

1. 2. 3. The September 10, 2024 Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kubar at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Clerk Johansen called the roll with Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Varsho and Murphy present. Trustee Metzger was absent.

4. Reports:

Highway Commissioner – Sam Gallucci: Commissioner Gallucci stated the Highway District cleaned gravel from 36 roadways, and 2 subdivisions, completed culvert work on 3 roads, completed crosswalk painting on 4 roads, completed ditch work on 4 roads, completed Dura Patching on 14 roads, completed cold patching on 24 roads and 10 subdivisions, completed rip-raping and wing mowing on 1 road each, completed sign work on 7 roads, and painted edge lines and center lines on 11 streets. In Campton Township and Campton Hills the District completed storm damage pick-up, painted stop bars on 20 roadways, painted bike crossing symbols on Old LaFox Road, refaced the Highway District sign, picked up and disposed of dead animals on Town Hall Road and Deer Run Drive, participated in the National Night Out on 8/6/24 and Prairie Fest on 8/17/24. In Campton Hills in Plato Township the Highway District performed the following tasks according to Intergovernmental agreement: removed a fallen tree from Edgewood Road, swept Woodbridge Lane and Steeple Circle, performed intersection visibility inspection, inspected Crawford, Kendall, Lenz and McDonald Roads for striping, completed ditch mowing on Brierwood Lane and Lenz Road, completed cold patching on McDonald Road, did 4” yellow paint pavement striping on McDonald, Kendall, Lenz, and Crawford Roads. The Highway District also checked stop signs throughout Campton Township and the Village of Campton Hills on a weekly basis, assessed roadways for drainage and pothole issues. checked for damaged or missing signs weekly, checked for the issuance of culvert permits throughout the Township and Village, and performed ongoing maintenance in-house on Township vehicles and equipment.

Assessor – Alan D. Rottmann: Assessor Rottmann stated he has been meeting with taxpayers. Appeals end the end of this month.

Solid Waste District – Bryan Kerwin, President: absent.

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

Town Fund

Administration

Revenues:

- Revenues received for the Town Fund this month totaled \$16,065.74, bringing the year-to-date revenues to \$492,339.66 or 55.70% of the total budgeted revenues.

Expenditures:

- Maintenance-Buildings, GL#1-5580 has \$7,185.39 expensed this month. A mold test and new roof at Town Hall makes up these current charges.

General Assistance

Expenditures:

- Annual insurance for the Township's General Assistance program was paid this month. \$2,768.00 was expensed in August to Allied Benefit Systems.

Parks

Expenditures:

- Maintenance-Sites, GL #1-5610 on page 5 is over its budget due to the demolition of the garage at Whitney Park as well as a use of a dumpster to complete the clean-up.

Road District Fund

Administration

Revenues:

- Revenues received for the Road District Fund this month totaled \$411,710.50, bringing the year-to-date revenues to \$1,287,507.33 or 51.59% of the total budgeted revenues.

Maintenance

Expenditures:

- Contractual Services -TWP, GL #3-5365 has expenditures this month of \$35,692.19. The 2024 paint striping project for \$32,442 and the paving of Caribou Trail for \$3,250 are included in these expenditures.

Open Space Fund

Administration

Revenues:

- Revenues received for the Open Space Fund this month totaled \$487,496.91, bringing the year-to-date revenues to \$3,206,176.31 or 63.60% of the total budgeted revenues.
- \$400,734.08 was received this month for the Gray Willows Wetland Mitigation Revenue.

Maintenance

Expenditures:

- Maintenance-Buildings, GL #8-5580 has exceeded budget due to Corron Farm improvements to the well, new roof installation and other improvements. Also included in this account are septic repairs, plumbing improvements and an air quality test at Gray Willows. Next month the roof costs of \$4,387.00 will be reclassified to its budgeted account, Building & Improvements.
- Buildings & Improvements, GL #8-5290 includes expenditures for the new roof installed at Corron Farm and well repairs and improvements.

Additional Updates

Work with Sikich, LLC on the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Audit continued during August, 2024, including on-site field work. Additional items and fieldwork will be sent to me as the auditors finish the off-site fieldwork over the next few weeks.

Corron Farm Preservation Society update – Rhonda Acitelli, President: Absent.

Operations Manager – Tom Serewicz: Operations Manager Serewicz stated:

At Anderson Park mowing and weed whacking was done, the parking lot and playground were herbicided, the north tree line was cleaned up, parking lot lines were restriped, and the split rail fence repaired.

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

At the Community Center mowing and weed whacking was done, the parking lot was restriped, two loads of material were hauled for Wasco Boys Baseball, ceiling tiles were installed in the archive room, and bees were sprayed.

At Gray Willows mowing and weed whacking was done, trails were mowed and herbicided, the split rail fence was repaired, the Open Space office septic was pumped out, an air quality test was performed at the Open Space office, and a toilet repaired at the Open Space office.

At Harley Woods mowing and weed whacking was done, trails were mowed, and a split rail fence repaired.

At Corron Farm mowing and weed whacking was done, trails were mowed, Prairie Fest was assisted, the gravel area herbicided, the dairy barn window fixed, and the parking lot restriped.

At Goldenstein mowing and weed whacking was done.

At Town Hall mowing and weed whacking was done, a new roof installed, siding repaired and painted, a fence repaired, and the parking lot restriped.

At Brown Road Meadows mowing and weed whacking was done, and the abandoned plots mowed.

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 were mowed, weeds herbicided, storm damaged branches were hauled away, the parking lot restriped, and the split rail fence repaired.

At Poyner Park mowing and weed whacking was done, trails were mowed, trees were mulched and pruned, the playground was safety chipped, the parking lot and playground was herbicided, rebar was installed for the parking lot bumps, the split rail fence was repaired, and the road and parking lanes were restriped.

In General: office staff, Open Space Outreach staff, and Open Space Nature Resource staff were assisted, the Elgin historical wagon and cover was moved, we worked with Wasco Boys Baseball on a grant for Anderson Park, septic will be installed at Cortron Farm hopefully by Sept. 9th, the 5103 tractor was repaired, all 39 fire extinguishers were tested and passed, we attended the All Wheels meeting, and the Boy Scouts will assist the flagpole installations at Headwaters and Poyner Park.

Open Space Ecologist – Carter Dell: Open Space Ecologist Dell stated:

Natural Resources

- Mowed ragweed (Illinois noxious weed).
- Herbicided ragweed to establish better trail borders.
- Herbicided various other broadleaf invasives with the use of the Enduraplas sprayer provided by the Campton Township Open Space Foundation.
- Herbicided reed canary grass at Headwaters.
- Bucked fallen trees because of storm damage @Harley + mowed Harley trails.
- Began our own seed harvest season.
 - Have hosted 4 weekly volunteer seed harvests at Headwaters, Corron, Anderson, and Gray Willows with average volunteer turnout including return/regular volunteers.
 - Utilized people mover to transport volunteers to seed harvest location and provide interpretive tour.
 - Field crew has spent many hours harvesting multiple species of native seeds in unsuitable quantities for volunteer harvest (wild quinine, purple prairie clover, nodding onion, swamp milkweed).

- Assisted Forest Preserve District of Kane County's weekly seed harvests every week including providing rides for their volunteers from parking lot to seed harvest sites.
- Revamped Corron demonstration native garden with help of dedicated garden volunteer Beth.

Professional Development

- Sarah has completed preliminary wildland fire trainings (S130 and S190) in preparation for upcoming prescribed burn season.
 - Coordinating with Forest Preserve District of Kane County to provide S130 field day training to Sarah Williams and Nick Overstreet to complete coursework for Burn Boss certification.

Miscellaneous

- Sarah and I engaged with the public at the Open Space tent at Prairie Fest as well as provided wagon rides throughout the day. Assisted with Prairie Fest set up and tear down.
- Discovered 16 hunting stands and 2 trail cameras at Goldenstein South property. Marked all with a notice to remove in a month.
 - Spoke with Conservation Police Officer Ashton Gilliam about proper procedure in notifying and removing tree stands. He recommended we leave notices on the stands and allow the owners to come and remove their property. We will be notifying the neighboring properties of the land ownership change with flyers/mailers in their mailboxes as well as increased monitoring of the site utilizing our own trail cameras to assess if anyone is using the site.
- Completed update of all 6 park kiosk maps. Printed and given to Outreach staff.
 - Updated trail milage and color codes for all trails in our parks.
 - Resized the flyer space next to maps to make them even sized.
- Refilled community garden tanks.
- Huge effort in fixing up Open Space office.
 - Replace water filter, cleaned out basement floor, dried up leaking water, organizing of offices, cleaning floors, etc.
 - Air quality test and drain fixes (thank you Tom!).

Eagle Scout report (not on agenda) but comes under Carter Dell's report and Max Anderson who supervised Eagle Scout candidate Wyatt Tiedt who gives his report here: Eagle Scout candidate Wyatt Tiedt stated his project was to prepare, locate, and install Township signs giving local information to the public as they observe and use Township facilities. Wyatt expressed thanks to Home Depot, Farmand Fleet, Wasco Nursery, Kane County Landscape Materials and supply, and the Campton Township Highway Department for donating all building and plant materials used in his project. He also

thanked Campton Township Parks and Open Space for donating staff time and equipment to his Eagle Scout project. The project took two days beginning Saturday June 29th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and June 30th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The hardest part was being the leader in running two teams. Problems encountered were rocks underground that they had to dig out. E. Murphy stated this was a valuable project. J. Kubar expressed the thanks of the Township to Wyatt Tiedt.

Outreach Program Manager – Cheryl Smith: Outreach Program Manager Smith stated:

Monthly Newsletter: Went out on 8/31/2024

Outreach

Clean up

Cleared 4 raised garden boxes at the Community Gardens (overgrown with weeds).

Cleaned tool shed after Prairie Fest.

Cleaned Town Hall after returning to our office (removed rugs, swept, vacuumed, and mopped).

Started to reorganize at Whitney.

All Wheel Show – upcoming September 22nd.

Met with John, Tom, Tim, and Mat.

Met with Byron and Michelle for RC Track on Aug. 13th.

Dash plaques picked up and ordered.

T shirts designed, staff shirts ordered, and social media promotion for presales.

Banner dates changed and hung up at Motz, Gray Willows, and Town Hall.

Cub Scout group secured to help with children's play area.

Reaching out to more vendors for event.

Sponsor banners designed and ready to order.

Put up flyers around Township and neighboring towns.

Ongoing social posts to promote.

Plan Kids' Zone with activities and partnering organizations to table.

COI's from vendors.

Prairie Fest – 8/17

I set up Kids' Zone and helped with Township table set up. Got everything going in the kid's area by going over details with KARE and Forest Side Animal Rescue volunteers that

I secured for the event. Went over details of programs with Carter and Sarah for promotion at Campton table.

Preschool Pals – 8/20: 3 Registrations.

Kaitlyn led the preschoolers on a bug hike at Gray Willows Farm with their parents/grandparents. They found some cool finds! They also looked at all the different prairie plants and identified them!

Nature and Wildlife Detectives – 8/21: 8 registrations.

This month's topic was all things fireflies! We learned that we are unfortunately seeing less and less fireflies every year. We discussed ways to help these beautiful creatures. We also made firefly night lights. This way we can have our jars with "fireflies" in them while leaving the real living fireflies alone. The kids had such blast creating their firefly night lights and were so excited to show their parents!

Elgin Community College's Environmental Biology (BIOS 115) class – 9/6: 30 students.

Set out parking markers and parking arrow signage at Corron Farm on 9/5. Students interpreted the ecological significance of the prairie, oak savanna, keystone species and ecology of Corron Farm.

Site Reservations:

Working with Lochmann family on details of wedding reservation at Corron Farm for Sept. 21.

Secured future dates for Sherry (scent training) at Corron Farm.

Corresponded with Cub Scout group for reservations at Gray Willows Farm barn and grounds.

Working with Cub Scouts for Thursday meetings at Gray Willows barn for Sept/Oct.

Worked with Alex Nelson (Cub Scouts) for rocket launch at Gray Willows on Aug 23rd.

Corresponded with Boy Scout group for campground rental (referred to Carter Dell).

Working with photographers to reserve Corron Farm and Gray Willows Farm.

Working with Eric for Cyclocross event at Anderson Park in November.

Upcoming:

View the Night Sky Event – Rescheduled due to cloud cover: New date 9/20 from 7-9 p.m. at Gray Willows Farm.

We partner with Fox Valley Astronomical Society to view the moon, Milky Way, and Saturn. Scheduled night hikes and snacks that are out of this galaxy will be served.

Preschool Pals – 9/17: Fall migration at Gray Willows Farm.

Nature & Wildlife Detectives – 9/18: Fall migration and Young Entrepreneurship.

All Wheel Show – 9/22: Working on details, this is ongoing.

Fall/Winter Critter Camps: Tentative pricing and dates - \$175 R/\$185 NR

Fall – November 25 – 27th

Winter (2 weeks) – December 23, 26 and 27

December 30, 2 and 3

I am still waiting on approval for fall and winter Critter Camps and Creatures of the night. I sent out a request for approval to John on Aug. 22nd.

Planning Commission Report – Jesse Varsho, Chairman: Chairman Varsho stated there is no report from Plan Commission this month.

Supervisor Report – John Kubar: Supervisor Kubar stated:

- Over the last month we have worked very hard to complete an OSLAD grant for upgrades at Anderson Park. We worked closely with the Boy's Baseball League for the concept design for upgrades for a new Colt field and batting cages. The Township is replacing infrastructure that is over twenty years old. Improvements include ADA accessible paths and parking, picnic shelter, two pickle ball courts, a new basketball court, and a new rain garden. We held a public meeting last Thursday allowing the public to comment on the grant. Over 35 residents attended. The grant proposal is due this Friday to the IDNR (Illinois Department of Natural Resources).
- A significant amount of work has gone into opposing the Pulte Charles Farm Development. I had several meetings with the Conservation Foundation, Campton Township Open Space Foundation, the Village of Campton Hills, V3, and concerned citizens. I had a meeting with the regional director of Pulte Homes where they outlined the development. They asked if I would support the concept, at which I replied there is no way I would ever support a development like this. This is against everything the Township and our residents believe in and have worked for.

Jesse Varsho presented his concerns and those of the Township at the St. Charles Planning Commission on September 15th. Jesse did a great job outlining our concerns over water sustainability, water quality, and protection of rare species along the Mill Creek corridor.

- We have completed our negotiations with MIH on the contract for the development of a wetland mitigation bank on Goldenstein East and West. They have met our concerns for changes in the original Proposal/Contract. We had three requested changes to the proposed Option Agreement.
 - Increased frequency of revenue share payments from annually to quarterly: Agreed.
 - Increase revenue share payment from 10% to 15%: Agreed.

- Quantify the minimum long-term endowment amount in the option agreement: V3’s estimate of long term management needs exceeds what MIH nationwide experience and staff believes is necessary in both amount and scope. They are estimating \$40K /year for long term maintenance, which includes 28 herbicide applications a year and prescribed burning every two years. Proposed solutions:
- Increase revenue share to 17.5% and leave the allocation of funds up to Campton’s discretion since we will be the land owner and the long-term manager
 - At an average credit price over the life of the bank of \$200K, this would equate to nearly \$2.3 M that would accrue to Campton.
 - Tonight we will be voting to accept this agreement.

5. Approval of Minutes:

a. Board Meeting August 13, 2024: J. Varsho moved the Board table the Board meeting minutes of August 13, 2024. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Varsho and Murphy voted aye. Trustee Metzger was absent. The motion passed.

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

7. Old Business – Presentation and Discussion for Action:

a. Discussion and Approval of Wetlands Mitigation Proposal for Goldenstein East and West Farms by V3 Companies and Mitigation Investment Holdings: No action.

8. New Business continued – Presentation and Discussion for Action:

a. Review and Act Upon Purchase of New Vehicle for Assessor: Assessor Rottmann stated Halk Ford had the same vehicle for \$400.00 more. J. Varsho moved the Board approve the purchase of a new vehicle for the Assessor’s office for a price not to exceed \$52,500.00. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Varsho and Murphy voted aye. Trustee Metzger was absent. The motion passed.

b. Review and Act Upon Approval of 2025 OSLAD Resolution: J. Varsho moved the Board approve the Campton Township “Resolution of Authorization” for the OSLAD project, upgrades to Anderson Park. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Varsho and Murphy voted aye. Trustee Metzger was absent. The motion passed.

9. Claims and Demands Authorized for Payment:

a. Town Fund \$16,382.90: J. Varsho moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Town Fund in the amount of \$16,382.90. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Varsho and Murphy voted aye. Trustee Metzger was absent. The motion passed.

b. Road & Bridge Fund \$62,284.86: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Road and Bridge Fund in the amount of \$62,284.86. J. Varsho seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho and Murphy voted aye. Trustee Metzger was absent. The motion passed.

c. Capital Improvement Fund \$0

d. Open Space Fund \$41,745.81: J. Varsho moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Open Space Fund in the amount of \$41,745.81. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho and Murphy voted aye. Trustee Metzger was absent. The motion passed.

10. Executive Session – Review Executive Session Minutes of August 13, 2024; Land Acquisition; Personnel Issues; Legal Issues: J. Varsho moved the Board table Agenda item 10 on the agenda. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho, and Murphy voted aye. Trustee Metzger was absent. The motion passed.

11. New Business continued:

aa. Review and Act Upon Whether to Approve Executive Session Minutes of August 13, 2024: J. Varsho moved the Board table agenda item 11 on the agenda. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho and Murphy voted aye. Trustee Metzger was absent. The motion passed.

12. Adjournment: J. Varsho moved the meeting be adjourned. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Varsho and Murphy voted aye. Trustee Metzger was absent. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Johansen

Clerk

