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All participants in this meeting were at various remote locations participating via zoom due to the Covid 19 Pandemic.

This meeting was held by video conference. Fifteen minutes prior to meeting start time, a link and log in information for Public Attendees was posted on the front page of the Campton Township website at:

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1. 2. 3. The October 12, 2021 Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Kuper at 7:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Clerk Johansen called the roll with Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, Murphy, and Miller present.

4. Old Business – Presentation and Discussion for Action:

a. Review and Act Upon Presentation on Eagle Scout Project Proposal, Cal Lackner, Boy Scout Troop 13: S. Galloway moved the Board table this agenda item since scout Cal Lackner was not yet available via zoom. J. Miller seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. The motion passed.

5. Reports:

Highway Commissioner – Sam Gallucci: Highway Commissioner Gallucci stated they are finished with brush pick up north of Route 64. They started brush pick up south of Route 64 this week and will finish Friday. Excess soil was removed on Homeward Glen Road to improve drainage. Culvert replacement was completed on Homeward Glen Drive. Sink hole repair was completed on Edgar Lee Master Lane and Vachel Lindsay Street in Fox Mill. Mailbox repair was completed on Red Barn Lane and Deer Run Drive. Tree trimming was completed on the south side of Route 64, fallen trees were picked up on Oak Drive and Beith Road, and shoulder gravel was applied on Fox Bend and Campton Woods Drives. Crack Sealing was completed on Arbor Creek, Old LaFox, Walt Whitman, and Far View Roads, Forest, Pleasant View, Trotter, and Echo Valley Lanes, Bridle Creek, Campton Woods, Campton Meadow, and Sylvan Drives, and Pioneer and Audubon Courts. Dura Patching was completed on Wayne, Arrowhead, Hunters Hill on radius, and Phar Lap Drives, Beith, Campton Hills, and Pine Hills Roads at Campton Hills Road, Meadowview, and Highwoods Courts, Aberdeen and Balmoral Lanes, and Venetian Way. The District swept intersections in Campton Township and the Village of Campton Hills on a weekly basis; all grates and storm drains were cleaned of debris throughout the Township and Village; roadways were assessed for drainage problems and pot holes, and pot holes were repaired with cold patch throughout the Township and Village; all stop signs were checked in the Township and Village on a weekly basis and damaged or missing ones were replaced; and they 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.

4. Old Business – Presentation and Discussion for Action, Continued:

a. Review and Act Upon Presentation on Eagle Scout Project Proposal, Cal Lackner, Boy Scout Troop 13, continued: J. Miller stated Eagle Scout candidate Cal Lackner has been able to sign on so I move we reinstitute this agenda item. S. Galloway seconded the motion. Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. The motion passed. Eagle Scout candidate Cal Lackner stated his project is to provide trail signs at Gray Willows to increase navigability of the trails. He will align trail signs with Township maps. He will use 4X4 8' stained ground contact treated lumber and will work with Josh to locate the sign posts. He expects 10 to 20 volunteers on each of the three work days. He will contact Julie to see that it is safe to dig. Tools will include circular saws, miter saws, levels, clamps, auger, tamping bar and saw horses. Materials will include stain, gloves, epoxy, gravel, and 10' conduit. They will rent tools, stain posts, and attach signs. They will dig holes with an auger, pour gravel, backfill with dirt, and tamp the soil. The expected cost is \$577.00. They will be fund raising to purchase materials. J. Miller thanked Scout Cal Lackner for his proposal and moved the Board approve the project. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kuper and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. The motion passed.

5. Reports, continued:

Assessor – Alan D Rottmann: Assessor Rottmann stated the deadline for appeals is over. There were 32 appeals, 29 residential, and 3 commercial, the same number as last year.

Solid Waste District – Larry Gallagher, President: Larry Gallagher, President of the Solid Waste District's report pointed to an October 2021 article in **Waste Today**, entitled "Rethinking Waste in the Midwest" about our solid waste provider Lakeshore Recycling Systems or LRS, that states the company's recent merger strengthens its ability to continue its focus on making profit from recycling of waste as opposed to just dumping it in the landfill – a paradigm shift that improves the environment.

Financial Report – Cheryl Stutesman, Finance Director: Finance Director Stutesman's report stated:

- Our Audited Financial Statements and Annual Filings have been filed with Kane County.
- Speer Financial has posted our 2021 Disclosure and 2021 Audit to EMMA (Electronic Municipal Market Access).
- On September 2nd we received Kane County Tax Distribution payments:

Road & Bridge	\$467,766.63
Town	\$252,726.76
Open Space	<u>\$1,608,966.79</u>
Total	\$2,329,460.18

- Assessor purchased \$8,479.96 of computer equipment in September. For the month of September they were over budget, but year to date they were under budget.
- Town – Parks year to date wages exceed the year-to-date budget.
- Road & Bridge – Administration year to date 9/30 Property Tax and Road Resurfacing Revenue are below budget.
- Road & Bridge – Maintenance year to date equipment expenditures exceed the budget for the year by \$29,600. Other Services exceed the budget by \$8,190.
- Open Space Administration – Contractual Services exceeds annual budget.
- Open Space – Maintenance purchased a new truck in September for \$38,153, budget for this item is in a later month, causing a budget to actual timing difference. Budget for the year is \$74,000.

Corron Farm Preservation Society update – Laurel Garza, President: Absent.

Operations Manager – Tom Serewicz: Operations Manager Serewicz stated:

At Anderson Park mowing and weed whacking was done, the kiosk was sprayed for bees, and the playground was inspected.

At Whitney Park mowing and weed whacking was done, and we assisted with the car show.

At the Community Center mowing and weed whacking was done, and storm damaged branches were cut down and hauled away.

At Corron Farm mowing and weed whacking was done, trails were mowed, trees along the trails were trimmed, a bee's nest was sprayed, Prairie Fest was set-up and torn down, the interior walls of the big tool shed were power washed, and it was made ready for prairie fest.

At Gray Willows mowing and weed whacking was done, trails were mowed, and gravel was applied to the roadway.

At the Harley Woods: Torchy Property mowing and weed whacking was done.

At Town Hall mowing and weed whacking was done.

At Brown Road Meadows mowing and weed whacking was done.

At Lily Lake Blue Park mowing and weed whacking was done at Blue Park and the cemetery.

At the Headwaters Conservation Area mowing and weed whacking was done, trails were mowed, and storm damaged branches were cut down and hauled away.

At Poynor Park mowing and weed whacking was done, trails were mowed, the kiosk was sprayed for bees.

In General: At Corron Farm Prairie Fest attendance was 162 guests; trucks were sanitized daily; the new F-350 4x4 pick-up truck arrived – (thank you); all trucks, tractors, mowers, oil changed; contract not sent back from Soccer League; Truck #57 emission tested; TOIRMA insurance tour of Township; office staff was assisted.

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

Special Note:

We would like to welcome Joey Clouser as our new Restoration Technician, replacing Tim. Joey got his start with us in the summer of 2020 while participating in an internship with us. He then joined the team as a Natural Resource Technician for the summer of 2021. Joey will be a valuable addition to the team, and we look forward to working with him.

Projects Completed/Ongoing:

1. Continued fall weed control focused on chervil, dame's rocket, and oriental bittersweet.
2. Assisted Operations staff as needed.
3. V3 continues work on the Gray Willows and Headwaters wetland restoration.
4. Coordinating with Open Space Foundation and Corron Farm Preservation Society regarding grant projects. Educational signs are being designed for both sites.
5. Trail maintenance and repair, multiple sites.
6. Began planting native plugs at Harley Woods and Gray Willows.
7. Harvesting native seed.
8. Assisted with Prairie Fest.
9. Management of Community Gardens.
10. Received donation of Truax Flex 2 Seed Drill from DuPage Forest Preserves.
11. Assisted with activities related to weddings at Gray Willows and Headwaters.
12. Installed new light fixtures in the Gray Willows Barn.
13. Assisted with Monarch monitoring at Gray Willows.

Volunteer Service:

1. Multiple Scout projects scheduled.
2. Interns from the Monarch Joint Venture concluded 2021 monitoring at Gray Willows.
3. Multiple native seed harvest workdays completed and scheduled with groups.

All Wheel Show Summary:

1. Estimated approximately 500 participants (Approximately 75 registered vehicles).
2. With approximately \$1,800 in income (Entry fees, raffle, 50/50, donations) all event specific expenditures (DJ, bathrooms, awards, etc.) were covered.
3. Overall, the feedback on the event was very positive. People were excited about some of the extras we offered compared to other shows, such as the activity area and fire truck rides.
4. When compared to other first year shows we exceeded expectations.
5. The biggest area for improvement would be our marketing (due to the late start in marketing we were limited).
6. We are intending to do this event again next year, possibly a little earlier in the summer. Based on this year and planned growth this has the potential to be a great fund raiser event for the program.

Systems and Technology – Trustee Stutesman: Tom Stutesman said he fixed Clerk Johansen’s printer ink problem. He has submitted his resignation as Campton Township Trustee after 21 years on the Board. He is senior member of the Board. Cheryl Stutesman, Finance Director, will remain with the Township. They are staying in Campton Township. Over the years he supervised several hundred games at Brown Road Park. Some of the children there grew up to become doctors, lawyers, and Air Force piolets. Corron Farm, Gray Willows, the Open Space program, our team accomplished that. Think of the future. Think of the next twenty years. Look at the finances – find a future revenue source, a Park District, to keep this going. He doesn’t have an agenda, just to have this adventure. John said you helped us a whole bunch.

Planning Commission Report – Jesse Varsho: Plan Commission Chairman Varsho stated they rescheduled the September meeting to October.

Supervisor Report – John Kubar: Supervisor Kubar stated:

- This year’s Prairie Fest was held October 2nd. The last two years were canceled due to thunderstorms and Covid 19 restrictions. We wanted this year’s event to be low key (limited venders and displays) then work up to a larger venue next year. We had over 150 people attend the festival. The vast majority were families that stayed the entire four hours. Most of the families were first time visitors to Corron Farm. Next Year’s Prairie Fest will be held in August. The change in dates is to prevent any conflicts with other community events. In addition, the prairie will be in full bloom. This will allow visitors to see first hand our restoration efforts.
- I have had several discussions with the Corron Farm Preservation Society regarding a Christmas venue at Corron Farm. The event is scheduled for December 18th, and will run from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. They will have carolers, Santa Claus, and the Ice Princess, during the day. In addition, there will be hot chocolate and cookies served.
- During the Prairie Fest, we had several great comments on the storage area in the machine building that Tom Serewicz and his crew built. If you have seen it, please stop by and take a look. I want to thank Tom and his crew for the fine work they did.
- At the end of this week, the Conservation Foundation will issue a press release of their purchase of the Goldenstein property. It will reference that Campton Township will manage and restore the property.
- I attended the first All Wheels Car Show held at the Whitney farmstead which was the Township’s first car show. The event was very well attended by the public. I received several positive comments from many of the participants and the public. I am sure next year’s car show will be even larger. I want to thank Josh and his crew for a job well done.

- V3 indicated they sold wetlands credits to Pulte Homes. Based on the sale, we only have 2 credits remaining. Next spring, we will have another 14 certified wetlands credits for sale at Headwaters. V3 is going to evaluate the eastern portion of Headwaters to expand the wetlands bank.
- Finally, I want to wish Tom Stutesman all the best in his temporary retirement from the Board. He has helped us immensely in improving our computer network and communications. In addition, he has been a tireless worker on Open Space program development. While he is going into semi-retirement, Tom will continue to support the Township on a wide range of projects.

6. Approval of Minutes:

a. Board Meeting September 14, 2021: T. Stutesman moved the Board approve the minutes of the meeting of September 14, 2021. E. Murphy seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. The motion passed.

7. Citizens' Comments: None.

8. Old Business continued – Presentation and Discussion for Action:

b. Review and Act Upon Whitney School House Proposal: J. Kubar stated let's see how much the Township gets from wetland credits to decide how much to put toward the Whitney School house. Think about it. We should have about \$600,000.00. Weigh this when we think about Goldenstein and the Whitney School House. E. Murphy moved the Board table this agenda item. T. Stutesman seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. The motion passed.

c. Review and Act Upon Approving Appointment of Campton Township Trustee Applicant: J. Kubar stated let's approve the appointment of Jesse Varsho as Trustee tonight but swear him in at next month's meeting because Trustee Stutesman will be here until the 15th of this month. T. Stutesman moved the Board appoint Jesse Varsho Campton Township Trustee. J. Miller seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. The motion passed.

9. New Business Presentation and Discussion for Action:

a. Review and Act Upon Approval of Winter Wonderland Event at Corron Farm Saturday, December 18, 2021: J. Miller moved the Board approve the Winter Wonderland Event at Corron Farm on Saturday, December 18, 2021 from 11am to 3pm. S. Galloway seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. The motion passed.

10. Claims and Demands Authorized for Payment:

a. Town Fund \$11,979.49: T. Stutesman moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Town Fund in the amount of \$11,979.49. S. Galloway seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. The motion passed.

b. Road & Bridge Fund \$32,744.50: T. Stutesman moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Road and Bridge Fund in the amount of \$32,744.50. S. Galloway seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. The motion passed.

c. Capital Improvement Fund \$0

d. Open Space Fund \$57,826.39: E. Murphy moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Open Space Fund in the amount of \$57,826.39. J. Miller seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kubar and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. The motion passed.

11. Executive Session – Review Executive Session Minutes of September 14, 2021; Land Acquisition; Personnel Issues; Legal Issues: J. Miller moved the Board

go into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing the Executive Session minutes of September 14, 2021. S. Galloway Seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. The motion passed and Executive Session began.

12. New Business Continued: Supervisor Kupa resumed the regular session.

aa. Review and Act Upon Whether to Approve Executive Session Minutes of September 14, 2021: T. Stutesman moved the Board approve the Executive Session minutes of September 14, 2021. S. Galloway seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. The motion passed.

13. Adjournment: T. Stutesman moved the Board adjourn the meeting. J. Kupa seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Stutesman, Galloway, Murphy, and Miller voted aye. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Johansen

Clerk