



Community Services Committee

Town of Brighton, Monroe County, New York

Councilmember Robin Wilt, Chairperson

Councilmember Christine Corrado, Co-Chairperson

Minutes

September 16, 2020

Location: Brookside Recreation Center, 220 Idlewood Road

Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

PRESENT: Robin Wilt, William Moehle, Christine Corrado, Rebecca Cotter, Matt Beeman

MEETING CALL TO ORDER 9:43 am

OPEN FORUM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 20, 2020 CC, WM

COMMUNICATIONS

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Park Issues: Matt Beeman

- Parks are open and the busiest that Matt has ever seen. People are using pavilions and cooking out, as well as flocking to trails, playgrounds, and other park spaces.
- Staff has done its best, in light of high demand, to keep things up and running amid shortages not only in staffing, but also in equipment acquisition.
- The Meridian Park Playground installation is completed. To optimize costs and maximize safety, the manufacturer, GameTime, and our Parks staff cooperated to adopt a hybrid installation model that significantly reduced expense to the Town, while providing final approval of the installation by GameTime.
- There has been continued high demand from sports groups for field use.
- Discussion of our aging playground infrastructure within the Town, and the ongoing rigorous inspection standards that our staff maintains to ensure equipment safety.
- Discussion of lodge rental transitioning to a full day rental model, which conforms to practices of the vast majority of local municipalities, and the need for our patrons to follow masking protocols established for safety during the pandemic.
- Discussion of invasive species
- We have added ½ mile of perimeter trail around the Town Hall campus with the help of George Smith and his Urban Forestry Group at Brighton High School.

Recreation Programs: Rebecca Cotter

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- Fall program registration is underway.
- We did not print a paper brochure, but are doing online program promotion to allow us the needed flexibility to adjust programming.
- We are asking everyone to pay attention to our FB page, website and emails for upcoming program announcements.
- We are resuming some in-person programs, as well as continuing our online offerings.
- Full time staff are adjusting their work schedules to cover the evening programs to make sure that all health and safety check ins are being done and properly documented
- The Recreation Department remains closed to the public and is secure except when programs are ongoing, but we're pleased to have the Recreation Department open for business on this limited basis, and we're excited for the new program opportunities that have emerged due to the pandemic.
- Plans are being made for a safe, socially-distant Trick or Treating event this fall, with more details to follow
- The Brighton Seniors are enjoying the Grab and Go lunch partnership with the Henrietta Senior Center. We hope to continue this as long as we are able.
- Brighton Farmers Market remains open following COVID Guidelines.

Winter Farmers' Market Update

- To conserve costs, an immense amount of site work has been completed by town forces. Several outbuildings have been removed, and work continues on the interior of the building. Utilities are currently being brought to the building for connection.
- Extension of the Brickyard Trail to the Winter Market site is complete
- The Summer Market will remain outside through December 20 at the BHS. More details to come on final dates and times. The Winter Market will NOT be operating at Brookside this year.

Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Advisory Committee Update

- Our IDEA Board is hosting its final of its currently-scheduled community conversations about ways to promote inclusion, diversity & equity in Brighton. All residents are invited to join us on Saturday, September 26th (9:30-11 AM) by registering online with our Brighton Recreation catalog...or call Assistant to the Supervisor, Bridget Monroe at 784-5252. If you require any accommodation or support for your participation, please let Bridget know.
- Increased outreach to try and bolster participation
- Suggested to include identifiers on Zoom for participant affiliation. Identifying IDEA Member vs. Community Member

Beautification Committee Update: Robin

- Did not meet during pandemic
- Currently 3 active members
- Would like to see membership increased to continue to make forward progress
- Discussion of ongoing column in Brighton Connections, and being clearly identifiable that the column is a product of the Beautification Committee

Community Choice Aggregation Update

- Second RFP for a 100% renewable electric supply was sent out the week of September 7th, with responsive documents Due October 1st
- Discussion of benchmarking used in the process
- Meeting with our CCA Administrator on October 5th for bid results

Brighton Safe Streets for All Update

PACE Program Update: Christine Corrado

- On Pause for the time being
- Request to be tabled until Brighton Safe Streets for All resumes

Support for Bike/Walk to School Week

- Suspended due to COVID
- Community/School partnership
- Discussion of RTS HOPR Bike Program, anticipated kick off in September has been pushed off until the spring April or May of 2021

Councilmember on Your Corner Update

- No updates
- Propose to try and have one this spring, perhaps

Brighton Complete Count Committee (2020 Census) Update

- On track to have 77-78% participation rate for the community, which is still well short of a complete count.
- At 77.1%, Brighton's census response rate is finally at that ¾ mark, but we are still trailing the response rates of our neighboring towns of Penfield (79.9%), Perinton (81.3%) and Pittsford (84.3%).
- We want to emphasize that an accurate count is critical to ensuring that we are properly funded for emergency responders, infrastructure, afterschool programs, senior programs and more. At the end of the day...It's about money, power and data. Make sure Brighton gets its fair share by responding to the #2020Census! Respond to the Census at 2020census.gov.

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

- Tabled, but is coming up in conversations in virtual forums
- Would like to find data on how many units are in the Town

Mobile African American History Display Update

- Kelly Cheatle, a resident of Brighton, local business owner, artist, and creator is working with Mary Jo Lanphear, our Town Historian, looking toward a completion date February 2021 for our mobile African-American History display.

Territory Acknowledgment Update

- Would like to move forward with this for Indigenous Peoples Day, which is on October 12, 2020

Disavowal of Restrictive Covenants Update

- Update provided – Attorneys have provided opinion on this
- Discussion on best way to move this forward without requiring action on the part of every single property owner
- It would be beneficial to have State Legislation on this issue

NEW BUSINESS

Green Amendment Resolution

- The Green Amendment is a simple 15-word addition to the New York State Constitution: Each person shall have a right to clean air and water, and a healthful environment.
- The current New York Bill of Rights contains many of our most sacred civil liberties, but nowhere is there a right to a clean and healthful environment.
- Has already passed one of the legislative sessions needed for it to be sent to referendum, so as we approach the 2021 legislative session, there is a request for municipalities to resolutions in support this measure to raise awareness among of state legislators.
- Since we are anticipating new representation in both the State Senate and Assembly, we are considering adopting a Resolution in support of the Green Amendment.

Racism as a Public Health Crisis Resolution

- Senate Resolution #3206
- As we have done in the past with GENDA and Safe Gun Storage, we would like to adopt similar language on the local level to support the current legislation.
- We are also in discussion with Dr. Mendoza on moving this forward with County support.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

IDEA Board Zoom World Café

Saturday, September 26th, 9:30 – 11:00 am

Semi-Annual Electronics Recycling and Secure Document Shredding Event

Brighton Highway Department, 1941 Elmwood Avenue

Saturday, October 10th, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Semi-Annual DEA Pharmaceutical Take-Back Event

Brighton Town Hall, Public Safety Wing, 2300 Elmwood Avenue

Saturday, October 24th, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday

October 21st, 2020

9:30 am: Brookside Recreation Center