



Community Services Committee

Town of Brighton, Monroe County, New York

Councilmember Robin Wilt, Chairperson

Councilmember Christine Corrado, Co-Chairperson

MINUTES

January 15, 2020

Location: Brookside Recreation Center, 220 Idlewood Road

Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

PRESENT: William Moehle, Robin Wilt, Mike Guyon, Ken Gordon, Matt Beeman, Terry Pollack, Ronnie Pollack, Craig Marvin, Kathy Castania, Sonia Tafoya, Ryan Bassford, Robert MacFarlane

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

9:49 am

OPEN FORUM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 18, 2019

Approved: WM 1st/RW 2nd

COMMUNICATIONS

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Park Issues: Matt Beeman

- No Report given due to time constraints

Recreation Programs: Rebecca Cotter

- No Report given due to time constraints

Winter Farmers' Market Update

- New Layout for the Winter Farmers' Market site was shared.
- Public Works is investigating offering a workshop session to garner feedback from the public at the end of February, Date TBD

Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Advisory Committee Update

- No Report given due to time constraints

Beautification Committee Update

- No Report given due to time constraints

Community Choice Aggregation Update: Ken Gordon, Town Attorney

- Discussion of the finalization of the Contract with Joule Assets, the chosen CCA Administrator, making sure that the contract is reflective of the language of the respondent in the original Request for Proposals.
- Working through the final technical details of the contract now, with each MOU municipality working independently to reflect its community's priorities in its individual contract with Joule.
- There is an acknowledgment that the scope and expectation of services to be rendered needs to be well-thought out and clear for all parties, especially given there are subcontractor relationships involved.
- In ongoing discussions with Joule, it has been made very clear that energy will be 100% renewable, but Joule cannot promise that you will save money on every single bill. Instead, rates are based on a twelve-month look-back period, over which we will be optimizing pricing as we go out to bid in the energy marketplace.
- 100% renewable does not equal 100% clean.
- Reality of the selling points of CCA discussed.
- Importance of continued public presentations, consistency and messaging discussed, as we continue with the implementation process.

Brighton Safe Streets for All Update

PACE Program Update: Christine Corrado

Design Connect MOU Update: Christine Corrado

- No Report given due to time constraints

Councilmember on Your Corner Update

- No Report given due to time constraints

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

- No Report given due to time constraints

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

- No Report given due to time constraints

Community Services Committee Website Update

- No Report given due to time constraints

Mobile African American History Display Update

- No Report given due to time constraints

Territory Acknowledgment Update: Ronnie Pollack and Kathy Castania (Eric Bassford, Ryan Bassford Terry Pollack, Sonia Tafoya)

- Brief history of Territory Acknowledgement was presented by way of a Guideline document provided by the Native American Cultural Center. (The Native American Cultural Center is a not

for profit that provides programs and activities to the community to continue the traditions of the Native American People. The Cultural Center is on Empire Boulevard.)

- We entertained a discussion of the importance of this acknowledgment to the Native American people of Brighton and neighboring communities, and the importance to acknowledge and honor Native Americans in a modern society, not just as people of the past.
- Those in attendance—including several members of our Brighton Highway Department staff who are Native American heritage—shared why this acknowledgment is important to them, personally, culturally, and for the community.
- Relationship between the Seneca Nation, Onondaga Nation and the Native American Cultural Center was discussed.
- Conversation on how to do the Acknowledgment the “right way”, using the correct resources to get it right, do it well, and in a way that is respectful.
- It’s important to not do more harm than good when crafting this acknowledgement.
- Spring was discussed as possibly a good time to formalize the Acknowledgment.
- Discussion occurred regarding who needs to be included in discussions, and at any community events to implement Territory Acknowledgment.
- Possibility of an annual (monthly?)/periodic acknowledgment was discussed, as a way to educate the community and raise awareness.

NEW BUSINESS

Disavowal of Restrictive Covenants – Tabled until February Meeting

Genesee Finger Lakes Chapter of the Air and Waste Management Association (GFL A&WMA) Earth Day Grant application

- We have applied for this in the past For our Annual Clean Sweep Event, and plan to similarly pursue a grant this year.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Cabin Fever

Brookside Recreation Center

Sunday, January 26, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Direct Sales Vendors, Brighton Wardrobe Sale, Winter Farmers Market, Recreation Department Open for Registration!

Semi-Annual DEA Pharmaceutical Take-Back Event

Brighton Town Hall, Public Safety Wing, 2300 Elmwood Avenue

Saturday, April 25th, 2020, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Brighton Annual Clean Sweep

Brighton Town Hall, 2300 Elmwood Avenue

Saturday, May 9th, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Semi-Annual Electronics Recycling and Secure Document Shredding Event

Brighton Highway Department, 1941 Elmwood Avenue

Saturday, May 16th, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday

February 20th, 2020*

9:30 am: Brookside Recreation Center

*Please note change in day