

1. 2. 3. The May 16, 2024 Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kubar at 7:08 p.m. at the Community Center. The Pledge of allegiance was recited. Clerk Johansen called the roll with Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger present.

4. New Business – Presentation and Discussion for Action:

a. Review and Act Upon Approval of Girl Scout Silver Award Plan, Mackenzie Varsho: Girl Scout Silver Award candidate Mackenzie Varsho stated she will demonstrate leadership at the Cadette level by creating a plan for a sustainable project that creates measurable results. This will be fort building and climbing building units in the Childrens Prairie at Gray Willows. Her Service Unit will assist with yearly maintenance of these projects. She will source unused materials from Campton Township properties to make balance beam features, and large stepping stones from logs. The fort building area will use smaller materials that are available in open space. Her team is her immediate and extended family, and many middle and high school girls, and the campers at the River Valley Day Camp. She will also partner with Open Space throughout the project. She plans to complete the project by the end of August, 2024. Supervisor Kubar thanked Mackenzie for her work on this project. M. Metzger moved the Board approve this Girl Scout project. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

5. Reports:

Highway Commissioner - Sam Gallucci: Commissioner Gallucci stated **the Highway District performed the following tasks in Campton Township and the Village of Campton Hills:** turf clean-up and repair due to snow removal; cleaned storm grates and drains throughout Campton Township; cold patch and repair of potholes; cut and chipped up downed tree on Deerslayer and Woodland Drives; cut and chipped up dead trees on Brown Road and Route 64; tree trimming was done

on Hawkeye and Deerslayer Drives and Winchester Way; shoulder gravel was applied to area roadways; storm grates were cleaned on area roadways; the Anderson Road sign light was fixed; school signs were fixed In fox Mill; the street sign on Heather Lane was replaced; a double arrow sign was installed at the end of Happy Hills Road; a driveway was prepped for culvert repair on Holly Court; and spring brush pick up began on April 29th. **The Highway District performed the following tasks according to the intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Campton Hills in Plato Township:** shoulder gravel was applied to Crawford and Connors Roads; **the Highway District also performed the following tasks:** checked stop signs throughout Campton Township and the Village of Campton Hills on a weekly basis; assessed roadways for potential drainage and pothole issues; checked for damaged or missing signs weekly; checked for the issuance of culvert permits throughout Campton Township and the Village of Campton Hills; performed ongoing maintenance in-house on township vehicles and equipment.

Assessor - Alan D. Rottmann: Absent.

Solid Waste District - Steven Cartwright, President: Absent.

Financial Report - Rebekah Flakus, Finance Director: Finance Director Flakus stated:

Town Fund

Administration

Revenues:

Total Revenues for the Town Fund this month are \$1,616.43. The primary revenue source for the Town Fund is the Property Tax Revenue. The installments for this revenue will begin next month.

Road District Fund

Revenues:

- Total revenues for the Road Fund this month are \$7,217.68. The primary revenue sources for the Road Fund are the Property Tax Revenue and Road and Bridge Tax Revenue. The installments for this revenue will begin next month.

Expenditures:

- **Maintenance** - Maintenance expenditures include \$29,061.86 in #5470 - Equipment for a purchase of a new Ford Explorer.

Open Space Fund

Maintenance

Expenditures:

- **Maintenance** - Real Estate Tax Expenses - #5710 expenses are significantly higher than last year. Last year the Township was paying real estate taxes on 5 parcels totaling about \$4,800. With the purchase of both Goldenstein Farm properties, three new parcels have been added. The current tax bills for the previous five parcels makes up about \$5,000 of the total real estate tax expense. The remaining \$8,000 expense this year is Goldenstein property parcels which were not budgeted. Total real estate tax expense this year is \$12,996.60.

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, safety chips were put in the playground, spoils debris was hauled from the park, the washroom and shed were painted, the parking lot was herbicided, and trees were pruned and mulched.

At Whitney Park mowing and weed whacking was done, and the pine trees were pruned.

At the Community Center mowing and weed whacking was done, turf builder applied, and the Annual Meeting was set up.

At Gray Willows mowing and weed whacking was done, the barn lights repaired, an extra recycling can was added to the barn, barn string lights and the big barn door were repaired, a key box was added to the barn door, and a grass parking lot was provided near the barn.

At Corron Farm mowing and weed whacking was done, trails were mowed, a tree cut down, and ComEd installed a new meter for the big tool shed.

At Goldenstein mowing and weed whacking was done.

At Town Hall mowing and weed whacking was done, the roof and front door lock repaired.

At Brown Road Meadows mowing and weed whacking was done.

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

At the Headwaters Conservation Area mowing and weed whacking was done, trails mowed, and trees were pruned and the pruning cut up and hauled away.

At Poynor Park mowing and weed whacking was done, trails were mowed, weed and feed was applied to the north side, ball mix was hauled for the league, and the league was assisted in ball field set up.

In General we attended the managers meeting, purchased a new seed/fertilizer spreader, received turf builder, weed and feed, and a seed and herbicide order, assisted office staff, open space outreach staff, and open space natural resource staff, turned all water on in the parks, started a bathroom in the big tool shed, a new water tanker delivery will be soon, a new truck is in production, and we picked up 42 parking bumps for Poynor Park.

Open Space Ecologist - Carter Dell: Open Space Ecologist Dell stated:

Natural Resources:

- Start of growing season, weed whacking, and herbicide:
 - Garlic mustard @ Gray Willows
 - Chervil @ Gray Willows
 - Dame's rocket @ Gray Willows
 - Callery pear @ Corron Farm, Poynor Park
- Note on callery pear: cut stump has been effective, even during our winter trial period
- However, prairie is growing in now and cut stump window is closing. Switching to foliar resprout treatment while we can still see base of plants
- When prairie grows too high, we will switch to a basal bark treatment for the unburned trees w/ single trunk. This will be most effective use of our time.

Professional Development:

- Attended Kane County Advisory Council w/TCF
- Participated in Campton Township Planning Committee
- New full-time restoration technician, Sarah Williams, starts at end of this month

Miscellaneous:

- Coordinated with GK Wild Ones to set up for the last three weeks of their native plant sale.
 - Public sale takes place May 18th @ Gray Willows
- Multiple days of trail clearing w/ chainsaws to clear storm damage deadfall

- Built and installed the foot bridge in the back of Gray Willows
 - Max Anderson and Nick Overstreet worked very hard on this construction oriented task
 - Massive support from Tim Dell in the design, material selection, and construction of bridge
- Huge thank you to CTOSF for the purchase of a new herbicide sprayer to replace the old green pump that finally burnt out on us
- Wagon rides, parking assistance, and other duties to support a large birthday party at the Gray Willows barn

Outreach Program Manager - Cheryl Smith: Outreach Program Manager Smith stated:

Monthly Newsletter: Went out 5/01/24

Outreach: From 4/2 - 5/8 the Outreach Dept has brought in over \$5,000 in revenue for programs and reservations.

Summer Critter Camp: - The first week of camp starts on June 3rd. All five weeks are now full, and we have a wait list. Camp has brought in \$22,940.00.

5/8 - I met with Chief Levand, of Campton Hills Police Department in regards to safety drills at Gray Willows and Corron Farm Critter Camps and programs. We discussed the game plan and setting a future meeting with officer Kuzak and a drone for final planning.

Community Gardens: 4/15 - We met with 10 gardeners at our opening day Breakfast in the Gardens. We brought coffee and donuts and had a great discussion. I handed them my card and explained that Outreach, Natural Resources, and Ops all have a roll at the Gardens but I would be the point person for any concerns and will contact the appropriate department as needed. So Far, this has been working out smoothly.

Programs/Events:

4/5 - **Explore the Night Sky Event** - 135 registrations. Partnership with Girl Scouts and Fox Valley Astronomical Society. Open to the public at the Community Center.

4/8 - **Total Eclipse Hike** - 20 registrations.

4/11 - **Girl Scouts Troop Trail Adventure Badge** - 19 registrations.

4/13 - **Lichen Workshop** at Sagawau Environmental Learning Center with IDNR (Illinois Department of Natural Resources) and Cook County Forest Preserve.

4/14 - **All Wheel Show meeting** 8:30 am with Byron & Michelle to talk about RC track. **Earth Day Girl Scouts Workshop.** 43 registrations. Thankful to Max and Nick for their

help with this event. We set up stations, making native seed bombs, decorating planter pots, planting vegetables to take home, bird scavenger hunt, guided bird hike, and wagon rides.

4/16 - Preschool Pals: Canceled due to inclement weather.

4/17 - Nature & Wildlife Detectives - 11 registrations. We dove into the world of **Land Mollusks**. Did you know there are approximately 124 species, ranging in size from about 0.05 inch to approximately 1.80 inches in Illinois? They are members of the class Gastropoda, a classification category meaning "stomach-foot."

4/20 - Coordinated with family for **Frozen themed birthday party** in the Gray Willows barn.

5/1 - **Spring Bingo** - 29 participants. Wasco Nursery sponsored the event.

5/8 - **Meeting with Tim Morgan** - He has volunteered to make and donate all our trophies for the All Wheel Show this year!

All other time has been spent working on schedule for Summer Critter Camps, volunteers, volunteer training, safety drills, speakers, lesson plans. We have also been helping Wild Ones quite a bit on their upcoming plant sale with social media posts, assistance with signage, date change overs, and planning/logistics.

We are now signed up with "**Hawk Watch**" - Gray Willows Farm is an office site to schedule watches in Spring and Fall for Citizen Science projects where we track raptors and other animal species and record them onto their site and data base. It is a great community project and I am very excited that they accepted my application.

Planning Ahead

Boy Scouts Troop 13 - As of 5/6 they are back at the GW Barn every Monday night.

Five weeks of Critter Camps - highest priority final planning

5/15 - **Wildlife Detectives** - Plan is to meet at the Community Gardens to have a garden workshop. If inclement weather, we will be at Gray Willows Barn learning about another topic.

5/18 - **Wild Ones Public Plant Sale** - Gray Willows

5/21 - **Preschool Pals** - Again, the plan is the gardens or another topic at GW Barn.

5/30 - **Ferson Creek 5th Grade Last Day of School Field Trip** to Gray Willows - We have activities planned for the day with raptors coming out and wagon rides.

Prairie Fest - August 17th

All Wheel Show - September 22nd

Planning Commission Report - Jesse Varsho, Chairman: Chairman Varsho

stated Plan Commission discussed potential projects at their meeting last month. They will report back to the Board on this.

Supervisor Report - John Kubar: Supervisor Kubar stated:

- Over the last several weeks I have met with V3 Companies and Mitigation Investment Holdings (MIH) to discuss the potential of creating a wetlands mitigation bank at Goldenstein Farms east and west. We have discussed the basis of an agreement during this period. Tonight, V3 and MIH are here to present their proposal to the Board for discussion. They are envisioning a wetlands bank of approximately 60 to 65 acres. There is a potential of getting a few more wetlands credits by extending to Corron Farm. V3 would design, permit, engineer and potentially construct the wetlands. Mitigation Investment Holdings will finance and market the credits, along with V3.
- A few weeks ago, I met with V3 to pick up the proceeds of the recent sales of wetlands credits at the Township's Gray Willows Wetlands Mitigation Bank. V3 presented the Township with a check in the amount of \$521,348.78 for sales concluded last quarter. This represented approximately 9.3 credits. We have approximately 7.5 credits remaining.
- I attended the Garfield Farm Annual Awards dinner on Saturday, May 4, 2024. While there, I met with representatives of the Conservation Fund, which is a part of the Nature Conservancy. The Conservation Fund purchases farmland and natural areas for preservation. They then turn the property over to governmental entities or non-profits. They are very much interested in visiting Campton Township to evaluate some of the properties we consider critical to our open space project. We will be scheduling a meeting with their Regional Director in June.
- The Board of Directors and senior management of the Conservation Foundation would like to tour Campton Township's Open Space Properties on June 7, 2024. They would like to visit Corron Farm, Gray Willows, Goldenstein Farm - East and West, and Harley Woods. They would provide a picnic lunch for our Open Space staff.
- I have had several conversations with the IDNR (Illinois Department of Natural Resources) Grant staff regarding the LAWCON Grant we are expecting for Goldenstein East. It looks like it will be another 4 months before it will be awarded. The hold up this time appears to be with the National Park Service staff.

- On another note, the IDNR is trying to get everyone's schedule aligned to visit Campton Township's open Space properties. They are trying to set this visit for August. The Director of the IDNR will be one of the participants on this visit.

6. Approval of Minutes:

a. Board Meeting April 4, 2024: J. Varsho moved the Board approve the minutes of the meeting of April 4, 2024. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupar and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

b. Public Hearing Town Fund April 4, 2024: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the minutes of the Public Hearing on the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Town Fund #24-T. M. Metzger seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kupar and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

c. Public Hearing Road Fund April 4, 2024: J. Varsho moved the Board approve the minutes of the Public Hearing on the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Road Fund #24-1R. M. Metzger seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kupar and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

7. Citizens' Comments (comments to be kept to a maximum of 3 minutes):

8. Old Business - Presentation and Discussion for Action:

a. Review and Act Upon Wasco Boys' Baseball Batting Cage Project for Anderson Park: J. Varsho moved the Board remove Agenda item 8. a. from the Agenda. M. Metzger seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupar and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

9. New Business - Presentation and Discussion for Action:

b. Review and Act Upon Approval of 3 Year Audit Proposal: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the three year Audit Proposal of Sikich, as presented by Sikich in the attached document. J. Varsho seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kupar and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

c. Review and Act Upon Approval of Elizabeth Murphy to the Campton Township Planning Commission. J. Varsho moved the Board appoint Elizabeth Murphy to the Campton Township Planning Commission. M. Metzger seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupar and Trustees Varsho and Metzger voted aye. Trustee Murphy abstained. The motion passed.

d. Swear in New Planning Commission Member: Clerk Johansen swore in Elizabeth Murphy as a member of the Campton Township Planning Commission.

e. Discussion and Approval of Wetlands Mitigation Proposal for Goldenstein East and West Farms by V3 Companies and Mitigation Investment Holdings: Linden Graber spoke for Mitigation and Tom Slowinski for V3. Township attorney Hodges needs to do legal review. J. Varsho moved the Board **table** discussion of wetlands mitigation proposal for Goldenstein East and West farms by V3 Companies and Mitigation Investment Holdings, pending legal review. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

10. Claims and Demands Authorized for Payment:

a. Town Fund \$26,074.75: M. Metzger moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Town Fund in the amount of \$26,074.75. J. Varsho seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

b. Road and Bridge Fund \$78,717.67: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Road and Bridge Fund in the amount of \$78,717.67. M. Metzger seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

c. Capital Improvement Fund \$0

d. Open Space Fund \$68,654.54: M. Metzger moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Open Space Fund in the amount of \$68,654.54. J. Varsho seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

11. Executive Session - Review Executive Session Minutes of April 4, 2024; Land

Acquisition; Personnel Issues; Legal Issues: J. Varsho moved the Board go into Executive Session to review Executive Session minutes of April 4, 2024, and to discuss personnel issues, legal issues, and include Cheryl Smith in Executive session. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed and Executive Session began at 8:30 p.m.

12. New Business Continued: Supervisor Kubar reconvened the regular session at 9:15 p.m.

aa. Review and Act Upon Whether to Approve Executive Session Minutes of April 4, 2024: J. Varsho moved the Board approve the April 4, 2024 Executive Session minutes. M. Metzger seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Varsho, Murphy, and Metzger voted aye. The motion passed.

13. 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 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Johansen

Clerk