

**TOWN OF BRIGHTON
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Minutes
June 19, 2019
9:30 a.m.
Brookside – Rec. Dept.**

PRESENT: Robin Wilt, Christine Corrado, Bill Moehle, Dennis Adams, Matt Beeman, Becky Cotter

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

9:35 am

OPEN FORUM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 13, 2019

Christine Corrado, Bill Moehle

COMMUNICATIONS

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Dennis Adams - Corbett's Glen Update:

- The Corbett's Glen Advisory Council met recently.
- The initial thought was that decent progress was being made with the installation of split rail fencing, until Memorial Day came, and people were observed very much in the water.
- Erosion concerns were reviewed, and Dennis noted that poor water management up stream (in neighboring Penfield) is contributing to the erosion near the Falls at Corbett's Glen, along with rampant incursions of people and animals into the water.
- Unless we find a way to make major changes in the behaviors of people in Corbett's Glen, conditions are going to continue to deteriorate.
- 3 of 4 members of the Advisory Council have now expressed that dogs should be banned from Corbett's Glen to try to preserve the habitat.
- The pros and cons of allowing dogs were discussed, but there was no consensus that banning dogs is the one solution to fix the erosion problems.
- Invasive species were also discussed at length: Japanese Knotweed, Giant Hogweed, Swallow wort, Lesser Selandine, and Multiflora Rose—some are pervasive within the park.
- We possess limited methods to stop these invasive species due to restrictions on using pesticides and the labor-intensive nature of addressing the problem.

Solutions for now include:

- 1) Parks Department continues to take action to discourage people from breaching the fence. Brush is being piled up along the knee fencing to continue to discourage people from straying from the marked pathways.
- 2) The police department continues to maintain a greater presence in the park on high-use days.
- 3) We are exploring using social media to help remind and reinforce about the appropriate use of all the parks and developing targeted Public Awareness campaigns with respect to Corbett's Glen.
- 4) We are exploring providing information about Dog Park availability at nearby Ellison Park at the trail heads within Corbett's Glen.

- 5) At our Highway Department, we are reviewing the positioning of No Parking Signs and existing parking configurations to make sure there are no discrepancies between the text of the Town of Brighton parking law, and what is in place on Glen Road.
- 6) We are working with the Highway and Police Departments to install preventative striping in the roadway to make it clearer where parking is not allowed, while also preserving sight lines for safety.
- 7) We are working to engage interested volunteer and philanthropic organizations in partnership to help adopt Corbett's Glen, and assist the Parks Department with the maintenance load.

Park Issues: Matt Beeman

- Parks Department has been working through changes with Brighton Little League's use of fields and commensurately stepping up its maintenance efforts, as Brighton Little League has stepped back from grooming the fields they have traditionally utilized.
- The Department is still on track for its ongoing projects for the year.
- Fourth of July preparations are set: this year, we are excited to add a mobile video game truck to the event; Concessions set up will be much the same as last year, but we will explore Kosher and Halal options for refreshments.

Recreation Programs: Rebecca Cotter

- Our current web-based registration vendor, Rec1 Registration System, is changing their fee structure to be more cost-prohibitive, so the Recreation Department is exploring our options for viable and cost-effective registration systems that do not sacrifice functionality.
- The end of the year Dance Recital was successfully hosted by Bay Trail Middle School, due to BCSD facilities not being available as a result of construction this year. The recitals were very well received by families, and Bay Trail MS was a great location for the event. Thank you Penfield Central School District!
- Preparations for summer programs and summer camp continue, in conjunction with Penfield Central School District, for our Indian Landing location (which will serve as a temporary substitute location for Council Rock Primary School programming during construction). Staff trainings for summer camp begin on June 23.
- Fall Recreation Brochure planning and recruitment for program offerings is currently underway.
- Staff is discussing and reviewing the need for a Pet Policy for Programs at Brighton Recreation, as there have been recent concerns raised with regard to dogs attending programs with owners. The Department is drafting guidelines around this, so that all participants feel welcome! In the meantime, we are asking that if there is not a health-related or access-exigent need, participants leave dogs at home where they will be safe and more comfortable.
- Summer Concerts are all set – (Dady Brothers are still on.) The Parks Dept. will be all hands on deck when Noble Vibes appears (July 23rd) to handle the increased traffic influx.
- All Soccer fields will be closed on Tuesday evenings during our concert series.
- Matt Beeman, Park Superintendent, is working on securing a food vendor—either a food truck/cart—to be located in the concession building for concert nights.

Winter Farm Market Update

- A substantial certificate of completion has been issued for Phase 1 of the project.
- The Contractor is finishing up the last few items on the construction punch list.

- Mike Guyon is working on developing Phase 2 of the project with the design consultants, Insite.

Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Advisory Committee Update

- The final contract has been executed with Gwen, Inc., and members of the IDEA Consultant proposal selection committee (Special Advisor to the Supervisor Sheila Gaddis, Supervisor Bill Moehle, IDEA Board Chair Felicia Garcia-Hartstein, and IDEA Board Liaison Robin Wilt) conducted a pre-meeting with Gwen, Inc. this morning to review goals of the RFP and prepare for the inaugural meeting of the IDEA Board.
- The intention is to have first meeting of the entire IDEA Board in the next month.

Community Choice Aggregation Law Update

- There was a meeting on June 24th with the other communities/municipalities involved in the Memorandum of Understanding and all of the municipal attorneys to review the Proposal findings and evaluations of each individual community.
- The Attorneys will compile a list of follow up questions for the Respondent CCA Administrators.
- Communities are still targeting the end of summer for roll out and initial CCA implementation.

Renovation Repair and Painting (RRP) Certification Update

- At its Annual meeting on June 20th, the Rochester Lead Coalition issued the Town of Brighton a Certificate of Appreciation for implementing Renovation Repair and Painting Certification verification as part of our permitting process.
- Congratulations to our Staff in Public Works for the terrific rollout of this important health and safety policy.

Brighton Safe Streets for All Update

PACE Program Update and Complete Streets Makeover Contest Update – Christine Corrado

- Framework in place for the PACE Car Program and a website is being developed.
- Piggy backing off of the Drive 2 be Better Program, the Brighton PACE Car program will be performing benchmarking and quantitative analysis of how well we are doing changing habits of drivers and improving the safety of our neighborhoods.
- Brighton was not ultimately selected for the Complete Streets Makeover, but as a result of our entry, we will potentially have the opportunity to work with students from the Cornell College of Agriculture and Life Sciences to develop a concept proposal for the intersection of Torrington and Brooklawn at Monroe Avenue. We want to thank Brighton Safe Streets for All and all of the community members who worked on submissions highlighting intersections in our community that could use improvement. We've heard your feedback and will continue to explore effective ways to improve the safety and traversability of our neighborhoods with alternate methods of transportation.

Councilmember on Your Corner Update – Robin Wilt

- Schedule for the summer has been set.
- First appearance was on June 9th and the second event was on June 23rd.

- Both were successful days with tremendous positive feedback.
- We will be trying to document how many visits, and the topics discussed each time, so that people who may have similar questions can share in the information disseminated.
- We are a work in progress and continue to tweak the formula, so we welcome your feedback on how to improve this offering.

NEW BUSINESS

Noise Ordinance Benchmarking

- In response to resident concerns expressed about lawn equipment noise, we have been researching and reviewing the Town of Brighton Noise Ordinance to best ensure the health and safety of our community.
- In the process of conducting research with regard to the effective hours of noise ordinances, we noted that some of our neighboring communities have decibel-based ordinances.
- It was noted also that public works and snow removal are typically not subject to municipal noise ordinances, so concerns that have been addressed about the Town's activities with regard to maintenance of highways, roads and parks would not necessarily be addressed through any revision to code.
- Ken Gordon, our Town Attorney, has performed some benchmarking, and the codes of the City of Rochester, Penfield, Pittsford, Mendon, Irondequoit and Phelps (who has a very intricate decibel-based noise ordinance) are currently being reviewed to see if Brighton is in line with our neighboring communities and how we might be able to improve our codes with respect to noise to better serve the needs of the entire community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Splash Into Summer

Brighton Town Hall Pool, 2300 Elmwood Avenue
Friday, June 21st, 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Fourth of July Celebration

Meridian Centre Park, 2025 Meridian Centre Blvd.
Thursday, July 4th, 2:00 pm – 10:30 pm

Summer Concert Series

Buckland Park, 1341 Westfall Rd.
Tuesdays, July 9 – August 13
6:30 – 8:00 pm

Semi-Annual Electronics Recycling and Document Shredding Event

Brighton Highway Department, 1941 Elmwood Avenue
Saturday, October 12th, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Semi-Annual DEA Pharmaceutical Take Back Day

Brighton Town Hall Public Safety Wing, 2300 Elmwood Avenue
Saturday, October 26th, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday

July 17th, 2019

9:30 am Brookside