

1. 2. 3. The October 14, 2014 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 Stutesman, Vandiver, and Miller present. Trustee Murphy was absent.

4. Reports:

Highway Commissioner – Sam Gallucci: Commissioner Gallucci stated we started brush pick up today. It looks like a 3 – 4 inch rain in the next day or so. That will slow down brush pick up. We just had a tree down on McDonald Road. J. Kupa asked are there any problems with the ash borer? Commissioner Gallucci stated the chipper kills ash borers, and if not, the heat of the chipped pile fries any ash borers left. We installed a second culvert on Farm Drive and Lenz Road, and cleared an intersection of tree limbs to improve visibility for oncoming traffic on Wood Bridge Lane and McDonald Road for the Village of Campton Hills in Plato Township. Dura Patching was completed on Old Burlington, Hidden Oaks, Far View, and Ridge Line Roads; and Homeward Hills and Palomino Drives. The District swept up excess stones and cleaned roadways which resulted from the Dura Patching projects in Campton Township and the Village of Campton Hills; cut and chipped storm damage for 2 ½ weeks throughout the Township and Village; swept all minor intersections in the Township and Village; picked up trash along numerous roadways throughout the Township and Village; checked all stop signs on a weekly basis in the Township and Village and replaced damaged or missing ones; checked for drainage problems, culvert permits, and pot holes throughout the Township and Village; and repaired pot holes with cold patch throughout the Township and Village. The road crew cut and chipped dead trees on Woodland, Fair Oaks, and Knollwood Drives; White Oaks Lane and Sylvan Road. A stump grinder was used to grind out stumps on Woodland, Fair Oaks, and Knollwood Drives; Whitney and Sylvan Roads; and White Oaks Lane. Crack sealing was completed on Fox Creek Drive. Ongoing maintenance on Township vehicles and equipment was performed in house by Highway District staff.

Assessor – Alan D. Rottmann: Assessor Rottmann stated we are into assessment appeals now. Forty-five appeals have been filed. Hearings will start November 4th. J. Kupa asked how are housing starts? Answer was there is some uptick in the 500K range. The upper end housing market is bouncing back. Also there are increasing additions and improvements on existing homes.

Solid Waste District – President Jack Berry: President Berry stated we are in negotiations with the waste hauler now and it looks like we will report back next month.

Financial Report – Louise McKay:

- Finance Director McKay stated September did not have any unusual financial highlights. Board packets were completed before she left on vacation and the Board meeting did not raise any questions on the financial statements submitted. She thanked the office staff for stepping up while she was on vacation to cover the operations of the Supervisor's office.
- Donations totaling \$113.98 from Prairie Fest were deposited in the Open Space money market account.
- Kane County has published the CPI (consumer price index) rate of 1.5% to use for next year's levy calculations. The process of calculating the levy and creating a budget will begin next week.
- Due to the number of over budget line items a spreadsheet is provided in Board packets to indicate the offsetting under budget line items. Town, Capital Improvements, and Open Space are within their total budget. The line items over budget are offset by under budget line items.

- The Road District total budget for the year will be determined by the severity of the winter ahead.

Corron Farm Preservation Society Update – Vice Chair Judi Arman: Vice Chair Arman stated Prairie Fest was a real success. It was exciting to see the young oak trees on the trail. Next year the Corron family is looking at a family reunion in combination with Prairie Fest. That will be the 180th year the Corrons are on the farm. Supervisor Kupaar stated that will also be the 180th anniversary of the formation of Campton Township. Trustee Vandiver stated she is in conversations with the theatre company that wants to put on theatre productions at Corron Farm and the Gray Willows barn.

Village of Campton Hills – President Patsy Smith:

- President Smith stated the Village is looking at getting 75% federal grant funding for repaving Old LaFox Road from Route 64 north in Wasco to where it meets Brown Road, and then continuing east to where it meets Burlington Road.
- Wasco School said the Village can put an emergency warning siren up there. Or, if Campton Township OK's it, they could put the warning siren up at the five acre baseball field on LaFox Road.
- The Village made an interim Clerk appointment. They are also looking for a Deputy Clerk to appoint.

Open Space Program Manager – Lisa Mertz:

- Open Space Program Manager Mertz stated she wanted to thank Township Staff and Volunteers for their contributions to **Prairie Fest**. They showed her the ropes on how to prepare for next year's event. The many folks who put in extra time and effort are Rhonda Acitelli, Judi Arman, Susan Bles, Dave Corron, Laurel Garza, Mark Gordon, Joni Kupaar, Louise McKay, Josh Nelson, Tom Serewicz, Jack Shouba, Janet Vendetti, and Travis Zopfi. We are beginning a list of additional attractions for next year including an interactive exhibit on dairy farming.
- With assistance from the Parks staff we have begun **woodland and prairie enhancements** near the entrance to Corron Farm. The goal is to increase floristic diversity and to create a colorful, welcoming, garden-like setting that gradually transitions into the trails and habitats further back on the site. This will be developed as the seasons progress through the year. She will use seeds from her own property.
- She has been working with the St. Charles and Glen Ellyn Park Districts to collect seeds, discuss strategies, and recruit volunteers. This **sharing of resources** will benefit the Township's natural areas. Most of the seed provided this year will go to Corron Farm.
- She will be offering a free, drop in **Guided walks program**. An e-mail was sent out requesting input on what types of walking activities and scheduling would benefit the community most. Currently, the plan is to offer a one-hour walk each week and there has been a request for Mondays.

Operations Manager – Tom Serewicz: Operations Manager Serewicz stated:

- At **Town Hall** the crew mowed and weed whacked, striped the parking lot, swept the turf of lawn clippings and leaves, and removed a fallen light pole. The insurance has a \$500 deductible and the cost is \$1000.
- At **Gray Willows** the crew mowed and weed whacked, removed a fallen tree, removed overgrown landscaping, and mold, and painted the farmhouse. At the caretakers house they extended the parking lot and driveway entrance, mulched around the house, repaired the exterior sill of the picture window, and seeded turf repairs. They cut the brush near the burn pile and closed the campground for the year.
- At the **Headwaters Conservation Area** they mowed and weed whacked, striped the parking lot, and repaired trails.
- At **Harley Woods** they mowed and weed whacked, striped the parking lot, found and cut a trail, cut a trail to the Torchie property, and cut a trail around the Torchie property.
- At **Anderson Park** they mowed and weed whacked, striped the parking lot, swept the ballfields to remove excess grass and leaves, and cut a new cyclocross race course with the brush hog and the two track mowers.
- At **Corron Farm** they mowed and weed whacked, pruned the trails and house bushes, re-graveled the driveways, found and caged new oak trees on the trail, striped the parking lot, cleared the woods north of the parking lot of raspberry, gooseberry, ash trees, and ragweed,

mowed the trails, repaired a water leak, did ragweed control, the Eagle Scout wood chip trail was completed, and Prairie Fest preparations completed.

- At **Poynor Park** they mowed and weed whacked, cut and hauled a storm damaged tree away, repaired a fence, striped the parking lot, mowed trails and fire breaks, and pruned pine trees.
- Nothing new to report on **Burlington Park**.
- In General staff had their monthly safety meeting and fire break meeting. The yard waste dumpster program has been a big success for the Township. We got 7 dumpsters for free from Waste Management so that we don't have to burn.

Educational Opportunities at Campton Properties – Trustee Vandiver:

- Trustee Vandiver stated Brenda Mattes – Sica who lives on Crane Road brings in artists for Christmas in the country. She wants to use Gray Willows or Corron Farm next year. She would like to be on the agenda in January or February to make her presentation. The idea is to bring events to our farm areas. The event could be the first week in November or it could be moved up to Prairie Fest to have crafters there.
- Schools could have an Adopt a Park program for summer of 2015. She is meeting with two scout groups now for this program.
- She has contacted 5th grade teachers about adopting a program to teach students about government at Town Hall.

Joint Environmental Resource Management Committee – Rob Linke, John Kupa: No meeting this month.

Supervisor's Report – John Kupa:

- Last month we toured the Gray Willows property with V3 to determine the applicability of restoring some of the areas along Ferson Creek back to native wetlands and to develop a wetlands bank. We received a preliminary concept plan from them that identified three areas at Gray Willows that may generate up to 35 acres of high quality wetlands. There are 10 acres by the campground, 10 acres north of the oak savanna, and 14 acres at the southern tip of Gray Willows. We will meet with them this Friday to discuss the concept plan further but in the interim:
 1. The Township has to do an in-depth review of the current contract.
 2. The Township has to develop and negotiate a strategy to increase its share of the wetlands proceeds.
 3. One of the topics of this Friday's meeting is to discuss potential revenue sharing options.
 4. See the map of Gray Willows that locates the areas of potential wetlands restoration.
- I have had several discussions with Nick Louis of the Airline Piolets Historical Society. The society has been in existence for over 16 years and one of its charters is to promote youth activities in communities. They have donated playground equipment to Maple Park and St. Charles. While the society generally donates playground equipment, they have donated to several other projects. One possible project the society may be interested in is the restoration of the Dairy Barn at Corron Farm. While they cannot pay for the entire restoration, usually their contribution will cause other entities to donate. I will be taking Mr. Louis around the Township this Thursday.
- Finally, I want to thank everyone who volunteered to make our 8th Annual Prairie Fest a success. We had a total of 353 people attend, which was about 100 more than last year. The Corron Farm Preservation Society was a great partner in this effort. Next year we will be partnering with the Society to celebrate the 180th anniversary of Campton Township during Prairie Fest. I also want to thank many members of the community, Township staff, vendors, exhibitors, and the Boy Scouts who made this event a success.

5. Approval of Minutes:

a. Board Meeting September 9, 2014: Clerk Johansen stated the minutes need to be amended on page 4, item 8. New Business, to delete McKay and replace her with someone else because she was on vacation that week. V. Vandiver stated she would adopt that correction in a motion that includes herself in place of McKay. T. Stutesman seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupa and Trustees Stutesman, Vandiver, and Miller voted aye. Trustee Murphy was absent. The amendment of the minutes passed. J. Miller stated on the same page he abstained instead of voting aye. T. Stutesman

moved that on page 4. item 5. b. Kupaar abstained be changed to Kupaar voted aye, Miller voted aye be changed to Miller abstained, and Miller was absent be deleted. V. Vandiver seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupaar and Trustees Stutesman, Vandiver, and Miller voted aye. Trustee Murphy was absent. The amendment of the minutes passed. T. Stutesman moved that on page 5. Item 10., Executive Session, Miller voted aye be changed to Miller abstained. V. Vandiver seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupaar and Trustees Stutesman, Vandiver, and Miller voted aye. Trustee Murphy was absent. The amendment of the minutes passed. J. Miller moved the minutes be approved, as amended. V. Vandiver seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupaar and Trustees Stutesman, Vandiver and Miller voted aye. Trustee Murphy was absent. The minutes as amended were approved.

6. Citizens' Comments:

- Andrew Baeder and his father Jeff were at Prairie Fest with a cookout camping display. Their scout group camped twice at Gray Willows. They came to tonight's meeting to thank the Board for the scout campsite at Gray Willows. They had to cancel on Friday because of rain but they went Saturday and had a great time. They presented Board members with B.S.A. Troop 46 Fox Valley District caps as a thank you.
- Clerk Johansen stated that in his capacity as Vice President of Township Officials of Kane County (TOKC) he was inviting Board members to the Thirty-Fourth Annual Dinner Meeting of TOKC on Wednesday, October 22, at the Lincoln Inn in Batavia. Dinner is \$40.00 and social hour is 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m.

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

8. New Business – Presentation and Discussion for Action:

a. Review and Act Upon Appointment of Robert Knowlton as Solid Waste Disposal Trustee: J. Miller moved the Board appoint Robert Knowlton Solid Waste Disposal District Trustee. V. Vandiver seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kupaar and Trustees Stutesman, Vandiver, and Miller voted aye. Trustee Murphy was absent. The motion passed whereupon Clerk Johansen swore Robert Knowlton in as Trustee of the Solid Waste Disposal District.

b. Review and Act Upon Phase 2 of Eagle Scout Adam Finke's Kiosk Project at Corron Farm: Eagle Scout candidate Adam Finke of Boy Scout Troop 14 stated the mulching of the nature trail at Corron Farm is complete and he is here to discuss Phase 2, the construction of the kiosk. This will replicate kiosks already existing at other locations on Campton open space. The kiosk will display information on events and notices for the visiting public at Corron Farm. He began with a project timeline from October 18th to October 25th. The kiosk design is subject to the approval of Lisa Mertz and Tom Serewicz. Adam presented a detailed drawing of the kiosk including a parts list and proposed location. The materials budget from Open Space is \$500, the estimated cost of materials is \$320-\$375. It will be built by members of Adam's troop and can be completed in two weekends. T. Stutesman moved the board approve Eagle Scout candidate Adam Finke's kiosk project at Corron Farm. J. Miller seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kupaar and Trustees Stutesman, Vandiver, and Miller voted aye. Trustee Murphy was absent. The motion passed.

c. Review and Act Upon Boy Scout Troop #801 Rocket Launch event at Poynor Park on October 26: Pac #801 Cub Master, Charlie Uchil stated his son **Sam Uchil** proposed a rocket launch and a punkin chunkin launch by catapult at Poynor Park. BSA Pack #801 will carry at its own expense liability insurance and the policy will name Campton Township additional insured. The group shall have signed and dated waivers of liability from all participants. J. Miller moved the Board approve the Boy Scout Troop #801 Rocket Launch and punkin chunkin launch at Poynor Park on October 26. V. Vandiver seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupaar and Trustees Stutesman, Vandiver, and Miller voted aye. Trustee Murphy was absent. The motion passed.

d. Review and Discuss License Agreement for Horse Manure Spreading on Certain Farmed Land: J. Kupaar stated we have no documentation on this. We need to table it. J. Kupaar moved the Board table agenda item 8. d. V. Vandiver seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupaar and Trustees Stutesman, Vandiver, and Miller voted aye. Trustee Murphy was absent. The motion passed.

9. Claims and Demands Authorized for Payment:

a. Town Fund - \$4,943.16: V. Vandiver moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Town Fund in the amount of \$4,943.16. J. Miller seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor

Kupar and Trustees Stutesman, Vandiver, and Miller voted aye. Trustee Murphy was absent. The motion passed.

b. Capital Improvement Fund - \$-0-

c. Open Space Fund - \$18,975.90 and \$2,474.75: T. Stutesman moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Open Space Fund in the amounts of \$18,975.90 and \$2,474.75. J. Miller seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kupar and Trustees Stutesman, Vandiver, and Miller voted aye. Trustee Murphy was absent. The motion passed.

d. Road & Bridge Fund - \$40,253.94: J. Miller moved the Board approve the claims and demands on the Road & Bridge Fund in the amount of \$40,253.94. V. Vandiver seconded the motion. In a roll call vote Supervisor Kupar and Trustees Stutesman, Vandiver, and Miller voted aye. Trustee Murphy was absent. The motion passed.

J. Miller stated he wants a Gray Willows planning session on Thursday October 30 at the Community Center from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

10. Executive Session – Open Space and Parks Personnel Staffing; review Executive Session minutes of July 21, 2014 and August 12, 2014: J. Kupar moved the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing open space and parks personnel staffing and to review Executive Session minutes of July 21, 2014 and August 12, 2014 and to include Finance Director McKay, Open Space Manager Mertz, and Operations Manager Serewicz. The motion was seconded by J. Miller. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupar and Trustees Stutesman, Vandiver, and Miller voted aye. Trustee Murphy was absent. The motion passed, and Executive Session began.

11. New Business Cont. – Supervisor Kupar reconvened the regular session.

e. Review and Act Upon Personnel Staffing: T. Stutesman moved the Board table agenda item 11. e. J. Miller seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupar and Trustees Stutesman, Vandiver, and Miller voted aye. Trustee Murphy was absent. The motion passed.

f. & g. Review and Act Upon Approve Executive Session minutes of July 21, 2014 and August 12, 2014. V. Vandiver moved the Board approve the Executive Session minutes of July 21, 2014 and August 12, 2014. J. Kupar seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupar and Trustees Stutesman, Vandiver, and Miller voted aye. Trustee Murphy was absent. The motion passed.

12. Adjournment: T. Stutesman moved the Board adjourn the meeting. V. Vandiver seconded the motion. In a voice vote Supervisor Kupar and Trustees Stutesman, Vandiver, and Miller voted aye. Trustee Murphy was absent. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Johansen

Clerk