

1. Adjourn the Campton Township Board meeting of February 14, 2023: J. Varsho moved the Board adjourn the Board meeting of February 14, 2023. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed and the Board meeting of February 14, 2023 was adjourned.

2. 3. 4. The March 14, 2023 Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kupa at the Community Center at 7:35 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Clerk Johansen called the roll with Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger present.

J. Varsho moved agenda item 10. c. be moved up under 5. New Business.. M. Metzger seconded the motion. Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

5. New Business: - Presentation and Discussion for Action:

a. Review and Act Upon Casey Oliva Eagle Project Proposal: Eagle Scout candidate Casey Oliva is working towards the Distinguished Conservation Award, a national BSA award. He is a Senior from Lombard and he stated his project is to build animal habitat boxes. He wants to build five wood duck boxes, five blue bird boxes, and boxes for bats, and kestrels. They will help control insect pest problems we have in the area. What is needed is wood and screws to construct boxes that are made specifically for the animal they are needed for. There are three phases. First is gathering the materials including wood that is rough sawed pine that is not treated. He will be going to home improvement stores asking for donations. Next is to construct the boxes with the help of a couple scouts at his home. Finally, the boxes will be

installed with the help of two or three open space staff people that will use ladders to put the boxes up high. M. Metzger thanked Casey for his proposal, and moved the Board approve Casey Oliva's Eagle Scout project. J. Varsho seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

c. Review and Act Upon Community Solar Proposal: Hal Sprague presented a Community Solar proposal on behalf of Trajectory Energy Partners. He stated the law allows medium size projects up to 40 acres. We are talking about two to five acres here that would be hooked into the ComEd grid. ComEd gets power from many sources including wind, solar, coal, and gas, but Illinois law requires use solar first, before coal or gas. Their terms would be 30 to 40 years on a two to five megawatt project on Mongerson. They know the rules. They have a two megawatt project in Rockford – a low income project. We sign a lease for it, then they go to ComEd and go through the zoning process. IEPA approves – takes several months, probably August. Nothing happens in 2023. It would happen in 2024. Take out a bond – in escrow, this is for 40 years. Five megawatts is about 500 to 600 homes. For Community Solar, individuals have to sign up, they can get out at any time. It's an opt in. We can make it that people in the Township get the right of first refusal. They lease the land from the Township. The Township gets rent. Assessor Rottmann stated the Goldenstein property got denied tax exempt status today. Be sure this does not violate open Space bonds. J. Kuper stated this is just the beginning. It needs research. E. Murphy moved the Board table this agenda item. M. Metzger seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

6. Reports:

Highway Commissioner – Sam Gallucci: Highway Commissioner Gallucci's report stated: the Highway District snowplowed and salted roadways on 02/16, 02/17, 02/22, 02/23, 02/25, throughout Campton Township, the Village of Campton Hills, and Campton Hills in Plato Township. Campton Township Road District crewmen attended an in-house safety meeting on 02/27/23; they cut and chipped up downed trees on Phar Lap and Deer Run Drives, Johnsway, and Forest Lane; repaired a ditch with an excavator on Silver Glen and Denker Roads; checked plow routes for lawn damage; cleared drifts on 02/16, and 02/17 throughout Campton Township and the Village of Campton Hills; repaired damaged mailboxes and posts throughout the Township and Village; cleared and removed around 100 trees and branches due to the ice storm on 02/22/23 throughout the Township and Village; all grates and storm drains were cleaned 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 throughout the Township and Village on a weekly basis, and replaced damaged or missing ones; and checked for the issuance of culvert permits throughout the Township and Village; and performed ongoing maintenance on Township vehicles and equipment in-house by Highway District staff.

Assessor – Alan D. Rottmann: Assessor Rottmann stated the Goldenstein property was denied tax exempt status on March 5th. We are still reassessing for the quadrennial. We will get the reassessment factor later in the year – about a 6 to 8 percent increase, he guesses. Next year will be a record year for the EAV (Equalized Assessed Value) of Campton Township.

Solid Waste District – Larry Gallagher, President: Clerk Johansen returned the letter to Solid Waste President Gallagher that he requested at the last Board meeting. Solid Waste President Gallagher stated they are still clearing up the past due accounts. An annual rate increase is coming on April 1st, as stated below:

\$0.55 on the 35 gallon garbage containers.

\$0.63 on the 65 gallon garbage containers.

\$0.75 on the 95 gallon garbage containers.

This is still less than what Township residents were paying five years ago.

Financial Report – Rebekah Flakus, Finance Director:

Town Fund

Administration

- Only revenues received this month for Administration was interest income. This is due to the timing of revenues for property taxes and field fees.

Road District Fund

Administration

- Interest income is significantly over budget due to the conservative Budget as well as significant increases in interest rates.
 - A review of all Road interest accounts will take place next month to ensure amounts are being recorded to correct general ledger accounts.

Maintenance

- Court fines account #4120 is showing a year to date balance of \$50. This was coded to this account incorrectly. I will be reclassing it next month.

Open Space Fund

Administration

- Total revenues for Open Space Administration are at 101.46% of the total budget and total expenditures are at 101.37% of the total Budget.

Maintenance

- Maintenance-site account #5610 shows a negative balance for the current month because some expenditures were reclassified into the correctly budgeted accounts #5290.

Additional updates

Fiscal year ending March 31, 2022 Audit is just about completed. I had previously sent revisions to Sikich, LLP last month, but sent a few more adjustments this week. I will have the final draft once the Representation Letter is signed and sent back to the auditors.

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

Operations Manager – Tom Serewicz: Operations Manager Serewicz stated:

At Anderson Park snow was plowed, a storm culvert was cleaned, storm damaged branches were cut up and hauled away, and turf areas were rolled.

At Whitney Park snow was plowed and the house checked for heat.

At the Community Center snow was plowed, ice control applied to sidewalks, salt was added to the water softener, and storm damaged branches were cut up and hauled away.

At Gray Willows snow was plowed, the buildings checked for heat, storm damaged branches were cut up and hauled away, and the brown garages were torn down.

At Harley Woods snow was plowed.

At Corron Farm snow was plowed, ice control applied to sidewalks, storm damaged branches were cut up and hauled away, a fallen tree was cut up and hauled away, a broken water line was repaired, a new water line was bored to the big tool shed, turf areas were rolled, and concrete floors are starting soon.

At Town Hall snow was plowed, ice control applied to sidewalks, and the well was checked.

At Lily Lake Blue Park snow was plowed, and ice control applied to sidewalks.

At the Headwaters Conservation Area snow was plowed, and storm damaged trees on the trail were cut down. At Poynor Park we started a new well landscaping wall. It's closed for the season.

Brown Road Meadows is closed for the season.

Goldenstein no report.

In General trucks were sanitized, office staff assisted, Open Space Foundation meetings were attended, we worked with Com-Ed to restore above ground power to the Gray Willows house, Wasco Boys' Baseball is tearing down the storage shed and replacing it with a new one, we are working on a new budget, and trails are open for walkers.

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

Projects Completed/Ongoing:

- Continued brush clearing projects at Corron Farm and Gray Willows Farm.
- Assisted Operations staff as needed.
- Assorted equipment maintenance.
- Updating 2022 GIS data.
- Continued work on 2023/24 budget.
- Office maintenance projects.
- Installed nest boxes at Gray Willows Farm, Headwaters, and Poynor Park.
- Began salamander monitoring.
- Launched community garden reservations. New digital reservation system has received positive feedback.
- Completed grant applications for multiple projects.
- Trail improvement projects at Gray Willows Farm.
- Preparing for Spring prescribed burn season.
- Installed erosion control along Tucker Run Creek at the Children's Prairie.
- Planted native seed at Corron Farm, Harley Woods, and Gray Willows Farm.

Meetings/Trainings/Public Outreach:

- Natural Resources Staff attended Wild Things conference.
- Carter Dell will complete S130 Field Day training by the end of the month.
- Max Anderson completed S-212 Wildland Fire Chain Saw training.
- Natural Resources staff completed training sessions for Kane County Nature Rx program.
- Attended Kane County Natural Areas Volunteers meeting.
- Met with Open Space Foundation regarding Township projects.
- Attended the Conservation Foundation Annual Membership luncheon.

Volunteer Service:

- Working with multiple Scouts on Eagle Scout projects.
- Working with Kristi Bruns on assorted design projects.
- Preparing volunteers for wildlife monitoring.
- Pack 260 conducted brush clearing at Gray Willows Farm.

Planning Commission Report – Jesse Varsho, Chairman: Chairman Varsho stated there is nothing new to report. Their next meeting will be Wednesday, a week from tomorrow.

Supervisor Report – John Kupa: Supervisor Kupa stated:

- We attended the Conservation Foundation’s Annual Awards luncheon on Thursday, February 16th. The Township received the Conservation Partner Award for 2023. We were well represented at the luncheon. Betty Murphy, Jesse Varsho, Josh and Jen Nelson, Carter Dell, and Max Anderson were in attendance. Several hundred people attended the event including County Board members, Forest Preserve Presidents, and several Forest Preserve staff from the collar counties. Campton Township was referred to as those crazy people that can think out of the box and get things done. I want to thank everyone in the Township for their hard work in driving our Open Space program to excellence. It is wonderful to see others outside the Township acknowledge our success.
- This past month we have been very busy developing and finalizing the Township’s Budgets for the Highway and Road District, Town Administration, Open Space and Maintenance, and Assessor’s office. It took a lot of work of many people to put these budgets together. Thank you all for making this happen. In particular, I want to thank Betty Murphy, Rebekah Flakus, Louise McKay, and Ruth Rottmann. This year’s budget process was a challenge, but we have improved the budget process and it will continue to improve into next year.
- The Conservation Foundation’s Annual Earth Day Benefit is planned for April 27th, 2023. It is one of the largest fund events the Conservation Foundation has for the year. Many key environmentalists in the region as well as government agencies and industry attend. I would like to get a table of eight together for this event. If you are interested in attending, please let Ruth know.
- I have attached a copy of the amended Illinois Open Space Act that I helped the Conservation Foundation write. This amendment is being submitted to the legislature for a vote. The Act is amended as follows:
 - Reduces minimum acreage to 25.
 - Allows agricultural use as approved use and “development”.
 - Restricts leasing to a public agency only (we will add private farmers)- this avoids leasing to developers, (like Homer Township tried to do).
 - Requires that to sell open space purchased through referenda funds, it must be approved by the voters in a referendum. It also requires a two-thirds majority vote of the Township Board to even place a question on the ballot to sell open space lands.
- The Township received proceeds from the sale of wetlands credits from the end of 2022. We received \$208.0K from the sale of credits at Headwaters Wetlands Bank, and \$5.5K from the sale of fractional credit from Gray Willows Wetlands Bank. We also received \$1.1K maintenance fee for the Gray Willows Wetlands Bank.

7. Approval of Minutes:

a. Board Meeting February 14, 2023: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the minutes of the meeting of February 14, 2023. J. Varsho seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

b. Board Meeting February 20, 2023: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the minutes of the meeting of February 20, 2023. M. Metzger seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

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

9. Old Business – Presentation and Discussion for Action: None.

10. New Business – Presentation and Discussion for Action, Continued:

b. Review and Act Upon Approval of 2023 Annual Meeting Agenda: J. Varsho moved the Board approve the Campton Township 2023 Annual Town Meeting Agenda. M. Metzger seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

d. Review and Act Upon V3 Headwaters Wetland Mitigation Bank Maintenance Proposal: Restoration Ecologist Nelson stated this is to maintain compliance with the mitigation bank. We will do the mowing. E. Murphy moved the Board approve the V3 Headwaters Wetland Mitigation Bank Maintenance Proposal at a price not to exceed \$45,000.00. M. Metzger seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper, and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

e. Review and Act Upon Gray Willows Farm Driveway Proposal: J. Nelson stated this would be his labor and his expense. J. Varsho moved the Board approve the Gray Willows Farm Driveway proposal, amending the agreement for this property to allow a camper. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

f. Review and Act Upon Changing Date of Regular April Board Meeting to Thursday April 6, 2023: E. Murphy moved the Board approve changing the date of the regular April Board meeting to Thursday April 6, 2023. M. Metzger seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

g. Review and Act Upon Approval of All Wheel Show on September 24, 2023 at Poynor Park: J. Varsho moved the Board approve the All Wheel Show on September 24, 2023 at Poynor Park with a preliminary expense budget of \$6,500.00. M. Metzger seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

11. Claims and Demands Authorized for Payment:

a. Town Fund \$8,256.48: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the claims and demands for the Town Fund in the amount of \$8,256.48. 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 \$184,590.50: J. Varsho moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Road and Bridge Fund in the amount of \$184,590.50. E. Murphy 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 \$15,233.91: M. Metzger moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Open Space Fund in the amount of \$15,233.91. J. Varsho seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

12. Executive Session – Review Executive Session Minutes of February 14, 2023 and February 20, 2023; Land Acquisition; Personnel Issues; Legal Issues: J. Varsho moved the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing Executive Session minutes of February 14, 2023, and February 20, 2023, and to review personnel issues, and to include Restoration Ecologist Nelson in Executive Session. M. Metzger 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 9:30 p.m.

13. New Business Continued: Supervisor Kuper reconvened the regular session.

aa. Review and Act Upon Whether to Approve Executive Session Minutes of February 14, 2023, and February 20, 2023. J. Varsho moved the Board approve the Executive session minutes of February 14, 2023 and February 20, 2023. M. Metzger seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

14. Adjournment: J. Varsho moved the meeting be adjourned. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Johansen

Clerk

