

1. 2. 3. The April 9, 2015 Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kupa at 7:35 p.m. at the Community Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Clerk Johansen called the roll with Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Vandiver and Murphy present. Trustee Stutesman was absent. Trustee Miller arrived later.

4. Reports:

Highway Commissioner – Sam Gallucci: Commissioner Gallucci appeared by written report stating the Road District was contracted by Lily Lake to work on School Zone signs, filling potholes, road repairs, and lawn damage. The road crew snowplowed and salted roadways on 3/23/2015 throughout Campton Township, the Village of Campton Hills, and Campton Hills in Plato Township due to drifting snow, repaired damaged mailboxes and posts, and assessed roadways for drainage problems and potholes. All grates and storm drains were cleaned of debris throughout Campton Township and the Village of Campton Hills; all minor intersections were swept in the Township and Village; potholes were repaired with cold patch throughout the Township and Village; all stop signs in the Township and Village were checked on a weekly basis, and missing or damaged ones replaced; and culvert permits were checked throughout the Township and Village. Shoulder gravel was applied to the ditch on Campton Hills Road; Highway District crewmen attended an in-house safety training class; and motor fuel tax maps were revised to accommodate additional roads that have been dedicated to the Highway District. This ensures proper motor fuel tax revenue to the District. Ongoing maintenance on Township vehicles and equipment was performed in-house by Highway District staff.

Assessor – Alan D. Rottmann: Assessor Rottmann stated he is finishing up the 2015 quadrennial reassessment and will turn in the books to the County in May, which is early, so people have plenty of time to appeal their taxes payable in 2016 if they want to.

Solid Waste District – President Jack Berry: Absent.

Financial Report – Louise McKay: Finance Director McKay stated we had the auditors come out for a preliminary meeting. We started working on accruals for the year end audit. Staff sent out a SAS 99 questionnaire for elected officials to fill out and return. The annual financial report for the fiscal year ending March 31st is submitted on this agenda for the Annual Town Meeting. The Road District got culvert permit revenue for new house construction so building is up. A TOIRMA (Township Officials of Illinois Risk Management Association) refund was received in the amount of \$5,085.00. We received a \$2,000.00 check for a DNR (Department of Natural Resources) grant for restoration at Harley Woods.

Corron Farm Preservation Society Update – Vice Chair Judi Arman: Vice Chair Arman invited the Board to join the Corron Farm Preservation Society at their annual meeting that will be held at the Lodge on April 28th at 6:00 p.m. in Wasco. The public is encouraged to attend. Any person who is interested in the history of Campton Township and Corron Farm will enjoy this event. J. Kupa stated we would like the Preservation Society to participate with us at Corron Farm for Prairie Fest this September. The Township is committed to spend \$2,500.00 on this event. V. Vandiver stated she would like to get Laura Ingalls Wilder's book "Pioneer Girl" available for Prairie Fest and to ask the publisher if it would be possible to have the author's daughter available for a book signing. Clerk Johansen stated he would ask Ann Brack Johnson if she would make herself available at Prairie Fest for a book signing of her book "Angie of Garfield Farm".

Village of Campton Hills – President Patsy Smith: Absent.

Operations Manager – Tom Serewicz: Operations Manager Serewicz stated:

- At the **Headwaters Conservation Area** the water well was turned on, and a prescribed burn completed of the phase III wetland.
- At **Anderson Park** we closed the curve in the parking lot to let frost melt that accumulated in a dip in the gravel. We turned the well water on, and completed a prescribed burn. There are baseball field improvements being done by the league.
- At **Burlington Park** there was electrical work done, and storage area shelves begun.
- At the **Community Center** the parking lot was plowed, and the sidewalk salted.
- At **Corron Farm** pet waste stations were installed, and an electrical short found, and fixed.
- At **Gray Willows** a fallen oak was cut up and hauled away.
- At **Harley Woods** dead trees were cut down and hauled away. Burn piles were burned.
- **Poynor Park** was opened 3/15/15 and a prescribed burn preformed.
- At **Townhall** snow was plowed, sidewalks salted, and a solar light installed at the flag pole. The heat was checked and is ok.
- **In general**, the monthly safety meeting was held; well water is on at Motz; the bobcat was modified with a Gator cart and tool holders; interviews were conducted for summer help; the court supervision program is going well with 143 hours served; the Z track mower is serviced and ready; the tractor is serviced and ready; the new pump/tank for the gator cart works great; Tom completed his “burn boss” training with the Kane County Forest Preserve and his burn application was sent to Springfield; and Travis Zophpf left us to work for South Elgin.

Open Space Program Manager – Lisa Mertz: Open Space Program Manager Mertz stated:

1. **Educational Programs and Events:**

- The **Honey Bee Program** by Bob and Wendy Sobel was attended by 16 people, some of whom learned about Township programming from signs posted at Headwaters.
- The Township’s first **movie night** with a screening and discussion of the documentary film “Green Fire” was attended by 23 people. Jan Sorensen and Manager Mertz plan to host a similar event with the film “Bringing Nature Home” by respected author Doug Tallamy.
- On Friday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center, Ronald Blauwkamp will present “**Native Pollinators**: Why They Are Important, and How Can We Help”.

2. **Natural Resource Management:**

- Witness Tree has begun spraying Garlic Mustard rosettes at Harley Woods. Pulling will start once the plants become taller.
- Township resident and volunteer Grace Koehler and Manager Mertz have received training and become authorized monitors in the “**Plants of Concern**” program.
- A monitoring partnership has also been started with the “**Bird Conservation Network**”. Trained volunteer and local resident Tim Balassie has started conducting bird surveys on Corron Farm. As data is collected we will use this to make recommendations for habitat enhancement.
- We applied for an “**IDNR Special Wildlife Funds Grant**” to do a Floristic Inventory of Corron Farm. This is to create a Natural Resource Management Plan. Jack Shouba is listed as principal investigator with the in-kind matching provided by Program Manager Mertz’s staff time contributed to habitat monitoring.
- Program Manager Mertz requests 1 full time and 1 part time field person be added to staff. She would work with and train anyone hired.
- Program Manager Mertz requests that the Operations Manager provide her with reports and maps of the prescribed burns.
- Pizzo Ecological Restoration Services & Native Nursery will provide insights for habitat enhancement at our open space sites.

3. **Town Hall Building and Landscaping:**

- Program Manager Mertz met with landscape architect Charlie Peterson, Matt Zerby, owner of Wasco Nursery, and Jan Sorensen, an authority on sustainable native plant landscaping, regarding **Town Hall landscape plan revisions**. Wasco Nursery would provide plants, labor, signage, and long term maintenance of Town Hall landscaping.

They would also provide parking spaces along the shared southern property line. When complete, the Conservation Foundation will evaluate this site for "Conservation at Work" certification. Also have any Eagle Scout candidates that are interested in working on this site contact her.

- Wasco Nursery would like to use Town Hall for educational programs in its Open House on April 17 – 18. Program Manager Mertz proposed using the same room rental procedure used by the Township for the Community Center. The Board expressed concern about the appropriateness of this use given that Town Hall is a museum of Township history and historical artifacts there need to be secure. However educational programs may fit appropriateness of use. The Board's direction is let Wasco Nursery use Town Hall without a fee because of their help to the Township but get a Certificate of Insurance.

Educational Opportunities at Campton Properties – Trustee Vandiver: No Report.

Joint Environmental Resource Management Committee – Betty Murphy: Trustee Murphy stated she attended both the Water Resources Committee and the Joint Environmental Resource Management Committee meetings. They are looking for a donation for a website for their committees. There was discussion on whether to contact Morton Arboretum to request they provide tree tag identifications. Earth Day is April 22nd and suggestion is everybody clean up their yards and neighborhoods. There is nothing yet on a zoning and subdivision ordinance. Supervisor Kupa's direction to Director McKay is to revisit whether to participate with the Village on the Water Resources Committee and the Joint Environmental Resource Management Committees as an agenda item for our next Board meeting.

Supervisor Report – John Kupa: Supervisor Kupa stated:

- We are continuing to work with V3 on the Headwaters Conservation Area Wetlands Bank I Phase II contract. We have some remaining issues to resolve on the construction costs remaining on the first phase. We want to insure these costs are not carried over into the new phase II expansion contract. These issues should be resolved in the next two weeks.
- We had a site walk with V3 at Headwaters to survey the area that would be a part of the Phase II expansion. The expansion will take up to 10 acres of the field to the west of the Phase I wetlands. V3 would like to break the tiles and conduct a hydro-geologic study of the area to insure there is enough water flow to support wetlands plants.
 - Pat Kennedy – Executive Vice President – V3
 - Tom Slowinski, Vice President Wetlands and ecology – V3
 - George Milner – Wetlands Ecologist – V3
 - Lisa Mertz Campton Township Open Space Manager
 - Joe Miller – Campton Township Trustee
 - John Kupa – Campton Township Supervisor
- We received some good news regarding the acquisition of the 8.5 certified wetlands credits by the Illinois Department of Transportation. The Illinois Comptroller approved the obligation on Friday, April 3rd. A check should be sent to V3 companies shortly.
- Trustee Miller and Supervisor Kupa met with Gerald Fabrizio who is the current farmer of the field west of the wetlands. He farms approximately 30 acres. The wetlands expansion will take 10 acres from him. We discussed the impact this will have.
- V3 has recently indicated the City of South Elgin has expressed an interest in purchasing 1.85 certified credits from the Headwaters Conservation Area wetlands bank. We will know by the next Board meeting if this transaction will occur.

5. Approval of Minutes:

a. Board Meeting March 6, 2015: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the minutes of the meeting of March 6, 2015. V. Vandiver seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Vandiver and Murphy voted aye. Trustees Stutesman and Miller were absent. The motion passed.

Agenda item 8. a. was taken out of agenda order so the scouts would not have to wait.

8. New Business – Presentation and Discussion for Action:

a. Review and Act Upon Troop 801 Second Annual Rocket Shoot and Pumpkin Chuck-in Event at Poyner Park: Cub Scout Pack 801 from Bell Graham School, 4th and 5th grades – Webelo 1, came to the front of the room to speak on behalf of their event. The Scouts were **Sam Uchill, Grady Burns, Jackson**

Gineris, Matthew Boecher, Braxton Iwanski, and Calvin Post. Their comments included, “ we will be launching rockets and chuck-in pumpkins from a catapult”; “we are responsible enough to do this event at Poynor Park”; “it’s conveniently located and we are safety minded”; “it’s fun but we are responsible”; “160 people will be there”; “we are using a wooden catapult”; “the rockets are 6 inches tall and only go 50 feet, or so, and they use a parachute to fall down”. V. Vandiver asked how far do the pumpkins go? Answer was 10 feet. Did you build the catapult? Answer was yes. J. Kupa said its fine with us. Safety is number one, whether you are an engineer or a scout.

Applause

6. Citizens’ Comments: Assessor Rottmann commented on his participation in the DeKalb event chaired by State Representative Bob Pritchard and Lieutenant Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti regarding **Government Consolidation and Unfunded Mandates**. He stated thirty years ago there were about 3000 units of local government in Illinois including Townships that have been around for 150 years but that these units of government grew to around 7900 units by today, none of them being additional Townships. These additional units of government are special service areas, like mosquito abatement districts, etc. Campton Township provides 1300 acres of open space so private organizations can provide events like baseball, football, soccer, etc. that park districts normally provide, but without a tax supported park district. Intergovernmental cooperation occurs when our open space people take care of a park in Lily Lake, and the Village of Lily Lake in turn provides free office space to the Township. The Township Highway District also cooperates with the Village of Lily Lake to provide services. Intergovernmental cooperation also occurred when the Township worked with the Kane County Forest Preserve to take down a barn on Forest Preserve property and the Township was able to use the barn wood. Clerk Johansen stated he also attended this event but after Assessor Rottmann spoke on behalf of townships he concluded the point had been made. Clerk Johansen then spoke on behalf of attending **Township Topics Day** in Springfield. This is an opportunity for Township officials to interact with State Representatives and Senators on behalf of Townships. Trustees Miller and Stutesman will be asked if they would like to attend later.

7. Old Business – Presentation and Discussion for Action: None.

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b. Review and Act Upon Campton Road District Budget and Appropriations Ordinance 15-1R: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the Campton Township Road District Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 15-1R. V. Vandiver seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Vandiver and Murphy voted aye. Trustees Stutesman and Miller were absent. The Ordinance passed.

c. Review and Act Upon Campton Township General Town Fund Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 15-1T: V. Vandiver moved the Board approve the Campton Township General Town Fund Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 15-1T. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Vandiver and Murphy voted aye. Trustees Stutesman and Miller were absent. The Ordinance passed.

d. Review and Act Upon Approval Line Item Amendments to Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the Line Item Amendments to the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget. The motion was seconded by V. Vandiver. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Vandiver and Murphy voted aye. Trustees Stutesman and Miller were absent. The motion passed.

e. Review and Act Upon Approval of Year End Fiscal Report March 31, 2015 for Annual Town Meeting: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the Year End Fiscal Report March 31, 2015 for the Annual Town Meeting. V. Vandiver seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Vandiver and Murphy voted aye. Trustees Stutesman and Miller were absent. The motion passed.

f. Review and Act Upon Approval of JERM Website Funding: V. Vandiver moved the Board table acting on approval of JERM (Joint Environmental Resource Management Committee) Website funding. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Vandiver and Murphy voted aye. Trustees Stutesman and Miller were absent. The motion passed.

g. Discuss and Act Upon Clearing of Brush in Open Space Areas by Goats: J. Kupa stated ask Tom Serewicz and Dave Corron to create a plan to use the goats to clear brush in Open Space areas. The Direction is to create a plan to use the goats at a location to be arranged within Gray Willows. E. Murphy moved the Board table acting on the motion to clear brush in Open Space areas by goats. V.

Vandiver seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Vandiver, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. Trustee Stutesman was absent. The motion passed.

9. Claims and Demands Authorized for Payment:

a. Town Fund \$4,607.43: V. Vandiver moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Town Fund in the amount of \$4,607.43. J. Miller seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Vandiver, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. Trustee Stutesman was absent. The motion passed.

b. Open Space Fund \$8,398.67: J. Miller moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Open Space Fund in the amount of \$8,398.67. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Vandiver, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. Trustee Stutesman was absent. The motion passed.

c. Capital Improvement Fund \$1,325.97: V. Vandiver moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Capital Improvement Fund in the amount of \$1,325.97. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Vandiver, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. Trustee Stutesman was absent. The motion passed.

d. Road & Bridge Fund \$91,216.85: V. Vandiver moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Road & Bridge Fund in the amount of \$91,216.85. J. Miller seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Vandiver, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. Trustee Stutesman was absent. The motion passed.

10. Executive Session – None.

11. Adjournment: E. Murphy moved the Board adjourn the meeting. V. Vandiver seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Vandiver, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. Trustee Stutesman was absent. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Johansen

Clerk