved by a two-thirds vote of the board of the unit of local government in control of that open space and after referendum of the voters of the unit of local government.

House Floor Amendment No. 1

Provides that a township board may lease open space for open space purposes and buildings and facilities on the open space to an individual, a nonprofit organization, the federal government, a state government, or a local government (rather than only to the federal government, a state government, or a local government)

6. Approval of Minutes:

a. Board Meeting May 9, 2023: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the minutes of the meeting of May 9, 2023. M. Metzger seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

b. Special Board Meeting June 1, 2023: J. Varsho moved the Board approve the minutes of the meeting of June 1, 2023. M. Metzger seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

c. Board Meeting June 13, 2023: M. Metzger moved the Board approve the minutes of the meeting of June 13, 2023. J. Varsho seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

7. Citizens Comments (comments to be kept to a maximum of 3 minutes): None.

8. Old Business continued – Presentation and Discussion for Action: None.

9. New Business – Presentation and Discussion for Action:

a. Review and Act Upon Approval of Resolution for BMO Bank Account Signatories: J. Varsho moved the Board approve the “Certified Resolutions for Local Government Customer dated July 11, 2023” authorizing certain Township officials to sign BMO Bank checks on behalf of Campton Township. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The Resolution passed.

10. Claims and Demands Authorized for Payment:

a. Town Fund \$9,419.33: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Town Fund in the amount of \$9,419.33. M. Metzger seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

b. Road & Bridge Fund \$19,709.81: M. Metzger moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Road and Bridge Fund in the amount of \$19,709.81. J. Varsho seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

c. Capital Improvement Fund: \$0

d. Open Space Fund \$88,298.70: J. Varsho moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Open Space Fund in the amount of \$88,298.70. M. Metzger seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

11. Executive Session – Review Executive Session Minutes of January 10, 2023, March 14, 2023, April 6, 2023, and June 13, 2023; Land Acquisition; Personnel Issues; Legal Issues: M. Metzger moved the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing the Executive Session minutes of January 10, 2023, March 14, 2023, April 6, 2023, and June 13, 2023; land acquisition, personnel issues, and legal issues. J. Varsho seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed and Executive Session began at 8:22 p.m.

12. New Business Continued:

aa. Review and Act Upon Whether to Approve Executive Session Minutes of January 10, 2023; March 14, 2023; April 6, 2023; and June 13, 2023: J. Varsho moved the Board approve the Executive Session minutes of January 10, 2023, March 14, 2023, April 6, 2023, and the Executive Session minutes of June 13, 2023, as

corrected. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

13. Adjournment: M. Metzger moved the meeting be adjourned. J. Varsho seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Johansen

Clerk