

**1. 2. 3.** The October 25, 2022 Emergency Board meeting was called to order by acting Chairman, Trustee Varsho, at the Community Center at 7:35 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Clerk Johansen called the roll with acting Chairman, Trustee Varsho and Trustee Murphy physically present, and Supervisor Kubar and Trustee Metzger appearing remotely, by telephone.

**4. Old Business Presentation and Discussion for Action:**

*a. Review and Act Upon Eagle Scout Final Presentation, Christian LoFaso, Troop 80:* Eagle Scout candidate Christian LoFaso stated his project included repairing and staining 12 existing garden beds as well as building, installing, and filling 12 new raised garden beds. Thirty-one people participated including 14 scouts, 5 non-scout friends, 10 adult scout volunteers, and 2 adult relatives, for a total of 188.6 hours worked. Campton Township contributed \$1,600.00, and his friends and family donated \$1,693.82, for a total cost of \$3,293.82. Pictures of the project were provided. J. Kubar asked what was most challenging? Answer was waiting for the lumber because of the cost. J. Varsho asked what was the biggest surprise? Answer was the wait for soil and lumber. Acting Chairman Varsho signed the approval on behalf of Supervisor Kubar. J. Kubar stated well done for an excellent project.

**5. New Business – Presentation and Discussion for Action:**

*a. Review and Act Upon Eagle Scout Final Presentation, Cameron McGroarty, Troop 33:* Eagle Scout candidate Cameron McGroarty stated his project was to create a 100-foot-long children's "play creek" feature with a wooden bridge over it at Gray Willows. During four work shifts over three days, 41 volunteers including the Ferson Creek 5<sup>th</sup> grade class completed the 100 foot long roughed out "creek" bed spread with a rock and gravel base layer, and laying chicken wire over it before hand mixing 128 bags of concrete, and poring and hand smoothing it on the creek bed. Various rocks were set into the wet concrete and were painted for a natural look. River rock was spread out over the cured concrete and the creek banks were shaped by raking and seeding six feet out on both sides. A 3 foot by 8-foot wooden bridge was built and installed over the creek which was then successfully tested for water flow. A plastic drainage pipe was laid over rock at the end of the creek and covered with rock and soil. We raised

\$1023.00 for the project which took 239 hours of work. E. Murphy said the project looks like it will be fun for residents to use. Excellent job. J. Varsho said it looks great as he signed the approval on behalf of Supervisor Kupar.

## **6. Reports:**

*Highway Commissioner – Sam Gallucci:* Commissioner Gallucci's report stated the Road District contracted with the Village of Campton Hills in Plato Township to trim the trees on Tall Pines, McDonald, Kendall, and Conners Roads, Woodbridge Lane and Phar Lap Drive; and complete cold patching on all Plato Township roads except McDonald, Crawford, and Conners Roads. The District applied gravel to all culverts that are not paved yet; and cut up and chipped downed trees on Jens Jensen Lane, Quail Court, and Fair Oaks Drive. All grates and storm drains were cleaned of debris throughout Campton Township and the Village of Campton Hills; we continued tree trimming throughout the Township and Village, and cut and chipped storm damaged trees on main roads; wing mowing and ditch mowing was completed throughout

the Township and Village, roadways were assessed for drainage problems and potholes, potholes were repaired with cold patch throughout the Township and Village; we checked all stop signs in the Township and Village on a weekly basis and replaced damaged or missing ones; and we 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 16 Board of Review appeals were filed this year. That's down from 32 last year. Two are commercial. November 14<sup>th</sup> will be the Hearing date. The rising values of homes is the cause of the reduction in appeals. The EAV (Equalized Assessed Valuation) was \$824,820,000 last year and it is \$882,688,000 this year. That is a .06 per cent overall increase. The rest is on new construction. Our Township vehicle is 20 years old. It's nearing the end of its useful life. Eventually we will need to replace it. It's not in the budget at present. We just need a SUV to go to sites. The Board in the past went out for a State bid.

*Solid Waste District – Larry Gallagher, President:* Solid Waste District President Gallagher stated no report.

*Financial Report – Finance Director:* Absent.

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

*Operations Manager – Tom Serewicz:* Operations Manager Serewicz's report stated:

**At Anderson Park** mowing and weed whacking was done, fence lines were herbicided, turf builder was applied to common areas, and the playground inspected for bees.

**At Whitney Park** mowing and weed whacking was done, and broadleaf control applied.

**At the Community Center** mowing and weed whacking was done, turf builder applied, broadleaf control applied to turf, and salt was added to the water softener.

**At Gray Willows** mowing and weed whacking was done, trees were pruned, and trails mowed.

**At Harley Woods** mowing and weed whacking was done.

**At Corron Farm** mowing and weed whacking was done, trails were mowed, storm damaged branches were hauled away, the dairy barn and big tool shed cleaned, the broken water line repaired, broadleaf control was applied to turf, and a safety rail was added to the dairy barn.

**At Town Hall** mowing and weed whacking was done, and broadleaf control applied to turf.

**At Brown Road Meadows** mowing and weed whacking was done, and the parking lot herbicided.

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

**At the Headwaters Conservation Area** mowing and weed whacking was done, trails were mowed, trees were pruned, broadleaf control and turf builder were applied, and we are hoping to start the dog run fence on 10/14/22.

**At Poynor Park** mowing and weed whacking was done, trails were mowed, broadleaf control and turf builder was applied, and gravel was added to the asphalt path.

**In General** trucks were sanitized daily, office staff assisted, we assisted at the car show, a broken fuel hose was repaired at Corron Farm, trucks 22 and 51 passed the emissions test, we assisted at Corron Farm events, a safety meeting was held, and **Mark Gordon, a part time employee turned 81 years old on 10/12/22. Happy birthday!!!**

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

**Projects Completed/Ongoing:**

1. Managing community gardens.
2. Assisted operations staff as needed.
3. Carried out the All-Wheel Show:

**Participation** included approximately 150 show vehicles; estimated 1000+ participants/spectators; over 20,000 social media hits; with nearly 400 responses on the event page.

**Financials** included total value of sponsorship of \$6,650; total event revenue \$1,786.

**Costs** ~\$4,150.

**Profit** ~\$1,786.

**Overall Rating Feedback** 4.5 stars out of 5.

**Feedback for Improvement** more food variety; louder band; more award categories; additional marketing; better weather.

**Platinum Sponsor** Yockey's Friendly Ford, Roselle, IL. Also gold, silver, and bronze sponsors.

4. concluded monarch and nest box studies at Gray Willows Farm.
5. Managing Parks and Open Space survey, will be concluding at end of month.
6. Volunteers harvesting native seed.
7. Submitted OSLAD grant application for Whitney Park.
8. Worked with excavator on streambank restoration at Gray Willows Farm.
9. Made renovations to native garden at Corron Farm.
10. Beginning preparations for prescribed burn season and winter brush clearing.
11. Assisted with Johnsen/Ruffino wedding at Gray Willows Farm.
12. Assisted with preparations for Corron Farm event.

#### **Meetings/Trainings/Public Outreach:**

1. Multiple meetings with Anderson Humane regarding ongoing partnership. Presented at Batavia High School to promote programs.
2. Attended Conservation Foundation meeting.
3. Met with the Kane County Nature RX Coalition to discuss future programs. Attended forest therapy sample program.
4. Met with multiple entities regarding park use.
5. Attended Planning Commission meeting.

#### **Volunteer Service:**

1. Volunteer seed harvests continue through end of the month.
2. Completed nature play area Eagle Scout project.
3. Began work on installation of Gray Willows Farm trail signs Eagle Scout project.
4. Multiple groups conducted seed harvest workdays. Now scheduling brush clearing workdays.
5. Kristi Bruns, our graphic design volunteer steward, continues to assist with design work, including the preparation of a Campton Township Parks and Open Space "Calling All Creatives" flyer advertising photographic opportunities on Campton Township open Space.

*Planning Commission Report – Jesse Varsho, Planning Commission Chairman:*  
Chairman Varsho stated the Planning Commission met two weeks ago at the Whitney school house. Their winter project will be to prepare a "Request for Proposals" for work on the Whitney school house. Commissioner Kelly Broadway resigned from the Plan Commission.

*Supervisor Report – John Kubar:* Supervisor Kubar stated:

- The second annual Campton Township All Wheel Car Show was held on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Poynor Park. The event was very much a success. Over 150 vehicles were displayed and over 1,000 people attended the event. The Parks and Open Space staff, Tom Serewicz and Josh Nelson did a great job

managing the event. I want to thank our vendors and especially Friendly Ford and their staff for their help making this event a success. Next year's event will probably double in size.

- I had conversations with Anne Fletcher, IDNR's Conservation Grant Administrator, for the LAWCON grants program. They have 6 grant applications that they are reviewing now. Campton Township's Grant is one of the grants they are finalizing. They have a deadline of December 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 to enter the application into the National Park Services system for their review and award. Letters of award will be issued before the end of the year. It looks favorable for the Township at this point. Anne strongly suggested that we apply for the next grant cycle which ends next summer.
- I had several meetings with V3 regarding our Township's wetland banks. They are evaluating Headwaters/Blackberry East for potential expansion. This would create an additional 25 wetlands credits. They have some concerns of the existing drain tiles in the area and their effect in maintaining hydric soil conditions. They are doing further evaluations.
- Next week I will be meeting with V3 to sign construction waivers and receive checks from wetlands credit sales. We will receive \$36,000 from Gray Willows credit sales, and \$134,000 from Blackberry Creek credit sales, for a total of \$170,000. We are still expecting additional funds from credits that have been tentatively sold but not closed on as of today's date. I believe we are looking at another \$50,000 that hopefully, we get before the end of the year.
- The Township staff has been working very hard in finding a replacement for Cheryl Stutesman. We have found a well-qualified candidate and we will be discussing this issue in Executive Session tonight.
- I have had several conversations with the Conservation Foundation, Libertyville Township Open Space, Homer Glen, and Dundee Township regarding the formation of a statewide organization that represents the interest of Township Open Space and Park Districts. Brook McDonald will help lead this effort. In the interim, residents of Homer Glen would like to visit Campton Township and see what we have done with our open space program. We are trying to set something up in early December.

## **7. Approval of Minutes:**

*a. Board Meeting September 13, 2022:* E. Murphy moved the board approve the minutes of the meeting of September 13, 2022. J. Kupa seconded the motion. In a voice vote J. Varsho and E. Murphy voted aye in person, and J. Kupa and M. Metzger voted aye remotely. The motion passed.

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

## **9. New Business continued – Presentation and Discussion for Action:**

*b. Review and Act Upon Contracted Brush Clearing at Goldenstein Property:* E. Murphy moved the Board table this item. J. Varsho seconded the motion. In a voice vote J. Varsho and E. Murphy voted aye in person, and J. Kupa and M. Metzger voted aye remotely. The motion passed.

## **10. Claims and Demands Authorized for Payment:**

*a. Town Fund \$9,274.95:* E. Murphy moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Town Fund in the amount of \$9,274.95. J. Kupa seconded the motion. In a roll call vote J. Varsho and E. Murphy voted aye in person, and J. Kupa and M Metzger voted aye remotely. The motion passed.

*b. Road & Bridge Fund \$57,145.55:* E. Murphy moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Road and Bridge Fund in the amount of \$57,145.55. M. Metzger seconded he motion. In a roll call vote J. Varsho and E. Murphy voted aye in person, and J. Kupa and M. Metzger voted aye remotely. The motion passed.

*c. Capital Improvement Fund \$0*

*d. Open Space Fund \$24,970.51:* E. Murphy moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Open Space Fund in the amount of \$24,970.51. M. Metzger

seconded the motion. In a roll call vote J. Varsho and E. Murphy voted aye in person, and J. Kubar and M Metzger voted aye remotely. The motion passed.

**11. Executive Session – Review Executive Session Minutes of September 13, 2022; Land Acquisition; Personnel Issues; Legal Issues:** J. Varsho moved the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing Executive Session minutes of September 13, 2022, Land Acquisition, Personnel Issues, and Legal issues. M. Metzger seconded the motion. In a voice vote J. Varsho and E. Murphy voted aye in person, and J. Kubar and M. Metzger voted aye remotely. The motion passed and Executive Session began at 8:30 p.m.

**12. New Business continued:** Acting Chairman Varsho reconvened the regular session at 8:57 p.m.

*aa. Review and Act Upon Whether to Approve Executive Session Minutes of September 13, 2022:* J. Kubar moved the Board approve the Executive Session minutes of September 13, 2022. M. Metzger seconded the motion. In a voice vote J. Varsho and E. Murphy voted aye in person, and J. Kubar and M. Metzger voted aye remotely. The motion passed.

**13. Adjournment:** E. Murphy moved the Board adjourn the meeting. M. Metzger seconded the motion. In a voice vote J. Varsho and E. Murphy voted aye in person, and J. Kubar and M. Metzger voted aye remotely. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Johansen

Clerk