



Community Services Committee

Town of Brighton, Monroe County, New York

Councilmember Robin Wilt, Chairperson

Councilmember Christine Corrado, Co-Chairperson

Minutes

October 16, 2019

Location: Brookside Recreation Center, 220 Idlewood Road

Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

PRESENT: William Moehle, Robin Wilt, Melissa Carlson, Matt Beeman, Rebecca Cotter

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

9:35

OPEN FORUM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 18, 2019

COMMUNICATIONS

- September 9, 2019: Barbara Bowerman (Forwarded by Pattie Taylor Brown) (CONTINUED)
 - RE: Pocket Park at the End of Bonnie Brae at Sonora Pkwy, Beautification Committee, et al.
- ✓ Commissioner of Public Works, Mike Guyon, and Robin Wilt met at the Park on October 10th to review the concerns enumerated in the email correspondence.
- ✓ Mike took as an action item to review the maintenance schedule and report back.
- ✓ Upon further review, we verified that the Highway Department limits its maintenance of the park strictly to mowing, so it is clear that a good Samaritan has been maintaining the area--pruning, planting and mulching the garden.
- ✓ The resident who brought the park to our attention would like to table the discussion until Spring.
- ✓ There was discussion of this, and other pocket parks potentially being among the sites available for volunteer attention under the Beautification Committee "Adopt a Site" program that is under development.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Park Issues: Matt Beeman

- Problematic trees within Corbett's Glen Nature Park are scheduled to be removed by Birchcrest..
- A playground plan has been finalized for Meridian Centre Park, with equipment being secured, in part from grant funding/discount pricing from the manufacturer, Game Time, and the remainder from Town funds. Town will take delivery of the equipment by December 31st. To conserve costs,

Town staff will install the playground, but dedicated Game Time personnel will be on site to supervise the installation.

- As a result, beginning at the end of November, the Meridian Centre Park playground will be fenced off, and will remain inaccessible until the new playground is completely installed.
- Griffith Energy will be replacing the oil tank at Brighton Town Park soon, which engendered a discussion about replacement of the Lodge heating system, conversion to propane, and fireplace replacement being among the items considered for inclusion in the 2021 CIP.
- The Brighton Kiwanis had previously donated two benches for installation near the Swayfun Glider in the playground area on the Town Hall Campus. The benches are scheduled for installation soon, weather and staffing allowing. We thank the Kiwanis for their generosity.
- The Highland Crossing Trail grand opening is scheduled to take place at Brickstone, 1325 Elmwood Ave, on Friday, October 25th at 10:00 AM
- Superintendent of Parks, Matt Beeman, met with Spaul management to discuss the drainage and elevation issues related to walkways that extend from the parking lot at Meridian Centre to the actual park. Spaul management is willing to let the Town do whatever is needed to repair the area to make the walkways more passable for the public. Matt observed that the walkway repair may be a good project to accommodate a recent request for an Eagle Scout project and is coordinating with the requestor to determine fit and viability.
- All materials are ordered for the Triangle Park Gazebo repair project, and work was scheduled to start this week with the contractor.

Recreation Programs: Rebecca Cotter

- Fall Program registration is underway and has been very steady.
- Winter/Spring Program planning has begun.
- The Department is actively seeking new and diverse program offerings to include in the brochure, and we welcome input from the community!
- Recreation staff is working with BCSD to have a bathroom stall door repaired after it fell off recently, which highlighted ongoing maintenance concerns at the Brookside Facility.
- Rec1 Contract amendment for online program registration is under review and we hope to have it finalized by the end of the month.
- There was discussion of class schedules, and Brighton Recreation having a consistent policy of following the BCSD calendar for all classes that incorporate fees, whether they be adult or youth programming. Free, drop in, activities will still take place when school is closed.
- Discussion reinforcing our protocols to limit access in programs to only service animals. We kindly ask that members of the public adhere to these rules.

Winter Farmers' Market Update

- Process still moving forward for Phase 2, with the RFP design parameters under development with Insite Architects.

Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Advisory Committee Update

- The committee has now convened three times, and all members have made it to at least one meeting, or signaled their intent to attend an upcoming meeting.

- Discussion of the ability of the committee to advise on ad hoc issues concerning inclusion and diversity within the Town.
- Adding a "Check In" portion to meeting agendas to allow for community sharing.
- Members of the IDEA Board and consultants are planning to attend a January Town Board Meeting to introduce themselves and provide an update to the community on the scope of parameters of their charter and progress toward the goals.

Community Choice Aggregation Law Update

- PSC-mandated community forums are being scheduled for Brighton. Plans are to have CCA information sessions at the East Brighton community forum on November 20, and a standalone CCA Community Forum at Town Hall on November 21. We anticipate that the West Brighton Community Forum and CCA information session will be in early December.
- MOU municipality Town Attorneys are in the process of finalizing the contract with the CCA Administrator.

Brighton Safe Streets for All Update

PACE Program Update: Christine Corrado – On hold until further notice, will revisit in the spring
Design Connect MOU Update: Christine Corrado

- The Monroe Ave. Complete Streets Makeover community design workshop led by masters candidate, Naomi Crimm, held a community forum at Town Hall this past Sunday, October 20th from 1:00 – 4:00 pm to share information and plans, and garner additional feedback from the community.
- Discussion of safety near schools during busy start of school and end of school times, and we noted that the level of traffic enforcement on Elmwood Avenue has been increased to try to calm the traffic. We are in ongoing communication with Chief Catholdi and BCSD to monitor the situation. We ask that community members please be mindful of pedestrians and cyclists in the Twelve Corners and throughout the town, and adhere to traffic laws.

Councilmember on Your Corner Update

Remaining Schedule for Outdoor Market and Winter Market Planning: Robin Wilt

- The next session will be on Sunday, October 27, 2019, from 9 AM – 12 noon, and our Town Supervisor will be in attendance. We look forward to seeing the community then, and thank you for the continued and insightful feedback provided during these sessions.

Brighton Complete Count Committee (2020 Census) Update: Robin Wilt

- We noted that Susan Perry of Rochester/Monroe Complete Count Committee will be doing a presentation at the next Community Services Committee meeting.
- She will also attend the Brighton Believes Council meeting in December to raise awareness about the 2020 Census among the community leaders that are there.
- Finally, Ms. Perry is scheduled to appear at the councilmember on your Corner session on November 10th to continue to try to get the word out.

Brighton Opt in to Rent Stabilization (Emergency Tenant Protection Act - EPTA): Robin Wilt

- Anti-Displacement Learning Network Request for Applications (RFA)
- Robin gathering data, working with the Citywide Tenants' Union and the various Brighton school districts, the County, and also non-governmental agencies to review the RFA form.
- Not sure deadline will be met to submit application to have a study done on the community, as we are in need of Town approval to submit grant applications on behalf of the Town.

Community Services Committee Website Update

- I am still working on the verbiage for the website and hope to have something by the next Community Services Committee meeting.
- We noted that the Beautification Committee is going to be re-initiating the utility box program, and that information, that is featured prominently on the Community Services Committee website will shift to their website.
- Follow up being done with Mercy High School Art Department to see if partnerships can be re-established there.
- As the program progenitor, Chris Werner will be included in discussions

Mobile African American History Display Update

- Meeting with Mary Jo Lanphear, Town Historian, and Marilyn Rosen of CURB to curate content for the display.
- Envision featuring it at Town events, or other events within the community

NEW BUSINESS

Territory Acknowledgment (See Attached)

- Discussion ongoing, came up during IDEA Committee
- Needs review by Town Attorney before proceeding

Visible Representations of Religious Holidays

- Visual representations discussed in Town offices etc.
- Displays are non-religious but festive in nature

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sensory Friendly Trick or Treating

Brighton Town Hall Lobby

Friday, October 18th, 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Fall Festival

Brighton Town Hall Campus/Brighton Memorial Library

Saturday, October 19th, 10:00 – 11:30 am

Halloween Happy House

Buckland Farmhouse, 1341 Westfall Rd, Rochester, NY 14618

Friday, October 25th, 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Haunted Grounds at the Buckland Farmhouse

Buckland Farmhouse, 1341 Westfall Rd, Rochester, NY 14618

Friday, October 25th, 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Semi-Annual DEA Pharmaceutical Take Back Event

Brighton Town Hall Public Safety Wing, 2300 Elmwood Avenue

Saturday, October 26th, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Veterans Day

Brighton Town Park, Carmen Clarke Lodge, 777 Westfall Road

Monday, November 11, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Veterans Appreciation Luncheon

Brighton Town Park, Carmen Clarke Lodge, 777 Westfall Road

Friday, December 6th, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday

November 20th, 2019

9:30 am: Brookside Recreation Center