

**TOWN OF BRIGHTON
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES
March 21, 2018**

9:30 a.m.

Brookside – Rec. Dept.

PRESENT: Judy Schwartz, Louise Novors, Rob Levine, Rod Bailey, Margy Peet, Erinn Ryen, Dee Burdett, Sally Constine, Robin Wilt, Rebecca Cotter, Matt Beeman, Bill Moehle

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 16, 2018 Bill 1st, Robin 2nd
February 22, 2018 Bill 1st, Robin 2nd

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Park Issues: Matt Beeman:

Lodge Rentals and Security Deposit policy review

- Awaiting final approval from Town Attorney Ken Gordon
- All changes to go into effect September 1st
- Brighton Town Park Lodge roof and window replacement scheduled for mid-April
- Replacement slide at Buckland has been installed
- Hoping to finish up the other slide replacements as weather will allow
- Large demand on the Parks for field use due to the BHS Turf field being redone
- Current schedule allows for resting one field each year
- If field use continues to increase, there may be a need to rest 2 fields per year

Recreation Programs – issues or challenges:

- Ongoing Brookside Concerns
- Continued concerns with maintenance and the overall state of the building
- There is a meeting scheduled with Recreation & Parks Staff and BCSD to discuss the building and potential future capital improvement projects
- There will be greater coordination between the Recreation Department and the Parks Department to address concerns that are raised that are within our control
- We will continue to address BCSD for those maintenance items that they have control over

Winter Farm Market Update

- Revised plans received
- Meeting being coordinated to review the revised plans with Insite Architecture.
- Once the review is completed, plans will go before the Architectural Review board again to update them on the project
- Then the project will go back out for bid

Corbett's Glen Advisory Council Recommendations

- No updates from the committee relating to the proposed language for the signs to keep people out of the water

- Discussion on using fencing to most effectively keep people out of the water
- Sign with barriers would better help to keep people out
- Not sure if split rail will do the job adequately
- Would like to try less intrusive measures first, to see if that will be effective before taking more drastic measures
- Areas of concern: water, creek bed, sides of waterway. Includes the whole south side of the trail from the Postcard Falls to the Meadow
- Enforcement by the Police Department is critical to this working
- Judges need to be on board with the tickets being issued and fines being enforced
- Collection of fines is also an area of concern
- Have staff in the park out in full force to do education with the public on the first nice days of spring/summer
- Discussion of Park hours and policy needs to be reviewed and updated in Park Law
- Do potential changes apply across the board or just at Corbett's Glen?
- Do we have different hours for summer/winter or different hours from park to park?
- Discussion of park law language to simply state no person or animal shall enter the water

Annual Clean Sweep Planning Update – May 12, 2018

- In promotion mode right now
- Reaching out to school groups and public groups that typically participate
- Inventory of items is ongoing so that we know what materials we have on hand
- Actively looking for volunteers to help facilitate the day at Town Hall

Semi-Annual Shredding and Electronic Event Planning Update – May 19, 2018

- Shredding event will be using a different vendor this year
- Will be charged a flat fee of \$300 for the onsite shredding service
- Shredding is for residential use only, not businesses

Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Advisory Committee Update

- 16 letters of intent received for the IDEA committee membership
- Very strong/diverse pool of applicants
- In the process of reviewing those and determining the size of the committee

Community Choice Aggregation Law Update

Discussion of the revised final draft of the CCA Law

- Because phone lines at town board meetings are monitored during the Open Forum portion, not during the business portion of the meeting, comments received about the CCA Law after the close of the Public Hearing were not available to Board Members.
- Comments that were emailed after the conclusion of the Public Hearing will be included in the Town Board meeting minutes, nonetheless. The Public Hearing on the CCA Law remains open for the March 28, 2018 Town Board Meeting.
- Discussion of the definitions, in paragraph 2c: “customer data” will be used versus “default consumers”, in order to include the non-default consumers who have voluntarily joined in the consumer data protection clause of the CCA Law.
- Language change suggested and discussed in the protection clause 6b. Town Attorney suggested adding a clause to the beginning of paragraph protecting the confidentiality of customer data, so that the beginning of it reads “Customer Specific Data and all other data collected from customers...”
- Ultimately, clause change was deemed redundant.

Environmental and Beautification Committee Update

- Draft mission statement reviewed at the last Community Services Committee meeting
- The board needs to pass a resolution to form the committee, and then solicit for members once approved
- Supervisor Moehle is in favor of the committee
- How the committee is structured will be decided once the committee is formed
- Brief update provided to community members in attendance on the status of beautification since November
- Tentative plan for the Rose Garden was received at a prior meeting.
- More details are needed regarding the design including pricing, maintenance etc... before moving forward
- Roselawn neighborhood will review the draft plan to offer a final version
- Dee and Sally would like to see attention given to clean up Twelve Corners Park while the Rose Garden Design is reviewed
- \$7500 was budgeted to be used primarily on the Rose Garden redesign. There is an expectation that some amount of reciprocal monetary or volunteer support will be made by the Roselawn neighborhood.
- Suggestion made to add a 12 Corners Park component to Clean Sweep. Could be maintenance oriented not just picking up trash. Could include prepare beds, prune, weed, etc... to be ready for planting
- 12 Corners Park is maintained by the Brighton Highway Department, not the Parks Department
- Communication needs to be made and open with Highway Department, Tim Anderson to coordinate highway staff to do work in that area
- Matt will facilitate sharing information with Tim Anderson so that he knows what is being discussed at Community Services
- Dee and Sally will forward concerns regarding 12 Corners Park to Matt to share with Tim Anderson
- Fire Hydrants were discussed and who maintains/paints them. Could be a future item for the Beautification Committee once it is formed. Many hydrants in Brighton are very unsightly
- Requested that Color Brighton Green have some relationship/participation with the Beautification Committee

Carbon Pricing Draft Resolution

- Liam will be doing a formal slide presentation at the Town Board meeting a week from today
- CCL is focused on Carbon Fee and Dividend, the fee is collected by the government and distributed evenly among residents
- The dividend will help offset the price increase anticipated from raising the carbon fees at the source
- 2 Draft resolutions were created in part using excerpts from a City of Rochester Resolution (distributed the group for review)
- Urges members of congress to join the Climate Solution Caucus, a Bi-Partisan Group
- CCL would be comfortable with either resolution if the town would adopt it
- Erinn Ryan from the Sustainable Oversight Committee also drafted a letter for review at the meeting only, not available for public distribution until the letter is finalized (distributed to the group for review)
- SOC concerns revolve around the implementation process, and the impacts that it will have on the town as a whole. Does not want the policy to negatively impact the Town Communities/Organizations
- SOC letter is open for comments, in hope to finalize it and send it to the Brighton Town Board
- Supervisor Moehle vocalized Municipalities and schools should not be negatively impacted by whatever Fee and Dividend policy is adopted
- \$15/ton fee added on for carbon would potentially impact Brighton's Town Budget by 3% to 6%
- Current proposal is a \$15/ton fee the first year, increasing annually by \$10 thereafter—which sends a clear signal that we need to wean ourselves off of carbon fuels
- National percentages and figures relating to impacts on governments was discussed

- Impacts to local municipalities was also discussed
- Challenging for municipalities due to the tax cap—it could force the town to break the tax cap or cut personnel and/or services annually
- Discussion on details of how CFD works, and how it would work for the community and municipalities
- CCL group would welcome any carbon policy that the Town would embrace, in the hopes of moving toward a CF&D model
- Residential installations of Solar Panels does not increase the assessment/value of a home
- Suggestion made to hold the resolution/letter open to a future Town Board Meeting
- Supervisor Moehle will take drafts shared, and work with Robin to determine how best to express the Town's support of more sustainable policies for the Town

NEW BUSINESS

Skating Rink – Christine Corrado

Not Discussed – will be added back to the agenda when Christine is available

East Avenue Bike Lanes Resolution

- The Town of Pittsford passed a resolution that they would accept the DOT adhering to the Monroe County standard of a 10' 2-way center turning lane, that would allow 5' wide properly-marked, federally-compliant bicycle lanes on each side of the road
- It has been requested that Brighton adopt a similar resolution. Currently being reviewed by the attorney to the Town
- Changes are from Highland Avenue Extension to 31 F turn off contained to Brighton and Pittsford
- East Avenue will be reconfigured to one lane traveling in each direction with a center turning lane.
- Current plan would include larger shoulders to include a 4 ½ foot shoulder on each side.
- Suggested change to the last sentence of the Pittsford resolution to include: “federally-compliant” bicycle lanes on each side of the road. May want to be more specific than that, even, and add language about markings and signage.

Welcoming New Neighbors

- Resident interested in welcome packets for new members of the community
- Help people integrate and feel welcome
- Judy Schwartz present, and shared on Virginia Colony Association. They provide new neighbors a directory, welcome note, a current newsletter, and a gift certificate for a business at 12 Corners.
- Could there be a sheet from the town to include important phone numbers and a welcome letter to include in the packet?
- Some of the other neighborhoods do similar things
- Louise Novros used to do this through the Chamber of Commerce. Welcome packets were made and distributed by neighborhoods. At that time packets would be picked up from a central location.
- Could a virtual “Welcome Packet” be created?
- A new resident page on the Town Website might be helpful
- Using social media and working with the neighborhood associations to help publicize the electronic version
- Neighborhoods could then print as needed if they wanted to hand out hard copies with their local neighborhood information
- It would be wonderful if the Chamber would coordinate some sort of new resident welcome page on their website as well. Perhaps they could include coupons to businesses etc...

- Are neighborhood contacts available online? Mixed sense of not all leaders want their names and contact information available to the larger community
- Judy will follow up with leadership of Neighborhood groups to see who is willing to have their contact information available on the Website
- Facebook/Social Media is a great way to disseminate information
- Including links on Websites
- Brighton Connections has limited distribution, but could also be another avenue to spread the word

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday

April 18th, 2018

9:30 am Brookside