

**TOWN OF BRIGHTON
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Minutes
July 18, 2018
9:30 a.m.
Brookside – Rec. Dept.**

PRESENT: Dee Burdett, Sally Constine, Pattie Taylor Brown, John Stewart, Louise Novros, Mitch Nellis, Jim Vogel, Robin Wilt, Bill Moehle, Wynette Vickers, Matt Beeman, Rebecca Cotter

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

OPEN FORUM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 20, 2018

Amend minute header to state “Minutes” not “Agenda”

Motion by Bill, 2nd Jim

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Park Issues: Matt Beeman

- Buckland Trail loop is being maintained to keep vegetation at bay
- Park staff worked traffic at the Noble Vibes Concert at Buckland Park
- Parking was much improved with the U10 soccer teams being moved to Brookside, and pick up soccer teams being asked not to play on the remaining Tuesday Concert nights
- 4th of July was reviewed. The heat impacted participation of the event. Overall everything went extremely well considering the heat. There was an issue with the finale firing off early, but all ended well. Some staff from Young Explosives were injured, but everything was handled appropriately and proper protocol was followed.
- Cooling stations were added this year and were very well received
- Concessions at Buckland; New Food Vendor/Contractor working with the Town. Vendor extremely happy thus far. Currently operating on a short term trial, Matt hopes to increase the agreement to include the month of August

Recreation Programs: Rebecca Cotter

- Concerts have been going well. A big thank you to the Parks staff for working traffic this week for the Noble Vibes Concert. There were over 400 people in attendance.
- Summer Programs are all going well, too. Camps are full and we are more than halfway through the summer
- Fall Brochure/programs are being finalized and will be distributed the second week of August
- Continuing to work with the school district around current and upcoming construction projects to better plan for the future

- Working on the budget for 2019

Winter Farm Market Update

- Re-Design is in the works, will go back out for another re-bid
- Hoping to keep the project on target

Corbett's Glen Advisory Council Recommendations: Matt Beeman

- Friends of Corbett's Glen: Ray Warrick – Unable to attend today, but did want some direction for the group
- Garden Lovers' Club has expressed interest in adopting Corbett's Glen as an area of interest
- The Police Department continues to monitor the area and issue tickets for illegally parked cars
- A lot of education has been done, enforcement needs to begin now with officers both with regard to entering the water and parking issues

Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Advisory Committee Update

- Ms. Vickers, a parent of a teen in Brighton attended in support of the IDEA Committee and the need for the committee
- She would like to see the committee move along so that students feel supported in the community
- Update provided: Membership of committee is being reviewed. 19 applications have been received. The size and make-up of the committee is currently being reviewed by the Town Board
- One concern observed with regard to participants under the age of 16, who wouldn't be able to take the public service oath because of their age.
- The Town is trying to determine how to best embrace student involvement even if they can't formally be members of the committee as a result of current NYS Law
- The foundations of the committee and membership were discussed as far as initial diversity training to set the leadership of the committee up for success
- The Town would like to do everything possible to engage all members of the community
- IDEA Meetings will be open to the public to attend
- Discussion of Town wide diversity training and best practices for staff was also discussed
- Rochester/Monroe Anti-Poverty initiative (RMAPI) August 14th will be hosting a "Town Hall Meeting" at the Brighton Town Hall
- The IDEA committee needs to interact with BCSD. How BCSD handles racism reflects on the Town and vice versa
- Parents of Color Group – community group started this year was also discussed

Community Choice Aggregation Law Update

- Bill Moehle has reached out to Town Supervisors Smith (Pittsford) and Seeley (Irondequoit)
- Conference call was proposed with local Rochester communities in concert with representative from Westchester Power
- We are still working with Matt Halladay (who is in charge of the Clean Energy Communities Program) out of David Zorn's Office at the Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council) to arrange a call with Bill Moehle and Robin Wilt

- Ideally, we would like to have call, then Workshop Meeting to engage the community
- Time frame being set for the call and workshop, TBD

Beautification Committee Update

- Sally Constine, Dee Burdette, Pattie Taylor Brown, and Louise Novros expressed concern with the deteriorating look of the town. Would like to know the status of the formation of the Beautification Committee
- Request went out for interested residents to join the committee
- Advertised through same process as any volunteer board
- 4 applicants submitted letters of intent and resumes for the committee
- Perhaps additional publicity should have gone out if only 4 responses were received
- At the time, publications went out for 2 committees at the same time. The other committee had an overwhelming response. Both committees were advertised in the exact same way.
- Discussion held on whether there is sufficient public interest in a beautification committee, or if suggestions should be made to the town in the context of the Community Services Committee
- Community members present at the meeting feel strongly that there should be a formal beautification committee and that it should be opened up again to applicants
- The Town will open the call out for applicants for the Beautification Committee again
- Another press release will go out to seek additional applicants, interviews will be conducted, members will be formally invited by the Town Board
- In the meantime, a separate meeting will be set with Bill, Robin, Pattie, and a representative from the Rose Lawn Neighborhood Association to discuss the specifics of the Rose Lawn Garden on the Town Hall Campus
- Discussion over development and history of the Rose Lawn Garden on the Town Hall Campus
- Chamber of commerce grant availability was discussed regarding what type of project the Chamber would support

Smoking Law Update

- Public Hearing set for Town Board Meeting on 7/2/18

Buckland Park Dredging

- Mike continues to work with the Army Corps of Engineers to complete a plan to address drainage

NEW BUSINESS

Buckland Park Pick-Up Soccer Games

- Pick up group-Home Field listed as Buckland Park
- Matt spoke directly with administrators of the Webpage and members of the group at Buckland Park
- Matt hopes to have communication with them to be able to work together on future uses of the Park
- They were receptive to avoiding use on the remaining Tuesday Concerts nights

Auburn Trail Access

- The vehicular gate is farther in and away from the entrance than we would like

- Looking to add a clarifying sign/language indicating no vehicular traffic
- Sign is not intended to discourage pedestrian/cyclist traffic
- Construction of trail will only be done when the project begins

UPCOMING EVENTS

Gideon Cobb Days

Brickstone Wintergarden - Friday, July 20-21, 2018, 12 Noon

Buckland House - Saturday, July 21, 2 PM

Marathon Reading of Frederick Douglass Narrative

Brighton Memorial Library - Sunday, July 22, 2018, 1:30 – 3:30 PM

Semi-Annual Electronics Recycling and Document Shredding Event

Brighton Highway Department - 1941 Elmwood Avenue, Saturday, October 13, 2018, 9 AM – 12 Noon

Semi-Annual DEA Pharmaceutical Take Back Day

Brighton Town Hall, Public Safety Wing - 2300 Elmwood Avenue, Saturday, October 27, 2018, 10 AM – 2 PM

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday

August 15th, 2018

9:30 am Brookside