

1. 2. 3. The June 14, 2022 Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kuper at the Community Center at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Clerk Johansen called the roll with Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger present.

4. Employee Recognition - Pam Snyder: Supervisor Kuper stated Pam Snyder has been with Campton Township for 21 years. She is our H.R. (Human Resources) Manager. In recognition of her 21 years of service to the Township, the Board presents her with this plaque of appreciation. Pictures were taken of Pam Snyder's presentation with Supervisor Kuper and Highway Commissioner Gallucci.

5. Reports:

Highway Commissioner – Sam Gallucci: Commissioner Gallucci stated the Highway District got a federal grant to pave the length of Anderson Road from Route 64 to Route 38. Seventy-five per cent of the cost is Federal, the Village of Campton Hills pays 18%, and Campton Township pays the rest. Crewmen attended a staff and safety training meeting regarding wood chipper and chain saw usage on 04/28/22. On April 20th crewmen Jacob Matthews and Ryan Rothecher attended seminars on West Nile Virus and mosquito control and received certification to dispense mosquito briquettes for the 2022 season. Brush pick-up has been completed north and south of Route 64 in Campton Township, the Village of Campton Hills, and Campton Hills in Plato Township. Culvert replacements were completed on Woodland and South Circle Drives, Sundance Court and Reindeer Trail. Culverts typically fail from rust after 25 years. We will be replacing 51 culverts this year. The Road District completed a crack sealing contract on I.C. Trail on 04/27/22 and 04/28/22 for the Village of Lily Lake; replaced two mailbox posts on Old LaFox and Brown Roads; and removed excess soil to improve drainage on Hunters Hill, South Circle, Woodland, and Whirlaway Drives, and Ridgeview Court. The District continued restoration of residential lawn damage caused by snowplowing throughout Campton Township and the Village of Campton Hills; cleaned all grates and storm drains of debris throughout the Township and Village; completed ditch and wing mowing 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 signs; and 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 Chief Deputy Assessor Bolger and him are wrapping up the Assessment Books, and he will certify them tomorrow morning. Assessed value for the Township went up .06% this year. That does not affect residents tax bills.

Solid Waste District – Larry Gallagher, President: Solid Waste District President Gallagher stated:

- the annual electronics pick-up will be June 20th to 24th. They can pick up, up to seven items. You have to call for them to pick-up. They sent residents a flyer explaining this.

- There was vandalism of carts at Poynor and Anderson Park.
- A LRS garbage truck “tepeed” a transformer that sparked a transformer fire at Silver Glen and Corron Road.
- Joe Drago’s term is up this month. We will need a new Trustee for the Solid Waste District.

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

- There is no annual budget yet. It will be in by next months meeting.
- Sikich is still in the fieldwork stage of the audit.
- The Kane County Property Tax receipts in May of 2022 are:

Town	39,304.37
Open Space	243,674.70
<u>Roads</u>	<u>72,084.53</u>
Total	355,063.60
- Open Space \$325,000 received from Schwab Money Market for operation
These funds are from the redemption of US T-Bill 912828Q29 in March.

Bond interest payments were made on June 13th.

Zions Bank	241,875.00
BNY Mellon	70,300.00
<u>Park Ridge Community</u>	<u>19,408.60</u>
Total	331,583.60

Supervisor Kubar asked Trustee Murphy that since interest rates are going up should we talk to our financial people? Answer was as funds terms are up, we will look at that.

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, the limestone trail was repaired, the burnt area from the port-o-let fire was repaired, fences, the parking lot, and trails were herbicided, the ball fields and park were TrakVaced, and prepared for the annual softball tournament on Memorial Day.

At Whitney Park mowing and weed whacking was done.

At the Community Center mowing and weed whacking was done, a sump pump pipe was repaired, and storm damaged branches were hauled away.

At Gray Willows mowing and weed whacking was done, and the shop area was herbicided.

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

At Corron Farm mowing and weed whacking was done, trails were mowed, fence lines herbicided, and storm damaged branches were cut down and hauled away.

At Town Hall mowing and weed whacking was done, and a new flag installed.

At Brown Road Meadows mowing and weed whacking was done, the gate post repaired, and garbage was removed from the yard waste dumpster.

At Lily Lake Blue Park mowing and weed whacking was done at the cemetery and Blue Park, and a new flag installed at the cemetery for Memorial Day.

At the Headwaters Conservation Area mowing and weed whacking was done, trails were mowed and weed whacked, the playground and corral was herbicided, and a quote obtained on a new dog pen fence.

At Poynor Park mowing and weed whacking was done, trails were mowed, the parking lot and ballfields were herbicided, and a black dirt project was started to repair the southside turf. The league was charged for herbiciding the ballfields.

In General trucks were sanitized daily, office staff assisted, the people mover was repaired, new garbage cans ordered, burnt garbage can replaced at Poynor Park near the Handi-capped Port-o-let, trying to hire seasonal help. Port-o-lets / garbage cans set on fire at Anderson Park – Police report filed #22-900036. A trail was damaged at the Headwaters Conservation Area by a Com-Ed truck. We are waiting for them to repair the damaged trail.

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

Projects Completed/Ongoing:

1. Community Gardens are active for the season, keeping water tanks filled and planted pumpkins/sunflowers.
2. Assisted Operations staff as needed.
3. Aggressive invasive species control including focus on Callery Pear, Chervil, 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.
- 4. Continued planning 2022 All Wheel Show. The event is on September 25th at Poynor Park. It includes food, beer, activities, and music. It will feature cars, trucks, tractors, RC cars, motorcycle, or anything else on wheels. There will be over 20 classes and special awards.**
5. Monitoring nest boxes at Gray Willows Farm as well as continuing monitoring of Monarch Joint Venture study plot at Gray Willows Farm.
6. Installed new trails at Headwaters, Gray Willows and Harley Woods. Working on additional trail improvement projects.
7. Installed WiFi at Gray Willows Barn for events.
8. Installed dedication bench and trees at Poynor Park. A large doner contributed \$2,500 for the bench and trees.
9. Secured \$1,500 in grant funding.

Meetings/Trainings/Public Outreach:

1. Met with Anderson Humane regarding co-hosted programs.
2. Staff attending University of Illinois webinars on various ecological topics.
3. Assisted with Wild Ones Native Plant Sale at Gray Willows Farm. Over 400 in attendance. Discussing partnerships for next year.
4. Multiple meetings regarding fuel spill at Routes 47 and 64.

Volunteer Service:

1. Multiple groups carried out invasive species removal workdays.
2. Multiple Eagle Scout projects in progress, workdays scheduled.
3. Volunteers assisting with wildlife studies.

Planning Commission Report – Jesse Varsho, Chairman: Plan Commission Chairman Varsho stated:

- We have a Trustee applicant for the Planning Commission. He will reach out to her to get her on board.
- At the Plan Commission meeting yesterday, they were looking at solutions for horse use at Corron Farm. He presented the Town Board with:

Recommendation for Equestrian Use of Corron Farm

The Planning Commission, with a majority vote of yeas on June 13, 2022, recommends, on a limited trial basis, that the Corron Farm Open Space property be opened to equestrian use.

Criteria for the Trial Period

The limited trial will be from June 2022 through December 31, 2022. Additionally, the status for the day-to-day trail usage will be governed by the Campton Township staff under guidance provided by the Township Trail Monitoring Standards or the Kane County Forest Preserve trail status.

All Corron Farm trails, with the exception of the Corron Farm Woodland Trail (Teal trail), will be open to equestrian use.

This is a ride-in only trial period with no trailer parking.

Considerations:

In making this recommendation the Commission's due diligence consisted of the following:

1. Citizen input and desires for equestrian trail use.
2. Campton Township staff from the Operations and Natural Resources Departments provided input and concerns relating to trail use impact potential.
3. Campton Township Trail Monitoring Standards as developed by the Township staff in conjunction with the Township Planning Commission.
4. Review of other local forest preserve practices and guidelines.
5. Site visit and trail walk by the Planning Commission of the Corron Farm trails.
6. Forest Preserve Mounted Ranger experiential input.

Supervisor Kubar stated this is a great start. You have to have a performance matrix. See human interactions with horse use. See the **Basic Trail Monitoring Standards** handout. Monitoring is based mostly on incident reporting. An incident is any deviation from normal. I would feel comfortable with a weekly inspection. If there are issues, identify them. Pam Snyder asked was horse use included in the grant discussion? Chairman Varsho said there were a number of uses in the original document. Trustee Murphy asked is there anybody keeping track of other uses there, like walkers, dogs? Tom Serewicz said there are five or six cars there on a regular basis. Chairman Varsho said we are taking on impacts from a limited number of people. For horse manure, the rule is you have to clean up from that, and if they don't, we shut down the trail.

- Chairman Varsho said the next Plan Commission meeting is a field trip to Anderson Park on July 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Supervisor Report – John Kubar: Supervisor Kubar stated:

- Barbara Wojnicki and I met Kane County today to discuss the status of the State's response to the restoration of the impacted wetlands at Lily Lake.

Those in attendance included:

- Corinne Pierog, Madam Chair, Kane County Board;
- Michele Niermann, Assistant State's Attorney, Kane County;
- Rob Lienke, Water Resources Engineer, Kane County Water Resources Department;
- Barbara Wojnicki, Kane County Board Member; and
- John Kubar, Supervisor, Campton Township.

The Gas stations Environmental Consultant – Northwest Environmental submitted the required 45-day report to the State of Illinois for their review. We don't know how long this review will take. We expressed concern that we may miss the planting window for

early fall. I also expressed concern that the State may not have the funds to restore the wetlands. The course of action we decided was to do the following:

- The State Assistant Attorney will set up a meeting with the Illinois Attorney General to discuss progress and schedule of the law suite the State has filed against the gas stations owners.
- Madam Chair will initiate discussions with the State to try and secure restoration funds to start the restoration process.
- The Assistant State's Attorney provided a copy of the Complaint for Injunctive Relief and Civil Penalties to me this afternoon. I will scan this document and send it to the Board electronically.
- Josh Nelson and I met with John Idler and Craig Strom of ABC on Friday, June 10th, 2022. Mr. Idler is the President of ABC in Chicago, and Mr. Strom is the Chief Engineer. We inspected the impacted wetlands adjacent to the Doppler radar site. Josh updated them on the restoration planning and what has to be initiated. I discussed the legal and regulatory aspects required to move forward. We also discussed another piece of property that they are interested in giving the Township a second conservation easement. We will be discussing this tonight in Executive Session.
- We had an incident at the Goldenstein property on May 17th, 2022. A Lakeshore Recycling truck was picking up a roll container at the site. Once the roll off was on the truck bed, the driver initiated the roll off container cover and started to drive off the site. While leaving the site, the cover frame hit a transformer which fell onto the roll off container and started a fire in the container and grass along the road. The Fire Department and County Sheriff responded. Silver Glen was closed for approximately three hours.
- Josh Nelson, V3 Companies, and I met with Tom Dishno of Northwest Environmental Consultants. Northwest is the environmental consultant to the Lily Lake Shell Station's owners. We discussed our recommendation for restoration of the impacted wetlands, the cost for restoration and schedule. We indicated that this information was also provided to the Illinois Attorney General, Illinois EPA and the County. Tom was going to get this information to the station's owners. He did share some disturbing news. The State has spent \$1.5 million dollars on the emergency response. The State's LUST program does not have any funds for restoration.

6. Approval of Minutes:

a. Board Meeting May 10, 2022: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the minutes of the meeting of May 10, 2022. M. Metzger seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

7. Citizens' Comments: Deborah Callister stated they had citizens attending their Forest Preserve Planning Committee meetings. Her impression was they were willing to cooperate to solve problems. They were willing to do something – just tell us what to do.

8. 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 Kubar and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

9. New Business – Presentation and Discussion for Action:

a. Review and Act Upon Parks and Open Space Survey: Restoration Ecologist Nelson stated he will send the draft survey to Clerk Johansen by email. Discussion and decision may occur at the next Board meeting. E. Murphy moved the Board table this agenda item. J. Varsho seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

J. Varsho stated the next four agenda items are misnumbered. To cure the defect, I move agenda items 9, 10, 11, and 12, be renumbered agenda items 10, 11, 12, and

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

10. (9.) Claims and Demands Authorized for Payment:

a. Town Fund \$5,421.20: J. Varsho moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Town Fund in the amount of \$5,421.20. 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 \$24,921.97: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Road and Bridge Fund in the amount of \$24,921.97. M. Metzger 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 \$21,712.52: E. Murphy moved the board approve the claims and demands on the Open Space Fund in the amount of \$21,712.52. J. Varsho seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

11. (10.) Executive Session – Review Executive Session Minutes of May 10, 2022;

Land Acquisition; Personnel Issues; Legal Issues: J. Varsho moved the Board go into Executive Session to review Executive Session minutes of May 10, 2022; and discuss land acquisition, personnel issues, legal issues and include Restoration Ecologist Nelson and Township Attorney Jerry Hodge in Executive Session. M. Metzger seconded the motion. Township Attorney Hodge stated the vote to go into Executive Session must be by roll call vote. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed and Executive Session began at 8:55 p.m.

12. (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 May 10, 2022: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the Executive Session minutes of May 10, 2022. J. Varsho seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and M. Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

13. (12.) Adjournment: J. Varsho moved the Board adjourn the meeting. M. Metzger seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Johansen

Clerk