

1. 2. 3. The May 8, 2018 Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kupar at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Clerk Johansen called the roll with Supervisor Kupar and Trustees Stutesman and Galloway present. Trustees Murphy and Miller were absent.

4. Reports:

Highway Commissioner – Sam Gallucci: Highway Commissioner Gallucci stated all trucks passed annual inspection for certification. Snowplows and spreader boxes were taken off trucks and put in storage in preparation for spring road work; tree trimming was completed in the Fox Mill subdivision, including the Farmstead and Campton Crossing Drive, and trees were cut and chipped on Campton Hills and Happy Hills Roads. Excess soil was removed to improve drainage on Ponderosa, Foxfield, Cloverfield, and Westwoods Drives. Trees were cut and chipped up throughout the Township due to storm damage. Jacob Matthews and John Giblin attended a seminar on West Nile Virus mosquito control on April 19th and they are now certified to dispense mosquito briquettes for the 2018 season. The Road District contracted with the Village of Campton Hills to remove excess soil that will improve drainage on McDonald Road. All grates and storm drains were cleaned of debris throughout Campton Township and the Village of Campton Hills; all intersections were swept in the Township and Village; roadways were assessed for drainage problems and pot holes; pot holes 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 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 property tax bills are out now. He got thank yuzus since tax bills went down from \$500 to \$1000 because some School District 303 bonds were paid off. He is meeting with taxpayers who think they may be over assessed.

Solid Waste District – Steven Cartwright, President: Absent.

Financial Report – Louise McKay, Finance Director: Finance Director McKay's report stated:

- April is the first month of the current fiscal year which is April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019. This month has been very busy preparing the close of fiscal year 2017-2018, which included preparing the financials for the annual Town Meeting, the budget amendments for fiscal year 2017-2018, finalizing the budget Ordinances for 2018-19, and beginning to prepare for the Sikich auditors their requested work papers.
- To create the monthly budgets for the new fiscal year and import it into the Abila accounting software is a time-consuming task and has not been completed to date. The Revenue and Budget Report is not in Board packets since the new budget by month has not been input into Abila. I expect to complete the budget input into Abila prior to the Board meeting to provide a Revenue & Expenditure Report at the meeting. That may be optimistic since I am without a computer due to issues with the new PC. Please look closely at the Claims and Demands to review expenditures for the month of April.
- PMA investment revenue for April 2018 from bonds and certificates of deposit were:
 - PMA Maintenance AC: \$1,500.00
 - 2002A account: \$2,687.50
 - 2007A account: \$3,000.00

During the reconciliation of the PMA reports to the general ledger, it was noted that the above amounts were not added to the respective PMA money market accounts. PMA was contacted and they will correct the money market balances.

- The budgeted Open Space operations funds for this fiscal year (\$450,200) have not been transferred from PMA to BMO Harris as of April 30th. A transfer will not be needed until June to meet the cash flow for Open Space operations. A revised spend down projection of Open Space PMA investments is included with the March 31, 2018 balance to reflect funds used for the last land purchase.
- The TOIRMA (Township Officials of Illinois Risk Management Association) invoice and the Kane County Real Estate Tax bills have been received and are included in the claims and demands.
- The quarterly payroll tax returns for the first quarter were completed in April and submitted.

Corron Farm Preservation Society update – Laurel Garza, President: Josh Nelson gave the report stating the Society was awarded the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation grant of \$27,000 for Stewardship of Corron Farm natural areas. We will use the grant on a ten-acre parcel in the wetlands, and for trees to build up the understory, and for hand tools, and supplies.

Operations Manager – Tom Serewicz: Operations Manager Serewicz's report stated:

- **At Anderson Park** mowing and weed whacking was done, Weed & Feed was applied to the parking berms, water was turned on for the season, a water test was sent to the lab, and garbage cans were brought to the soccer fields.
- **At Burlington Park** turf was mowed, a new sign was erected, and the signed area was seeded.
- **At the Community Center** turf was mowed, ice control was applied to the sidewalks, and fallen branches were picked up.
- **At Corron Farm** turf and trails were mowed, turf repair was done to repair snow plow damage, and trenching was done at the Dairy Barn for electrical wires.
- **At Gray Willows** turf and trails were mowed, branches were picked up, new entrance and Open Space Office signs were erected, a driveway was improved, and a new parking lot added at the Open Space offices.
- **At the Headwaters Conservation Area** turf and trails were mowed, a new wetland trail was added, water was turned on for the season, and a water test sent to the lab.
- **At the Harley Woods Torchy Property** turf weed and feed was applied, and mowing done.
- **At the Brown Road Meadows Community Gardens** turf was mowed and weed and feed applied, garden plots were rototilled, and new plot markers installed.
- **At Poynor Park** turf and trails were mowed, turf builder was applied to the entire park, the kiosk door was repaired, and we assisted the softball league with field maintenance.
- **At Town Hall** turf was mowed, and weed and feed was applied to the turf.
- **In General:**
 - Corron Farm Dairy Barn electrical improvements are done.
 - Brown Road Community Gardens are open on time.
 - Tractor 4610 is back from repairs.
 - The Ztrak is back from repairs.
 - A safety meeting was held and safety gear ordered.
 - Hultelson Engineers will be at Poynor before 5/8/18 to evaluate the drain tiles.
 - Girls Softball (Diamonds) at Anderson Park made big field improvements. It looks great.

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

- **Projects Completed/Ongoing:**
 - Cameras are being used at Gray Willows Farm to study wildlife.
 - We assisted Operations staff as needed.
 - Birding Volunteers continue monitoring.

- We are now taking reservations for the Community Gardens. Good weather has given a nice boost to reservations. We have exceeded last year's reservations.
- Salamander monitoring is happening at Harley Woods.
- We concluded a fantastic 2017/2018 prescribed burn season. We are back on track for burn goals.
- We herbicided Chervil at Corron Farm in the woods and savanna.
- Wheaton College students finished senior capstone projects including oak mapping and creating content for interpretive signs/materials.
- We received a donation of additional 60 bags of soil from Home Depot for the Community Garden Eagle Project.
- We planted a donated pin oak dedication tree at Corron Farm.
- We received a donation of 20' x 12' Hoop House frame.
- Brenda Mattes-Sica potted and donated 30 oak seedlings to attempt to grow.
- We herbicided Callery Pear and other invasive brush at Harley Woods, Corron Farm, and the Headwaters.
- We cleared willow and other invasive brush at Headwaters.
- V3 has begun work on the Gray Willows wetland restoration, as work continues at Headwaters.
- Barb Wojnicki and Jack Shouba conducted yearly easement reviews.
- We installed security cameras at the Gray Willows main house.
- V3 offered to remove the tennis court at Gray Willows.
- Between 100 and 110 oak trees were donated by the Kane County Forest Preserve. Thirty will go to Corron Farm, 40 to Harley Woods, and the rest to Poynor and Gray Willows.
- **Trainings/Meetings:**
 - We met with the Planning Commission to discuss Parks/Open Space properties.
 - We met with Volunteer Stewards to coordinate plant inventories. So far, we have Harley Woods and Corron Farm covered.
 - We hosted a booth at the Ferson Creek Elementary Bingo night.
 - I met with Maureen Zwier to discuss photography projects at parks.
 - I met with Taylor Joray to move kestrel boxes to Corron Farm, Poynor Park, Brown Road Meadows, and the Headwaters Conservation Area.
 - There were multiple meetings with V3 to discuss Gray Willows wetland mitigation.
- **Volunteer Service:**
 - This month there were 10 volunteer hours with an IRS value of \$241.40, and a staff value of \$100.
 - We logged another 60 volunteer hours last night.
 - We are currently planning multiple spring/summer volunteer workdays.
- **Upcoming:**
 - Re-sprout follow up from winter clearing.
 - Continue to work with Wheaton College.
 - Continue work on various Eagle Scout projects.
 - Spring weed control.
 - We are beginning a water quality study at Gray Willows Farm with Wheaton College.
 - We continue maintenance of new prairie planting at Poynor park.
 - Aggressive Chervil control at Gray Willows Farm.

Website Improvements Report – Trustee Stutesman: T. Stutesman stated we have a web presence and a Facebook presence for our Open Space and it looks great.

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

- The Township Planning Commission recommended the Township Board send its approval to Kane County of a special use permit to serve beer and wine at the Kane County Country Market.
- The Township Planning Commission recommended the Township Board send its approval to Kane County of a zoning change from F to F1 on the property at 43W675 Burlington Road. The submitter would like to relocate her family to the property and maintain an agricultural lifestyle. The surrounding properties are also agricultural.
- The Township Planning Commission recommended the Township Board and its Plan Commission pursue discussions with Borrego Solar Systems about locating a solar farm

on Township open space. J. Kupa stated he wants to invite Borrego to discuss its proposal at our meeting.

- Chairwoman Zwier continued, the Township Planning Commission recommended to the Township Board that the tennis courts at Gray Willows be demolished and removed by V3.
- The Planning Commission had its spring walk through of open space properties on May 1st and discussed setting dates for two Plan Commission sponsored events promoting awareness and public interest in open space properties. The Plan Commission will ask for the Board's approval for two public education events, one on August 1st at Corron Farm, and the other on October 27th at the Gray Willows barn. The second is proposed to be a Halloween themed family event. J. Kupa added there is an area at Gray Willows that is a natural amphitheater where an orchestra could play for residents just as they do at Ravinia.

Supervisor Report – John Kupa: Supervisor Kupa stated:

- Campton Township's Annual Town Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 10th, 2018. The meeting was well attended. Of special note was the presentation of the Campton Township Open Space Foundation. The Foundation was formed to utilize tax deductible contributions, bequests, and other revenues to support improvements, special projects, and programs exclusively for the Townships Open Space program. At the meeting, the Foundation presented a check in the amount of \$2,500 to the Township.
- I met with V3 to discuss progress on the Gray Willows Mitigation Bank. V3 sold a fractional wetlands credit to McNaughton Development. We received a check in the amount of \$2,600.00 disposition fee (12.5% of credit value). We received a second check in the amount of \$520.00 for the long-term maintenance account (2.5% of credit value).
- John and Joni Kupa attended the Garfield Farm Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 14th, 2018. Roger Biddle accepted the Open Space Preservation award on behalf of the Snow Family and Trust. Roger was instrumental in negotiating with the family to sell 40 acres of land adjacent to the Headwaters Conservation Area.
- I attended the Corron Farm Annual Meeting and Board Meeting on Thursday, April 26th, 2017.
 - The following officers were elected:
 - David Corron – Vice President
 - Joni Kupa – Treasurer
 - Two new Board members were elected:
 - Jack Shouba
 - Rick Eckstrom

5. Approval of Minutes:

a. Board Meeting April 5, 2018: T. Stutesman moved the April 5, 2018 minutes be approved. S. Galloway seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Stutesman and Galloway voted aye. Trustees Murphy and Miller were absent. The motion passed.

b. Public Hearing Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Town Fund #18-1T April 5, 2018: T. Stutesman moved the minutes be approved. S. Galloway seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Stutesman and Galloway voted aye. Trustees Murphy and Miller were absent. The motion passed.

c. Public Hearing Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Road Fund #18-1R April 5, 2018: S. Galloway moved the minutes be approved. T. Stutesman seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Stutesman and Galloway voted aye. Trustees Murphy and Miller were absent. The motion passed.

6. Citizens' Comments: None.

7. Old Business – Presentation and Discussion for Action:

a. Discuss and Act Upon Annette Luyten having a Wedding at Corron Farm October 6, 2018: J. Kupa moved this item be removed from the agenda. T. Stutesman seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Stutesman and Galloway voted aye. Trustees Murphy and Miller were absent. The motion passed.

8. New Business – Presentation and Discussion for Action:

a. *Review and Act Upon Tom Corron Class Reunion at Corron Farm Evening of Prairie Fest, September 22nd*: Laurel Garza spoke on behalf of Tom's class reunion. T. Stutesman moved the Board approve Tom Corron's use of Corron Farm for the St. Charles High School class of 1973 45th Reunion potluck supper to be held after Prairie Fest at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday September 22, 2018. The motion was seconded by S. Galloway. In a voice vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Stutesman and Galloway voted aye. Trustees Murphy and Miller were absent. The motion passed.

b. *Review and Act Upon Request by the Corron Farm Preservation Society (CFPS) to Place Interpretive Signage Near the Corron Farm Parking Lot with Historical Information on Corron Farm, Corron Church, Plato Corners, and the small Cemetery with Laura Ingalls Wilder Family Ancestors located North of Corron Farm.* CFPS would like to dedicate this signage at Prairie Fest: **Patty Dowd Schmitz, a Laura Ingalls Wilder researcher of Barrington, presented stating famous Corron Farm neighbors included the Ingalls family. "Little House on the Prairie" author Laura Ingalls Wilder's father, Charles "Pa" Ingalls, spent part of his boyhood as a neighbor of the Corron family, living in both Campton and Plato Townships during the 1840's. Charles father, Lansford, and his uncles, Samuel and James, were among the first pioneers in this area, with James arriving here from western New York in 1838. Lansford brought his family to join his two brothers when Charles was nine years old. The Ingalls clan established their "little houses on the Illinois prairie" here until about 1850 when many moved on to Wisconsin and Iowa. The Ingalls families and the Corron families were neighbors; the Ingalls main homestead lies primarily on the west side of Corron Road one mile north of Corron Farm, at the intersection of Sturbridge Way. At this location, on the east side of Corron Road, there is a marked Ingalls family cemetery on private property, where three of Charles first cousins are buried. Eliza Ingalls headstone is at the cemetery. Patty Schmitz has spoken with the owner of the property where the cemetery is located and he is interested in this project. There is a large following of Laura Ingalls Wilder, and having a sign about this at Corron Farm will be beneficial in attracting new visitors to Corron Farm. Charles Ingalls, (Pa) lived near the corner of McDonald and Corron Road (Plato Corners) as a young boy. Robert Corron's ledger books from the 1840s-50s, show that James Ingalls, Charles uncle, and his relatives had a connection with Corron Farm. Patty Schmitz and the Corron Farm Preservation Society request placement of interpretive signage near the parking lot at Corron Farm with historical information on Corron Farm and Plato Corners to include information on the Ingalls family cemetery located north of the farm on Corron Road. They also request that the signs be dedicated at Prairie Fest on Saturday, September 22, 2018. The cost would be a maximum of \$1,000 for a sign by the edge of the woods by the parking lot. She can get fundraising for the sign started and write text for the Township website about this.** J. Kubar moved the Board encourage development of a sign and approve dedication of the sign at Prairie Fest. T. Stutesman seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Stutesman and Galloway voted aye. Trustees Murphy and Miller were absent. The motion passed.

c. *Review and Act Upon Approval to Spend up to \$1,700 on Jonathan Miller Eagle Project – Deer Exclusion*: Josh Nelson stated the Eagle scout project is to build deer exclusion areas at Harley Woods, Gray Willows, and Corron Farm. Jonathan has already raised some money with the total cost being \$2,000. He has started a Go-Fund-Me page and sent letters to 85 businesses. The scout starts construction next week and expects to finish by the 1st of June. T. Stutesman moved the Board approve spending \$1,000.00. S. Galloway seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Stutesman and Galloway voted aye. Trustees Murphy and Miller were absent. The motion passed.

d. *Review and Act Upon Approval of Funds up to \$1,500 on Colin Krukeiwicz Eagle Project – Raised Garden Beds*: Josh Nelson stated this is a 5K project. He has raised \$1,800 and has donations from Home Depot in addition to that. The difference between what he has raised and the 5K total cost is \$1,500. T. Stutesman moved the Board approve spending \$1,500. S. Galloway seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Stutesman and Galloway voted aye. Trustees Murphy and Miller were absent. The motion passed.

e. *Review and Act Upon Approval of Planning Commission Recommendation to Zone Kane County Country Market to Allow Beer and Wine License*: S. Galloway moved the Board approve the Plan Commission recommendation for Kane County to approve the beer and wine license for the Country Market. T. Stutesman seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Stutesman and Galloway voted aye. Trustees Murphy and Miller were absent. The motion passed .

f. Discuss and Act Upon Planning Commission/Township having a Family Event at Corron Farm, Wednesday, August 1st, 6-8p.m. To include, but not limited to, wagon ride, door prizes, food, wine (1 glass per adult) and soft beverages (all to be donated) Open Space info distributed including request for public involvement and ideas: T. Stutesman moved the Board approve the event excluding the wine (wine not approved). S. Galloway seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman and Galloway voted aye. Trustees Murphy and Miller were absent. The motion passed.

g. Discuss and Act Upon Planning Commission/Township have a Halloween Themed Family Event at Gray Willows Barn Saturday October 27th, 4-6p.m. Possibly Wagon Ride, Childrens Costume Contest, Pumpkin Paining, Summary of Open Space with Written Materials and Request for Public Involvement and Ideas. Food, Wine (one glass per adult) and soft beverages (all to be donated): S. Galloway moved the Board approve the event excluding the wine (wine not approved). T. Stutesman seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman and Galloway voted aye. Trustees Murphy and Miller were absent. The motion passed.

h. Review and Act Upon Kane County Minor Subdivision: Sunset Hill Request: T. Stutesman moved the Board approve the Plan Commission recommendation for Kane County to approve the Sunset Hill request for a minor subdivision. S. Galloway seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman and Galloway voted aye. Trustees Murphy and Miller were absent. The motion passed.

9. Claims and Demands Authorized for Payment:

a. Town Fund \$16,202.04: T. Stutesman moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Town Fund in the amount of \$16,202.04. S. Galloway seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman and Galloway voted aye. Trustees Murphy and Miller were absent. The Motion passed.

b. Road & Bridge Fund \$60,236.07: T. Stutesman moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Road and Bridge Fund in the amount of \$60,236.07. S. Galloway seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman and Galloway voted aye. Trustees Murphy and Miller were absent. The motion passed.

c. Capital Improvement Fund \$-0-

d. Open Space Fund \$35,192.51: T. Stutesman moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Open Space Fund in the amount of \$35,192.51. S. Galloway seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman and Galloway voted aye. Trustees Murphy and Miller were absent. The motion passed.

10. Executive Session – Review Executive Session Minutes of April 5, 2018: T. Stutesman moved the Board go into Executive Session to review the Executive Session minutes of April 5, 2018. S. Galloway seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman and Galloway voted aye. Trustees Murphy and Miller were absent. The motion passed and Executive Session began at 9:00 p.m.

11. New Business Continued:

aa. Review and Act Upon Approve Executive Session Minutes of April 5, 2018: T. Stutesman moved the Board approve the Executive Session minutes of April 5, 2018. S. Galloway seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman and Galloway voted aye. Trustees Murphy and Miller were absent. The motion passed.

12. Adjournment: T. Stutesman moved the Board adjourn the meeting. S. Galloway seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman and Galloway voted aye. Trustees Murphy and Miller were absent. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Johansen

Clerk

