



Community Services Committee

Town of Brighton, Monroe County, New York

Councilmember Robin Wilt, Chairperson

Councilmember Christine Corrado, Co-Chairperson

Minutes

July 21, 2021

Location: Brookside Recreation Center, 220 Idlewood Road

Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

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

MEETING CALL TO ORDER 9:56 am

OPEN FORUM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 16, 2021 CC, WM, approved

COMMUNICATIONS

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Park Issues: Matt Beeman

- 4th of July event went extremely well despite numerous obstacles and protocol changes leading up to the event, and it was very well attended
- A discussion about accessibility led to clarification that an additional 30 accessible parking spaces had been designated on the playground side of the parking lot, and perhaps there is a need to increase signage to identify accessible parking at the event
- This year, there was increased foot traffic coming in off of the Canal Path for the July 4th celebration
- Ongoing Park Maintenance discussed, playground and trail maintenance
- We're receiving increased calls regarding Gypsy Moths in the area
- Invasive plants and insects discussed among all parks
- Pick up soccer games at Buckland Park have been temporarily suspended due to groups ignoring field conditions and playing in the rain etc...
- Adults have been playing on the small youth fields causing major damage to the fields
- Discussion of Ash trees at Brighton Town Park, several have been identified for removal in places immediately adjacent to gathering areas in the park

Recreation Programs: Rebecca Cotter

- Brighton Town Hall Pool is now open 7 days a week, subject to change based on staff availability

- The Recreation Feasibility Study is underway, a draft survey is being put together by the consulting firm (SWBR), and we look forward to having our public meetings seeking feedback scheduled soon
- In update to BCSD sale of Brookside School, the Recreation Department will continue to operate and occupy the currently leased space at Brookside. There is no immediate plan to change our normal operations or move in the near future.
- Summer Playground Camps are all going well. We are halfway through the summer. Through creativity, flexibility and offsite activities, staff have been doing a great job of keeping everyone safe and healthy this summer while still having a lot of fun!
- We are in the process of re-applying with NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) to change the location of our Afterschool Program to Council Rock School. This is a great opportunity and we are thrilled to be able to move our operation to provide a secure home base for this much needed resource.
- We continue to work on Fall programming and are working diligently to add more in-person programs to our lineup while keeping everyone safe.

Winter Farmers' Market Update

Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Advisory Committee Update

- Update provided to Town Board at the June 23rd meeting
- Area of challenge involve website not being in place, ongoing maintenance of website etc... We are working with our consultants Gwen Inc. to address all of the above.
- The IDEA Board is looking at additional programming with the Recreation Department (not just forums, but also recreational and social activities).
- Meeting with Town Department Heads on Monday, August 9th to share information gathered from the community and to get input from Department Heads
- Membership of committee was discussed and timing of process to replace members who have left the group

Community Choice Aggregation Update

- Our CCA Administrator, Joule Assets, issued an alert and sign on letter to oppose Petition 19-E-035 to the PSC by National Grid and NYSERDA.
- The potential impact of this petition on in-state solar credits availability at the municipal level for CDG programs is concerning, because there is pending legislation that is awaiting signature by the Governor that would enable solar credits to be secured outside of a supplier's home region, thereby impacting communities (like Brighton) that are outside of National Grid's service area.
- Over 30 members of Local Progress NY signed on to the petition from Joule.
- On June 21, a follow-up meeting with NYSERDA, Joule, and environmental stakeholder organizations occurred. It was clear that stakeholders were lacking information, so in response, NYSERDA set up two follow-up sessions with stakeholders to discuss the future of CCA in NY.
- More stakeholder engagement is anticipated.

Brighton Safe Streets for All Update

- Pulling small groups together

- Questions regarding the consistency of School Zone designations remain, so a survey is being conducted among all school districts within the Town, both public and private, to identify what roadways school buildings occupy (town, state, county roads etc...) and if there is consistent signage and speed zones.
- Working toward setting a meeting date to meet in person
- Reconnect Rochester is re-engaging with group, discussion of cube seating at bus stops in Brighton and participation in the ReConnect Rochester Complete Streets contest.

Elmwood Avenue Cycle Track

- Dependent upon the Infrastructure Bill passing the Senate to proceed, so we are hopeful for this federal support.

Clean Energy Community (CEC) Priority Action Items Update

- Presentation at Public Works Committee by CEC coordinator, Rob Richardson
- Presentation was tailored to our community
- Discussion of presentation and outstanding questions reviewed
- Tracking and documenting progress will make us eligible for possible grant funding, working toward earning as many points as possible to reach that eligibility

HOPR Update

- Planning and coordination for Town Hall station is complete, contract sign off needed from Supervisor's office
- Follow up will be done with Rustic Village to surmise progress on that location

NEW BUSINESS

Sustainability Oversight Committee and IDEA Board Meeting

- Grant funding guidelines require demonstration of the incorporation of DEI principles and considerations into the Climate Action Plan being developed by the SOC.
- Discussion of possible connection of Sustainability Oversight Committee with Conservation Board with IDEA Board

Development of Path at Persimmon Park: James Swarts

- Discussion of Persimmon Park property
- Review of property lines, original property and additional parkland added from developer who built 8 new houses
- Neighbors in the area are interested in seeing some trail development within the park
- Would like a connection from Suburban Court development to Howland Ave
- Roughly 1200 lineal ft. of trail proposed
- The park is used by a lot of residents in the area
- Discussion of unintended consequences: parking concerns
- Discussion of hammer turn around, no one knows it's a turn around. Could use signage to indicate that it should be used as a turn around

- Discussion of trail type, mowed grass trail similar to Buckland, rail markings to delineate between private properties and town property
- Discussion of current use of Persimmons Park: less used, weekly maintenance
- Discussion of retention pond and liability for the Town if it becomes accessible, does it need to be fenced etc...
- Town will continue to discuss potential for trail development, what areas to connect and will reach out to community residents if needed

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Brighton Police Bike Rodeo

Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church, 2000 N. Winton Rd.
Sunday, August 8th, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Semi-Annual Electronics Recycling and Secure Document Shredding Event

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

Semi-Annual DEA Pharmaceutical Take-Back Event

Brighton Town Hall, Public Safety Wing, 2300 Elmwood Avenue
TBD

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday

August 18th, 2021
9:30 am: Brookside Recreation Center