

1. 2. 3. The August 14, 2018 Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kupar at 7:34 p.m. at the Community Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Clerk Johansen called the roll with Supervisor Kupar and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, Murphy, and Miller present.

4. Reports:

Highway Commissioner – Sam Gallucci: Commissioner Gallucci stated residents sometimes wonder why gravel is put at the edge of the road. This is to protect the side of the road, to keep it from cracking off. There is a sink hole on Beith road 4 to 5 feet in diameter. We had to close the road. It will be fixed this week. Stop lines, crosswalks, and roadway edge lines were restriped with white paint, and all yellow center lines were repainted throughout Campton Township and the Village of Campton Hills. Excess soil was removed to improve drainage on Brierwood, Castle, Black Willow, and Popular Drives. A sink hole was repaired on Beith Road, and shoulder gravel was applied on Elodie, Denker, Bolcum, and Beith Roads. Dura Patching was completed on Hastings (entrance), Kingston (at the T), Deer Run, Cloverfield, and Phar Lap Drives; Verhaeghe (at the stop sign), Ridge Line, and Campton Hills Roads; Crescent, Brookhaven, and Northern Dancer Lanes; Deerhaven Trail; Fielding Court; Cloverfield Circle; and Johnsway. A culvert was replaced on Deerslayer Drive, and 4 trees were cut down and chipped up due to storm damage. All intersections in Campton Township and the Village of Campton Hills were swept; all roadways were assessed for drainage problems and potholes, and potholes were repaired with cold patch throughout the Township and Village; all stop signs in the Township and Village were checked, and damaged or missing ones replaced; and the District 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 reassessment notices are out. The deadline to file an appeal is Monday.

Solid Waste District – Steven Cartwright, President: Absent.

Financial Report – Louise McKay, Finance Director: Finance Director McKay stated:

- The electronic version of the audit was sent to Speer Financial and receipt of its posting on EMMA (Electronic Municipal Market Access) was emailed to the office. In addition, information was supplied to Speer Financial for the preparation of the Annual Bond Disclosure.
- The audit was uploaded to the State website and the Annual Financial Report (AFR) was submitted via the Internet to the State Comptroller's Office. Currently, the Treasurer's Report is being prepared to meet the September 30 deadline.
- The Kane County Property Tax distributions for July and August have historically been smaller distributions. The next large distribution will be in September.
- PMA investments in July generated coupon interest of \$1,102.00. This was credited to the 2005A PMA deposit account. The \$325,000 proceeds from the maturity in June was transferred from PMA to BMO Harris Open Space Money Market for operations. In September, there will be maturities that will provide additional funding for operations.
- The second quarter payroll and taxes were reconciled. The second quarter payroll tax returns were prepared and submitted on a timely basis.
- The Statement of Revenues and Expenditures indicates the Town Fund, Road District, and Open Space Funds are within budget for the current period, and for year to date. There are line items

over budget that have offsetting line items under budget. Capital Improvements Fund has no expenditures to date this fiscal year.

Corron Farm Preservation Society update – Laurel Garza, President: President Garza stated:

- On September 15th the film **Dairies to Prairies** will be shown at Gray Willows. Corron Farm is in this film.
- On September 22nd Corron Farm will host **Prairie Fest**. There will be face painting, donuts, cider, horses, the cannon, and wagon tours of the farm on the “people mover” wagon.
- On November 11th the Corron Farm Preservation Society will have a **meat raffle and chili competition** at the Lodge on Route 64 in Campton Hills.

Operation Manager – Tom Serewicz: Operations Manager Serewicz stated:

- **At Anderson Park** trees were pruned, mowing and weed whacking was done, the pull up station was replaced with a bench, the trails and parking lot were herbicided, and trails and the parking lot were regraded.
- **At Burlington Park** weeds were herbicided and mowing and weed whacking was done.
- **At the Community Center** the ballfields and grounds around the building were herbicided, and mowing and weed whacking was done.
- **At Corron Farm** the parking lot and grounds around the buildings were herbicided, trails and turf were mowed and weeds whacked.
- **At Gray Willows** weeds were herbicided, turf was mowed and weeds whacked, fallen trees were cut up and removed, a split rail fence was repaired, 5 forty-inch stumps were removed by V3, and staff repaired the turf disturbed by the stump remover.
- **At the Headwaters Conservation Area** trails and turf were mowed, and weeds whacked. Trails were herbicided. A wedding took place here.
- **At the Harley Woods, Torchy Property** mowing and weed whacking was done.
- **At the Brown Road Meadows Community Gardens** empty plots were rototilled, turf was mowed and weeds whacked, the parking lot was herbicided.
- **At Poynor Park** trails and turf was mowed, weeds whacked, and the parking lot was herbicided.
- **At Townhall** a small tree was removed, turf was mowed, and weeds whacked.
- **In General**, Hultelson Engineers was contracted to repair the Headwaters East drain tiles, a wedding planning meeting was held at the Headwaters, a quote was obtained for a tennis court at Anderson Park, a boys baseball tournament was held at Anderson Park, V3 excavated a huge boulder and placed it at the edge of a corn field, a Lily Lake path was herbicided, V3 accidentally broke a 2 inch copper water line and repaired it, and summer help has retired for the year.

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

- **Projects Completed/Ongoing:**
 1. Cameras are being used at Poynor Park, the Headwaters, and Harley Woods to study wild life.
 2. We assisted Operations staff as needed.
 3. Birding volunteers continue to monitor birds.
 4. We continue work at Corron Farm in collaboration with the Preservation Society on the Clean Energy Community Foundation grant. Fundraising is coming along well.
 5. Wheaton College students continue their research projects including stream quality monitoring at Gray Willows, and the oak regeneration study across Harley Woods, Gray Willows, and Corron Farm.
 6. We updated weed maps.
 7. V3 continues work on the Gray Willows and Headwaters wetland restoration. Initial construction/excavating nearing completion at Gray Willows. Project on schedule.
 8. Majority of time spent herbiciding/mowing invasive weeds, including cattails, phragmites, sweet clover, and teasel, across all sites.
 9. We began using a drone to document sites. The drone is on loan from Trustee Stutesman.
 10. We are clearing brush at Gray Willows and preparing for the Dog Days of Summer event.
- **Trainings/Meetings:**
 1. We had multiple meetings with V3 to discuss Gray Willows wetland mitigation.

- 2. Maureen Zwier, Josh Nelson, Tim Felinski, and Barbara Wojnicki attended the Pizzo facility for a remnant prairie, restoration site, and buffalo grass lawn tour.
 - 3. Josh Nelson attended a Pizzo tour of Graceland Cemetery restoration.
 - 4. We met with representatives from Columbia College to discuss potential filming at Gray Willows.
 - 5. We attended Mill Creek Watershed planning meeting.
 - 6. We attended a Planning Commission meeting.
 - 7. We met with Bill Becker of Elgin to discuss the Ponds of Stony Creek.
- **Volunteer Service:**

	Hours	IRS Value	Staff Value
Total Volunteer Hours to date	138	\$3,331.32	\$1,380.00
Volunteer Steward Hours to Date	60	\$1,448.40	\$600.00

 - 1. We are Currently updating hours.
 - 2. We will begin volunteer seed collection in late August.
 - 3. There are multiple workdays scheduled.
- **Upcoming:**
 - 1. We will continue work on various Eagle Scout projects.
 - 2. We will begin late summer weed control, beginning with ragweed control.
 - 3. We will maintain the new prairie plantings at Poynor Park.
 - 4. We will prepare for winter seeding at Corron Farm, the Headwaters Conservation Area, and Gray Willows.
 - 5. We will prepare for the Dog Days of Summer on August 25th from 9a.m. to 2 p.m. at Poynor Park, and other Township events.

Website Improvements Report – Trustee Stutesman: Trustee Stutesman stated we posted the drone footage of Township open space on Facebook. We are building a community presence there.

Planning Commission Report – Maureen Zwier, Chairwoman: Planning Commission Chairwoman Zwier stated:

- We welcomed Jesse Varsho to his first meeting.
- Jack Shouba attended our meeting. If the Board approves, the committee would like Jack to be a non-voting consultant at our meetings. He has considerable knowledge of the Open Space program and would a valuable asset to the committee.
- We were wondering if there is any news/update from the Borrego Solar Farm. J. Kubar stated he made three calls with no reply for now.
- Chairwoman Zwier continued, stating she met with some members of the St. Charles Arts Council. They are still very much interested in having a portion of Fessenden House for their permanent home. They like the natural vision of Gray Willows and want to work with the Township in combining art, nature, and education. They are willing to wait until wetland mitigation is complete before further talks take place. As they have no connection with St. Charles other then location, there was a brief conversation about changing their name to the Gray Willows Arts Council. The Planning Commission is interested in pursuing a working partnership with them in the future.
- The events planned for community engagement have been postponed until further notice. The committee feels we will engage the public after we have more definitive plans for Gray Willows in place and then gather the public’s ideas and enhancements at that time.
- The Committee is currently discussing recommendations for the use of Whitney School House. Before we make any recommendations, we need some questions answered. We are assuming Skyline will stabilize the schoolhouse before moving it. We have five questions:
 - 1. What sort of utilities will be at the schoolhouse, ie, electricity, gas, heat, lighting? J. Kubar answered all of these.
 - 2. Has long term maintenance been decided? If so, who is responsible for that, and what will it entail? Answer was the Township.
 - 3. Will the schoolhouse be ADA (American Disabilities Act) compliant? Answer was yes.
 - 4. The schoolhouse is in pretty bad aesthetic condition. Will any work be done to restore it prior to moving it? Answer was no, but Drew Frasz will donate excavation of the foundation and pore a foundation at the new location.

5. Does Skyline have an historical architect that will be consulting with the Township on the schoolhouse's restoration? Answer was yes, the person will donate the time needed.
- Chairwoman Zwier continued stating she is still researching alcohol use at open spaces in other Townships. She will let us know what she finds.
- Finally, as two Committee members will not be available on August 22nd, we have moved our next meeting to August 29th.

Supervisor Report – John Kupa: Supervisor Kupa stated:

- I met with representatives of the City of Elgin, CalAtlantic Homes (Lennar), to discuss our concerns with the Ponds of Stony Creek Development and the potential effects on Corron Farm. Those in attendance were:
 - Scott Guerard – Vice President, Land Acquisition – CalAtlantic Homes
 - Bill Roberinson – Manager, Land Acquisition – CalAtlantic Homes
 - Peter Bazos – Attorney, Representing CalAtlantic Homes
 - Bill Cogley – Corporation Counsel, City of Elgin
 - Robert Britz – Campton township Attorney
 - John Kupa – Supervisor, Campton Township
- We discussed the management strategies we employ to maintain the Wetlands, Prairies, and Oak Savannahs at Corron Farm. These included prescription burning, application of herbicides, and pesticides and mechanical equipment. Prescriptive burns are usually conducted on a three year cycle whereas application of herbicides and pesticides and use of mechanical equipment occurs frequently.
- The Township has made a significant investment in the restoration and maintenance of these areas. We wanted assurances from CalAtlantic that they would protect the Township from lawsuits that would prevent these maintenance activities.
- CalAtlantic, currently in their statement of awareness, states that the Township does conduct these activities and that the home owners are made aware of these activities prior to purchasing a home. CalAtlantic agreed to include in the sales contract for each home, a covenant not to sue the Township for these activities. They could not, however, exclude harm done by the Township due to negligence.
- CalAtlantic agreed that the Township can review and comment on the plants which will be used for planting in the wetlands, native areas, and buffer areas to protect Corron Farm from invasive species.
- CalAtlantic cannot donate the wetlands or the native areas to Campton Township. They feel it would be the responsibility of the future HOA (Homeowners' Association) to do that, if they choose to.
- I was given an update on the construction schedule for Gray Willows Wetland Mitigation Bank
 - V3 is on schedule with all activities.
 - All of the earthwork was scheduled to be completed this week and is pretty much on schedule.
 - Central Area, Area 7, earthwork and drain tile removal completed.
 - North Area, Areas 9 and 14, earthwork completed.
 - All excess topsoil has been re-spread in the former farm fields around the central area and blended into the existing landscape.
 - South Area along Ferson Creek, Areas 2, 3, and 4, most of this work has been completed and the remaining work will be done this week.
 - Some minor regrading along the creek will be completed later in the fall prior to seeding.
 - Seed bed prep for seeding and any pre-seeding weed control will begin in the next week or two, and continue over the next few weeks prior to seeding for fall/winter dormant seeding.
 - A copy of the mitigation plan is attached for the Board's review.

- I spoke with Karen Gustafson, who is the owner of the Whitney School house. She would like to meet and discuss the agreement to transfer ownership of the school house to the Township. She is concerned that we move the structure before winter. I have directed our attorney to draw up a sales/transfer agreement. We will schedule a meeting over the next two weeks with the Gustafson family, Erica Ruggiero, and me.
- We will be setting up a committee to review the current and future needs of the ball fields in our Township. We have been approached by several leagues to review to see if some fields can be reallocated. The contracts are not up for another two years, so nothing will be decided for some time. In addition, Tom Wyse is here tonight to discuss the potential of Central League to construct the two un-finished fields at Poynor Park.

5. Approval of Minutes:

a. Board Meeting July 10, 2018: T. Stutesman moved the minutes of the meeting of July 10, 2018 be approved. S. Galloway seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. The motion passed.

6. Citizens' Comments: Trustee Miller stated the County Board voted 14 to 10 to accept States Attorney McMahan's recommendation to accept the Federal Judge's proposed consent decree to approve the placement of Maxxam's drug and alcohol rehab center in Campton Township at the former Glenwood school site. County Board Representative Barbara Wojnicki stated by this settlement Maxxam partners gets 4.6 million and Glenwood School gets just under one million. This sets a bad precedent for developers to sue to get what they want when a governmental body denies zoning.

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

8. New Business – Presentation and Discussion for Action:

a. Review and Act Upon Tom Wyse of CDBL Baseball Board (with D 301) Presenting Having a Long-Term Lease to Use the Fields, or Assist in Building an Additional Field at Poynor Park: Tom Wise of the Central District Baseball League (CDBL) presented stating his kids go to Lily Lake school. Burlington Central District 301 is feeding their baseball program. These are boys and girls from ages 5 to 14. Burlington Central is a great league. We are non-profit. We ran out of space this year and need to develop new fields. He will meet Campton Township's Operations Manager Tom Serewicz tomorrow to look at the baseball fields at Poynor Park. J. Miller moved the Board table this agenda item. T. Stutesman seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. The motion passed.

b. Review and Act Upon Update from Fox Valley Wildlife Regarding Use of Motz Property: Andrea Krueger and Cheryl Schreck spoke on behalf of Fox Valley Wildlife stating their attorney advised a 20-year lease was not agreeable for them to spend money on. They would like to purchase the property. J. Kuper stated under the law the Township cannot sell township property. If you want to purchase look at privately owned adjacent properties. A. Rottmann stated there is 10 acres privately owned that is kitty corner from Gray Willows that you could look at for purchase. She stated we are on one acre now, and are only able to use part of that. We could look at a thirty-year lease. J. Kuper stated we would need a legal opinion to know if that amount of time could be agreed to. J. Miller moved the Board table this agenda item. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. The motion passed.

9. Claims and Demands Authorized for Payment:

a. Town Fund \$7,152.03: T. Stutesman moved the Board approve payment of the claims and demands on the Town Fund in the amount of \$7,152.03. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. The motion passed.

b. Road and Bridge Fund \$35,672.23: T. Stutesman moved the Board approve payment of the claims and demands on the Road and Bridge Fund in the amount of \$35,672.23. S. Galloway seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. The motion passed.

c. Capital Improvement Fund \$-0-

d. Open Space Fund \$18,361.03: T. Stutesman moved the Board approve payment of the claims and demands on the Open Space Fund in the amount of \$18,361.03. S. Galloway seconded the motion. In a

roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. The motion passed.

10. Executive Session – Review Executive Session Minutes of July 10, 2018; October 10, 2017;

November 1, 2017; November 14, 2017; December 12, 2017; December 29, 2017; T. Stutesman moved the Board go into Executive Session to review Executive Session Minutes of July 10, 2018; October 10, 2017; November 1, 2017; November 14, 2017; December 12, 2017; and December 29, 2017; and include County Board Representative Barbara Wojnicki in the meeting. J. Miller seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. The motion passed and Executive Session began at 8:45 p.m.

11. New Business Continued: Supervisor Kuper resumed the regular session at 9:14 p.m.

aa. Review and Act Upon Whether to Approve Executive Session Minutes of July 10, 2018: J. Miller moved the Board approve the Executive Session minutes of July 10, 2018. S. Galloway seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. The motion passed.

bb. Review and Act Upon Whether to Open Executive Session Minutes of October 10, 2017; November 1, 2017; November 14, 2017; December 12, 2017; and December 29, 2017: J. Miller moved the Board approve opening the Executive Session Minutes of October 10, 2017; November 1, 2017; November 14, 2017; December 12, 2017; and December 29, 2017. T. Stutesman seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. The motion passed.

12. Adjournment: J. Miller moved the Board adjourn the meeting. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:18.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Johansen

Clerk