

Campton Township
Annual Town Meeting
Community Center
April 11, 2017
7:30 P.M.

1. & 2. Clerk Johansen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed the electors to the 2017 Annual Town Meeting of Campton Township. He asked Al Rottmann to lead the electors in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge was recited. **Clerk Johansen stated only registered voters of Campton Township may speak, make motions, second motions, or vote on motions.** There is a list of registered voters at the back of the room, and if you have not already signed in, please do so now. For the benefit of the court reporter, when you speak, please state your name and address, and if you have a complicated name, spell that, also.

And I want to thank our people and staff for their work during the year beginning with **Ruth Rottmann**, our new administrator, **Louise McKay**, Director of Finance, **Gayle Garbarski**, staff assistant, **Geri Wintz**, clerical staff, **Janet Matthews**, Road District office manager, **Tom Serewicz**, Open Space Operations Manager, **Mark Gordon**, open space operations, **Dave Corron**, site manager, **Josh Nelson**, Ecological Restoration Technician, **Barbara Wojnicki**, Kane County Board Representative, **Jason Welander**, park staff, and **Tim Felinski**, our natural resources technician. You've all done a great job keeping the Township going all year.

3. Elect a Moderator: Clerk Johansen asked for nominations for Moderator of the Town Meeting. **Al Rottmann moved to nominate John Pree for Moderator.** Joe Miller seconded the nomination. Clerk Johansen asked if there were further nominations. (No response.) Clerk Johansen asked for a motion to close nominations. Betty Murphy said so moved. Barbara Wojnicki seconded the motion. Clerk Johansen said all those in favor say aye. (Ayes were heard.) Opposed? (No response.) Nominations are closed. All those in favor of John Pree for moderator say aye. (Ayes were heard.) Opposed? (No response.) John Pree is elected Moderator.

4. Oath of Moderator: Clerk Johansen said John, please come up here and take the oath, whereupon, the Moderator was duly sworn and the oath signed. The Clerk said the meeting is yours.

5. Set Moderators Salary: Moderator Pree said following the agenda, the next job is to set the Moderator's salary. Al Rottmann moved to set the Moderator's salary at \$200. John Kuper seconded the motion. Moderator Pree said he will adjust the motion to one dollar. All those in favor of the motion and the adjustment say aye. (Ayes were heard.) Opposed? (No response.) Motion passed.

6. Approval of 2016 Minutes: Moderator Pree stated the minutes are in the booklet you all have. Now that everybody is looking at the minutes, are there any additions or corrections that need to be made? (No response.) If you don't find any mistakes, I need a motion to approve the minutes of last years' Town Meeting. Joe Miller said so moved. Al Rottmann seconded. Moderator Pree said all those in favor say aye. (Ayes were heard.) Opposed? (No response.) Motion passed, **we have approved the minutes of last year's meeting.**

7. Supervisor' Annual Financial Report: Moderator Pree said continuing with the agenda, the Supervisor's report is next. Supervisor Kuper said yes sir, we'll do the numbers here. First of all, thank you all very much for showing up tonight. We've had a fantastic year. **All of our volunteers and staff have done a great job. We've done some great things on our properties and restoration projects, and we'll get into it later on. But first the numbers.**

7.1 General Town Fund: We had a beginning balance on April 1st, 2016 of \$392,450.52; total revenues of \$672,286.90; total expenditures of \$607,039.67; and a total ending balance on March 31st, 2017 of \$394,697.75. Any questions? (No response.) Any comments? **Betty Murphy said I want to point out the General Town Fund came in under budget, and therefore showed a small surplus.** Moderator Pree said any other comments on the Town Fund? (No response.) I need a motion to approve the General Town Fund. Betty Murphy said so moved. Barbara Wojnicki seconded. Moderator Pree said all those in favor say aye. (Ayes were heard.) Opposed? (No response.) Motion passed. The General Town Fund is approved.

7.2 Road and Bridge Fund: Supervisor Kuper said the Township had a beginning balance on March 1st, 2016 of \$1,124,291.67; total revenues were \$2,026,819.20; and total expenditures were \$1,857,437.28. The ending balance on March 31st, 2017 was \$1,287,532.14. Moderator Pree asked any questions or comments? Joe

Garbarski asked is the auditing service dollar value shown the same value as it was in the Town Fund, or is it split between the two? Trustee Murphy stated it's split between all three. Moderator Pree stated so you've got to get the total from each of the funds to get the total auditing service cost. Is that what you are saying? Trustee Murphy said yes. Joe Garbarski said so, the total is \$15,000, roughly? Trustee Murphy said it's just a little under \$15,000 for the year. **Trustee Miller stated we came in under budget. Trustee Murphy said over a hundred thousand dollars to the good, yes.** Moderator Pree said I need a motion to accept the Road and Bridge Fund. Trustee Betty Murphy said so moved. Trustee Joe Miller seconded the motion. Moderator Pree asked any other comments? (No response.) All in favor of approving the Road and Bridge Fund say aye. (Ayes heard.) Opposed? (No response.)

7.3 Open Space Fund: Supervisor Kupa said the beginning balance on April 1st, 2016 was \$6,279,551.89. Total revenues for the year were \$3,863,346.52; total administration and bond debt expenditures were \$3,668,589.25; total capital and maintenance expenditures were \$371,494.80, and the ending balance on March 31st 2017 was \$6,058,188.05. Moderator Pree said any questions or comments? Trustee Murphy said she wanted to point out that this one was a little bit negative in terms of excess of expenses over revenue and most of that was due to the very low interest rate environment and the fact we did not earn as much money as we would have anticipated. Moderator Pree said any other comments or questions? (No response) Okay, then I need a motion to accept the annual report of the Open Space Fund. Al Rottmann said motion moved. Katy Bolger said I'll second. Moderator Pree said all those in favor say aye. (Ayes heard) All opposed? (No response) Motion carried.

7.4 Capital Improvements Fund: Supervisor Kupa said the beginning balance on April 1st 2016 was \$30,027.53; total revenues of \$59,633.56; and an ending balance on March 31st, 2017 of \$89,661.09. Moderator Pree asked any questions or comments? (No response) Do we have a motion to accept the annual report of the Capital Improvements Fund? Mike Carlson said I make that motion. Al Rottmann seconded the motion. Moderator Pree said all those in favor say aye. (Ayes heard.) Opposed? (No response) Motion carried.

8. Comments by Supervisor: Supervisor Kupa said we saw an overall improvement in the economy last year. And fortunately, property tax revenue, which is the primary revenue to fund the Township's administration and parks, had

a slight increase due to new construction. We're going to see that increase over the next year. Housing and property values have appreciated since 2013 and continue to grow. Property values increased another 2.59 percent from 2015 to 2016. We continue to see new development in the Township such as Norton Lakes, and then there's a lot of infill construction that's happening.

We've had a \$43,000 surplus in the Town Fund and \$40,000 in the Open Space Fund. It took a lot of good, hard work and dedication by our staff to get to that point, but we do have good fiscal controls, and really good procurement controls, and just a lot of good hard work by our people, our staff.

Ruth Rottmann came on board a few months ago as our office manager and administrator, and she's done a great job in her short time here. And one of the reasons for that is Louise McKay, our Finance Director, decided to go half-time for the foreseeable future.

And Barbara Wojnicki came on board as our open space and Deputy Clerk, so she's jumped in there and is doing great work in our open space programs and helping the Clerk with his work.

Two Eagle Scouts completed their projects with the Township last year. First was Max Anderson of Troop 14 who cleared over 2 acres of invasive plant species and brush in the woods at Corron Farm. He also raised additional funds for interpretive signs around his work area. Then Connor Tidler of Troop 56 constructed a chimney swift tower at the Headwaters Conservation Area. That's for the preservation and propagation of the chimney swifts. That's going to help that bird population out at the Headwaters.

Our tenth annual Campton Township Prairie Fest was held on Saturday, September 24th at Corron Farm. We had over 420 people attend the fest. That did not include the vendors, volunteers, and staff that were out there helping the public and making this such a success.

Last year Campton Township teamed up with the Corron Farm Preservation Society to submit an application for a Kane County Riverboat grant. **We were successful in obtaining \$40,000 that we used to stabilize the interior structure of the huge Corron Farm dairy barn.** We hired Trillium Dell to undertake the restoration, and they are one of the best restoration contractors in the Midwest. They restore antique barns and the project was completed this fiscal year. This

will allow us to replace the existing barn roof with a metal roof in 2017. This should be completed in time for the Township's Prairie Fest this September. Then we will continue with the restoration on the barn interior.

Campton Township received notification in March of this year that the mitigation banking permit will be approved for the Gray Willows wetlands mitigation bank on 150 acres of the 208 acres at Gray Willows. This will yield 71 acres of wetland mitigation credits. Mitigation credits will include wetland reestablishment, wetland enhancement, stream and ravine restoration, establishment of upland buffers, and the restoration of other upland features. This will allow the Township to restore a significant portion of Gray Willows Farm to a natural state and generate funds for long term maintenance of these wetlands and other restoration projects within the Township.

A lot of people were wondering when Gray Willows will be opened up. There were a couple of things that affected that. First of all we had a life estate that had to be taken care of and moved aside. And then we are designing the wetland restoration and until we get the permit and approval of the design, we don't know where we could put the walking trails. So now that we have the permit, staff has located the trails, and hopefully, within the next few months we're going to have Gray Willows open for hiking and looking at nature.

At the Headwaters the Township received the permit for the wetlands bank expansion, phase II. The contract has been modified to allow 12.5 percent disbursement to the Township on the front end for wetland credit sales. This is an increase from the original 5 percent. This will generate 33 acres of additional wetlands credits, 11 new and 18 original credits from the first phase. **The wetlands work helps fund a lot of our restoration projects in the Township.**

We received a \$10,000 grant for monarch butterfly habitat restoration at Gray Willows Farm. The Conservation Foundation is the program manager and will administer the grant. We will incorporate 25 acres of monarch habitat restoration into the Gray Willows plan. The Fox Valley Monarch Corridor Project led by the Conservation Foundation is a collaborative partnership between 12 public and private land organizations, and we are a part of that.

In August of 2016 the Township executed a wetlands conservation easement with ABC/Disney for 17 acres of wetlands on the west side of the Township. This will allow us to restore and manage this area in a natural state. We are also in

discussions with ABC/Disney to obtain the adjacent 27 acres of property in order to restore this area to native prairie.

Skyline Partners and the Township have submitted an application to the Grand Victoria Riverboat Foundation for the restoration of the Whitney Schoolhouse. This would involve the structural restoration and relocation of the schoolhouse from its present location to Gray Willows Farm. The building would be used for environmental education as well as other venues. The Whitney Schoolhouse is the second oldest schoolhouse in northern Illinois. The Whitneys owned part of Gray Willows at one time so it's appropriate the schoolhouse be relocated to property they once owned.

Another exciting thing is that the Fox Valley Wildlife Center is working on a concept plan for moving from Elburn to the Motz Farm on township open space for a wildlife rehabilitation facility. The Center will restore the farmhouse and utilize the garage as a class room. The Calamos Family Foundation is funding construction of a new animal hospital and rehabilitation center.

Next, we've begun construction of the first phase of community gardens on the Brown Road property. This consists of 68 plots. The second phase will expand this to over 100 plots. A percentage of the produce grown will be donated to the Northern Illinois Food Bank on a voluntary basis.

So, all in all, the Township is fiscally strong, our projects are going ahead, and this is because our staff and volunteers make this happen. We are finally getting a roof on the barn at Corron Farm, and I expect that to be done in time for Prairie Fest.

Moderator Pree asked for questions or comments. Jack Shouba asked how many garden plots are spoken for. Josh Nelson said ballpark, about 15, but there's a bunch more that have expressed interest. Jack Shouba said his comment would be that in other places he has seen raised garden beds for handicapped people. Supervisor Kuper said that's a good suggestion because we actually do have that in our design, for some raised beds. Any other questions? (No response.) Moderator Pree said thank you.

9. Assessor's Report: Assessor Rottmann stated the Campton Assessor's office added \$19,866,166 in new market value in 2016. This represents construction of new residences and improvements to existing ones. 19 permits were issued for new single-family residences, the same number as in 2015, and 191 permits were issued for additions, garages, decks, pools, et cetera. Property sales decreased

from 399 in 2015 to 366 in 2016. Of these sales 307 were single-family residences, and 34 were sales of buildable lots. There were sales of 17 farm parcels and 8 commercial properties. The average sale price in 2016 for a single-family home in Campton Township was \$369,953. This is a decrease in the average home price of \$379,861 in 2015, down from \$390,990 in 2014. So basically, the sales that have been coming in have been decreasing about \$10,000, on average, for the last two years. As of December 31st, 2016, there are a total of 7,230 parcels in Campton Township represented by 6,388 residential parcels, 494 farm parcels, and 159 commercial industrial parcels. 189 parcels are tax exempt parcels. That concludes my report.

10. Highway Commissioner's Report: Moderator Pree said the Highway Commissioner is not here tonight, but see his written report on pages 27, 28, and 29. Are there any questions or comments on the written report? (No response.)

11. Open Space Update: Moderator Pree stated next is the presentation on open space beginning with **Josh Nelson's** slide presentation. Josh began with **Corron Farm** saying it is one of our better restored properties. **Max Anderson did a tremendous job organizing his volunteer crew to clear brush there as part of his Eagle Scout project.** Between that project and staff efforts we have cleared enough to be able to do prescribed burns throughout the woods. Just two weeks ago we had a group from Wheaton College come out and clear about 200 feet of old fencerow. We have also created a native plant garden and on its existing site we've reconstructed new wooden boxes with identification signs that have become a great educational tool when we bring groups out there. It's a sample of about 25 native plants that you can see out in the prairies and woodlands. Another of our big projects is mapping the oak savanna. We are collecting data through students with Wheaton College which we'll be able to use for future planning and documenting our existing canopy cover, size of trees, and species diversity. We'll be working with Chicago Wilderness as a preliminary kind of test agency in their regional oak-mapping project. As we move forward this year some of our goals include weed control throughout the prairies. We made a good dent in ragweed control throughout the savanna and some of the prairie units last year so we're hoping to see good results from that. We're looking to, this year, also increase our native seed collection program. We've been working with Kane County, learning from them and their methods.

Over at **Gray Willows** we have focused a lot of effort on clearing invasive brush so that we're able to get fire through there now as we continue to develop. This will be the site of the Fox Valley monarch corridor grant that we are partnering on. We are one of the agencies doing the large habitat creation. We'll be working with V3 in a cooperative management plan that includes wetlands. In addition, this summer Wheaton College is having research students do a surface water-to-groundwater interaction survey throughout the creek. **Also, I want to give a shout-out to Eagle Scout candidate Justin Gray who has been making headway on making the Gray Willows horse barn accessible for events and programs.** He did a great job last year on interior stabilization, eliminating trip hazards, and cleaning the barn. This year he will be working on an exterior ramp that will provide ADA compliance to the building. We have also started cataloging the oaks at Gray Willows just as we have been doing at Corron Farm.

At **Anderson Park** we are continuing with weed control, restoring a wetland parcel, and replacing ash trees that have been affected by the emerald ash borer. **J.T. Curcio is working on his Eagle Scout project to build a new fitness trail that will replace the one that was constructed in the early stages of the park.**

Throughout **Harley Woods** we've been focusing on brush clearing through the wooded units. During the summer we'll focus more of our efforts on the prairie units there where we'll be managing our oak populations and increasing species diversity, as well as fighting invasive brush. I want to give a shout-out to **Jerry Johnson and Garfield Farm. They managed the easement throughout this portion and have been working with Eagle Scouts to do brush clearing,** so this has become a cooperative effort to restore this whole parcel.

Over at **Headwaters** we did a lot of brush clearing in the Elderberry Pond area so we've completed enough cutting there to allow prescribed burns as well as throw down some enrichment seed. We're looking to contract maintenance this summer for the Phase I portion of the V3 restoration. Due to the size and scope of it we want to maintain a high quality area there, so we'll be working with contractors to boost our efforts there. We've done some tree clearing along the south fencerow in an effort to increase the visibility from the road and improve the overall aesthetics there. **A shout-out to Connor Tidler for his Eagle Scout project making the chimney swift tower. The chimney swift tower is basically a 12 foot tall bird house. The chimney swift is a threatened species due to lack of suitable nesting grounds. Historically, they would have nested in hollow trees. As**

settlers cleared the land, they adapted to live in chimneys. Unfortunately, then, as we capped off chimneys, they lost that habitat, so now we've created these artificial ones for them to utilize. **This year we are going to have some monitors keep an eye on it to see if populations use it. It's possible it could take a couple years for them to locate it and learn about it, but once the birds find it they will continue to come back year after year.** We are hoping to add more of these towers throughout our parks to increase the habitat space. We'll also be working with V3 as they work on the Phase II wetland and their restoration in a cooperative approach. An example of this is we're hoping to coordinate a fall burn.

Over at **Poynor Park** our main focus last summer was sweet clover. This is probably our biggest threat to the park, but we made significant progress in mowing it. **We have a couple Eagle Scout projects planned for here. One will be the installation of a nine-hole disk golf course. Then, another scout will be planting native trees to landscape the course.** And, pending receipt of the ComEd Green Region grant we'll be seeding prairie around that, creating a very nice blend of natural restoration and active recreation. So with that in mind we'll be working on the pond area, thinning back the willows and cattails. I'll be taking a staggered approach in order to preserve the hemi-marsh atmosphere, so we'll be hoping for a little bit of drought this year so we can get in with equipment and get the willows, and following that we'll work on cattails, which we can then get some fire in there and see how some prescribed burns can help us out.

We couldn't have done any of this this year without awesome staff and tons of help from volunteers. So, thank you to all the volunteers. We are working on volunteer software so we can better track our hours. This plays a big role as we apply for grants and work for different funding sources. But, overall, we logged over a thousand hours, and that value comes in to over \$26,000. We can grow that number next year. We are already starting to add to our numbers thanks to a workday last Saturday with Wheaton College. We are also starting a bunch of wildlife studies that are accumulating data that is beneficial as we work on grants, as well as affecting development and the management plans here. So I figured the best way to show this is to show some photos of the different methods we are employing, focusing on amphibians, frogs, turtles. You can see we've got some snake studies there. **We're very proud of two sightings of a northern harrier at Corron Farm, and one siting at Poynor. These sightings have been logged in with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources as it is an endangered**

species. You often see it flying low along the prairies, hunting, or perched on fence posts. We've been working with Kane County Audubon and Bird Conservation Network through volunteer, Tim Balassie. He's taken over our bird monitoring program and he's employed a crew of volunteers who have each adopted individual parks and have been collecting data on them. They have also stepped up to lead bird hikes and teach classes.

Any questions? **Jack Shouba** said we've known about the northern harrier for a number of years and that needs to be reported to the State. But the problem is the State does not recognize ordinary people reporting endangered species. You have to be a recognized authority. And if you're not, you need a photo. So I say this because Josh finally got a picture of the northern harrier this year. We've seen them in the past but we finally have a photo. So when we try to tell Elgin that, "hey, there's an endangered species out there," well the State doesn't have a record of that because they don't have a photo. So now we have a photo, thanks to Josh.

Josh said document your sightings through – eBird.com I believe is the website. It's through the Cornell lab. And our bird monitors will be checking that for any citizen reports to include on our lists. Any other questions? (No response.)

12. Comments by Electors: Moderator Pree said we will now have comments by electors. **Limit your comments to Township affairs only.** **Jack Shouba** said when they built Anderson Park they planted prairie seeds at Hillside Prairie and they put up signs to explain it. The prairie seeds never took and the signs had lots of errors on them. But then **Denise Morgan and I planted prairie plants, hundreds of them along the path going up the hill. And Denise spent about ten years weeding that, and it's virtually weed free now.** After a few years it doesn't need to be weeded by hand, but she weeded it like pretty much weekly for ten years. Others of us helped some, but she did most of it. And so it's really quite a remarkable prairie garden now, excellent place to see prairie plants and photograph them. The signs have fallen apart, but Josh is about to put new signs up, and he's actually an expert sign maker. **I'd like to recommend, if I can do that, make a motion that as we make the new signs, that we call it the Denise Morgan Prairie Garden in recognition of all the years of work she put in on that.** **Laurel Garza** said I'll second. **Moderator Pree** said isn't that something for the Township Board to do? **Jack Shouba** said I was at the Annual Town Meeting when they named the park Anderson Park. **Clerk Johansen** said that's right. **Joe Garbarski** said let's vote on the motion. **Moderator Pree** said

it's noncontroversial, we're going to vote. Any further discussion? Joe Miller said let's do this at a Board meeting with her present. Al Rottmann said even though we did this in the past doesn't mean it was the right thing to do. If there's going to be a Resolution it should have been placed on the agenda prior to the meeting. My fear is we are opening a Pandora's Box here to allow other issues where we have in the past had people try to pass Resolutions against the Iraq War. Clerk Johansen said this is a motion, not a Resolution. And Comments by Electors is an agenda item. Also comments by electors should be relevant to items that are already on the agenda. Open Space Update is on this agenda. That's a comment by an elector in regard to open space. Betty Murphy said Jack, if you could modify that motion to say you would recommend to the Township – and then we will put it on the agenda for the Board meeting. Jack Shouba said I'll withdraw the motion, and agree the proper way to do it is to get it on the agenda, but by the time I found out the agenda was already made. So I would like to ask that we make a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting. Moderator Pree said a lot of people say they are in favor of it but I don't want the problem of having motions made at future Town Meetings that haven't been presented to the Township Board in advance so they could be on the agenda and the rest of the Township would be aware of it so other opinions could be expressed. So we are not going to vote on this based on this discussion, but hay, how many think it's a good idea? (Indicating) Joe Garbarski said the agenda item "Comments by Electors" does not have to be presented to the Board in advance of the Town Meeting. "Comments by Electors" is an agenda item. As registered voters, electors, we can make comments, and we can make motions, and we can vote on them. It's not the Township Board's position to know what those are in advance. Al Rottmann said the point is the agenda says "Citizens Comments" which comment is make a recommendation to the board. Passing a motion is different than making a recommendation. Joe Garbarski said if you read the State statutes for the powers of the electors at the Annual Town Meeting, we have the power to make motions, and approve motions, and they are wide ranging. They don't say specific in naming a path after someone. Clerk Johansen said actually Joe, I think you are right. One of the powers of the electors is to buy property. Al Rottmann said but I'm also pretty sure that any motions – that if they were made – are nonbinding, and you would have to go to the Board anyway. Joe Garbarski that's not correct. Clerk Johansen no, that's not correct Alan. Joe Garbarski did Jack

rescind his motion? Moderator Pree yes, he did, we're done. Joe Garbarski John, you need to understand what the powers are if you are Moderator next year. There's not as many people that come to these meetings, but the ones that are here, need to know what their rights are. Moderator Pree I think certain motions would be too far for this meeting, like buying property. I think that needs to be submitted in advance. But we get the idea. Jack has made a suggestion, a whole bunch of people agree with it, the Moderator agrees with it. So we are just going to call that topic finished. Peggy Seehafer said adding to what has been said to honor her, if Josh is able to make the sign before the next Board meeting, so when she is presented, she sees what the sign says, it's a good photo op. Moderator Pree said since several members of our Township Board are here and they are listening to what a large number of the people that are here, I'm sure they're going to be receptive and get to work on this. Trustee Miller said right. Laurel Garza said right. Moderator Pree said right. Could we have comments about something else? Jack Shouba said the minutes of the Town Meetings from 2015 and 2016 say "portions of the Headwaters property are also being farmed in soybeans, corn, or hay until further prairie restoration can be funded." Looking at last year's minutes, it said \$327,289 was received into the restoration fund. I'm wondering when that restoration will proceed and why there's not a master plan for those properties. A lot of stuff is going on, but there's no master plan for most of the properties. I'd like to recommend to the Board that they come up with master plans to present to us at next year's Annual Meeting. Supervisor Kubar said we were actually talking about that at our last Board meeting, and we're looking at several proposals from V3 and others that would be hired to do that master planning. And we are evaluating those plans or proposals. Jack Shouba added, just as an example, one of the farmers wants to do an organic farm, and it can't be certified organic for three years, which means he's going to need that farm for a number of years, but we don't have a master plan that could take that into account. So I'd like to see us really buckle down and work on this, and I'll volunteer to help. Trustee Miller asked how many acres of farmland do we have now? Supervisor Kubar answered 300. Trustee Miller said at an average seed cost of \$1,500 per acre, times 300 acres, plus the actual work on it, we could blow our budget completely in one year by saying let's take the farmland and convert it all over. So part of the farming has been for the farmers to maintain it so we do not have to maintain it, and then find grants, or convert it to wetland, so it's creating money that will protect our property.

Supervisor Kuper said I think that over the years we've done a pretty good job balancing what we can do with what we've got. **And, you know there was a point, Jack, 10 years ago when we could have run out of money because people were spending a bunch. Our Board's put a hold on that, and right now we have funding to keep the program going until 2025.** Moderator Pree said okay, back to Jack. Jack Shouba said my point is you need a plan before you spend the money, not after you spend the money. I don't disagree with what's been done. I love the monarch habitat. I love wetland restoration. But all that was done without a plan upfront. I go to the Forest Preserve; you can go on their website. I go to park districts, I go to Dundee. Nobody does anything until they have a plan. I just think we need to sit down and have plan – and not have V3 write the plan. We need to say what we want them to do. So for one more example, John said they want to restore prairie at the Disney property. Why not restore property we've owned for 10 or 15 years before we start working on the Disney property? Supervisor Kuper said that won't happen this year. It's better to begin by owning property, but at some point we'll restore it. But there's other priorities that -- Jack Shouba said that's what I mean. We need to list those priorities so we would know. Trustee Murphy said priorities change. Jack Shouba said and that's fine. You can change the plan. Trustee Murphy said you can have a plan without having the plan in writing. Moderator Pree said the moderator has just decided we are going to have this finished about 9:00 o'clock. So I think Jack has made his point. I think you people have made your points. Is there somebody else that has a point to make? Barbara Wojnicki said I'll make it brief. And I'm sitting back here just listening to Jack, and something that we always did was, you know, we had committees. We had a Gray Willows committee; we had a Brown Road Meadows committee. And we would meet – even if you don't meet every month, you could meet, you know, every other month. And that's where a lot of the good ideas get put on paper. And, you know, you have a committee that meets a year or two, that's kind of your plan. Now you don't have to hire an outside person and pay them a lot of money to put a plan together. You get people who are interested, people who are active; you get volunteers. Peggy Sue who is sitting here tonight said she'd be glad to serve on the Gray Willows committee. Maybe that's what we need to do. Work a little harder at forming committees for all the open space parcels. Joe Garbarski said the direction should be the long-range planning committee because you can't bring this up once a year. If we tailor it towards long range

planning, then we'll look at things 5, 10 years into the future. The direction should be long range planning. **Al Rottmann** said I'd like to nominate Joe to be chairman of it. **Peggy Seehafer** said I second it. **Joe Garbarski** said and these are just comments that are not taken down. **Clerk Johansen** said no motions. Al, no motions. **Moderator Pree** said almost any of those things should be submitted in advance. And maybe we'll have a whole bunch of them next year, and then we can actually vote on a whole bunch of these. But the law says that some things need to be out there in advance to the Township.

13. New Business: Moderator Pree said we were sort of discussing new business. I don't know the difference between these two. Is there any other new business here? (No response.)

14. Set 2018 Annual Meeting Date: Al Rottmann said I move to set the next Annual Meeting date for April 10, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. Mike Carlson seconded the motion. Moderator Pree said all those in favor say aye. (Ayes heard.) Opposed? (No response.) Motion passes.

15. Adjournment: Moderator Pree said is there a motion to adjourn the meeting? Katy Bolger moved the meeting be adjourned. Al Rottmann seconded the motion. Moderator Pree said all those in favor say aye. (Ayes heard.) Opposed? (No response.) This meeting is adjourned. (Off the record at 9:01 p.m.)

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Johansen

Clerk