



Homer Township Open Space/Civic Center Committee Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.
Homer Township Administration Office
14350 W. 151st Street
Homer Glen, IL 60491

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Township Supervisor Steilen at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

3. Roll Call for Quorum

Committee Members Present: Supervisor Sue Steilen

A quorum was established.

Board Members in attendance: Clerk Tami O' Brien, Trustees Keith Gray, Ken Marcin, Don Melody, Highway Commissioner John Robinson, and Collector Sara Palermo

4. Public Comments (must sign in)

None.

5. Committee Purpose Discussion

Supervisor Steilen explained the purpose of the meeting was to invite residents to join the newly formed Open Space/Civic Center Committee. To help explain the status of the Civic Center building, she called for a recess to invite all in attendance an opportunity to tour the building at Trantina Farm. The meeting resumed at 7:46 p.m.

A copy of the Homer Township Open Space Program Mission Statement was distributed.

The mission of the Open Space Plan and Program is to preserve and protect the semi-rural character of Homer Township by setting aside large areas of land from the increasing tide of development. In order to achieve this, the Open Space Program identifies and/or manages parcels of open land acquired, or to be acquired, for conservation and preservation or for the restriction of development or use, with or without access, for open space purposes.

The committee's purpose was discussed.

6. Status of Open Space Properties

Slides were shown depicting each Open Space property and some of the vandalism and encroachment that has occurred.

7. Status of Civic Center

The status of the Civic Center was discussed. Items needed to get occupancy include:

Septic System
Parking Lot Paving
Trash Enclosure Fence & Gate
Landscaping
Well
Automatic Entrance Doors
Miscellaneous Carpentry
Seal for the Concrete Floor
Vinyl Base
Painting
HVAC Ducts
Electric Wiring
Ceiling Lights
Fire Alarm System

8. Communicating Information to the Public

Consensus among those in attendance was that a video is needed to show the public what the building looks like and what is needed to complete it.

Those interested in joining the committee were encouraged to submit an application. Committee appointments will be made at the next Township Board meeting.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on September 2, at 7:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sue Steilen", written over a horizontal line.

Sue Steilen, Township Supervisor

Approved at the Committee Meeting dated September 2, 2025