03/26/2025, 6:00 PM
VFW POST #755
2211 Old Jacksonville Road
Springfield, IL 62704
in the Banquet Hall
(33 households present, 31 proxies on hand for a total of 65 households participating)

# 2024 year review:

Pond area trees and bushes were removed by Throop and Son due to deteriorating condition and overgrown state causing accumulation of plant debris and trash. All debris removed and stumps ground out.

Some common areas are in need of repair, including filling ruts and holes, and reseeding. Robertson Lawn Care applied fertilizer and weed control. Seeding should be done in the fall of 2025.

Entrance signs are in need of repair or replacement.

Mowing contract is paid per mow, not per month or week. No mow, no pay.

# 2025 projects:

**Signs:**
Deteriorated fence backing for the sign on the south side of the Koke Mill and Greenbriar entrance has been removed by Goodman Fence. The backing will be replaced and original signage will be replaced, if possible, beginning April 1.



Discussion took place regarding the prospect of adding a larger sign to the north side of the Greenbriar entrance, as there is currently no sign there.



Old Jacksonville Road signage needs to be cleaned and/or repaired, but is more complex because the sign is glued somehow to the backing boards.  Ace Sign would need to complete the work once a design is agreed upon.  Ace is recommending we use PVC backing boards instead of wood.




**Trees:**
Tree planting along Koke Mill Road can be accomplished at no cost through the City of Springfield tree planting program, but requires consultation with the owners of houses backing

up to the area to be planted.  Only two households along Koke Mill were in attendance at this year's meeting.

### Cats:
The issue of large numbers of cats was brought up.  The City of Springfield contracts with Sangamon County Animal Control for service, so they do not respond to animal issues. Sangamon County Animal Control does not respond to calls regarding cats.

### Newsletter:
The format of the newsletter was discussed.  The main topics of the next newsletter should emphasize the following:

- Trash cans visible from the street,
- Feeding of wild/feral animals,
- Fences along Koke Mill Road are the property and responsibility of the homeowner,
- Tree planting along Koke Mill Road requires cooperation of homeowners,
- Dog walkers need to be more mindful of cleaning up after their animals,
- Covenant restrictions regarding parking of commercial vehicles, RV's, boats, campers,
- Yard signs not advertising a house for sale.

### Guest:
Ward 7 alderman Brad Carlson spoke at the meeting about issues he works on regularly.  He took questions and encouraged residents to contact him or Erin Conley of ward 8 with questions or problems.

## Elections:
### Treasurer:
Nick Dodson is unable to continue in the position of Treasurer.  Diana Wasem volunteered to take the position.  She was nominated and the nomination was seconded.  A show of hands approved her taking the position.

### President:
Ian Richardson is moving out of the Association boundaries and cannot continue in the position of president.  Deb Hagen volunteered to take the position.  She was nominated and the nomination was seconded.  A show of hands approved her taking the position.