



# DU PAGE COUNTY

## Development Committee

### Final Summary

421 N. COUNTY FARM ROAD  
WHEATON, IL 60187  
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**Tuesday, July 11, 2023**

**10:30 AM**

**ROOM 3500B**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

10:30 AM meeting was called to order by Chair Sam Tornatore at 10:30 AM.

**2. ROLL CALL**

<b>PRESENT</b>	Chaplin, Gustin, Ozog, Rutledge, and Tornatore
<b>LATE</b>	Krajewski

**3. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS- CHAIR TORNATORE**

No remarks were offered.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments were offered.

**5. MINUTES APPROVAL**

5.A. [23-2273](#)

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**Attachments:** [Summary22-Jun-2023-08-46-50.pdf](#)

<b>RESULT:</b>	APPROVED
<b>MOVER:</b>	Patty Gustin
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Liz Chaplin
<b>AYES:</b>	Chaplin, Gustin, Ozog, Rutledge, and Tornatore
<b>LATE:</b>	Krajewski

**6. DISCUSSION**

6.A. [23-2274](#)

Explore the potential for a grass cutting ordinance in the unincorporated areas.

Chair Tornatore informed the Committee that County Board Member Grant Eckhoff had been receiving complaints from his constituents about tall grass. Chair Tornatore explained that he looked into the matter and found that the County currently does not have an ordinance.

Paul Hoss, the Planning & Zoning Administration Coordinator explained, there is a Property Maintenance Code that the County adopts from the International Property Maintenance Code under section 302.4 Weeds. When we adopt the property maintenance code this portion is normally deleted from enforcement. It has been determined to be cost prohibitive to enforce a weed program. Many of the Townships already have a weed cutting program and in the past have turned these issues over to them. He added that the County has submitted an application for a grant through the Illinois Housing Development Authority for \$750,000 which includes \$100,000 for grass/weed cutting. These funds would be used toward our Clean and Lien program properties. One option would be to use this only in extreme circumstances. Otherwise a violation notice could be issued, giving owner 14 days to come into compliance, send violation to adjudication, and get an adjudication order for the County to cut the grass.

Chair Tornatore opened up the issue for discussion. The process the Townships normally follow was explained. Member Gustin inquired if there was an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Townships and the County, which there is not. Member Krajewski spoke to the issue of timeliness of action after a complaint is made. Member Eckhoff added that if the Townships don't act on a complaint, since the County has concurrent jurisdiction, we should act. Members Chaplin, Ozog and Rutledge agreed things should remain as they are. Mr. Hoss was asked to obtain Township ordinances and provide to Committee Members for future discussion.

**7. OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was discussed.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was discussed.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.