



Community Services Committee

Town of Brighton, Monroe County, New York

Councilmember Robin Wilt, Chairperson

Councilmember Christine Corrado, Co-Chairperson

MINUTES

August 18, 2021

Location: Brookside Recreation Center, 220 Idlewood Road

Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

PRESENT: Howie Jacobson, Jim Berger, William Moehle, David Catholdi, Robin Wilt, Christine Corrado, Matt Beeman, Rebecca Cotter

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

OPEN FORUM

Howie Jacobson Comments:

- Would like to ask this committee to address ant-Semitism in the community
- Requested committee members sign a pledge against anti-semitism in the community
- IDEA Committee: will they be coming up with recommendations that serve the Brighton Community? When will that happen?
- Would like to see agenda items reflect issues and concerns relating to the Brighton Community

Jim Berger Comments:

- Would like to see the town get on board to do all that it can to curb climate change in the community

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WM, CC - approved

October 21, 2020; July 21, 2021

COMMUNICATIONS

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Park Issues: Matt Beeman

- Ongoing maintenance and trying to keep up with everything has been the focus
- Brighton groups are requesting more space this fall than they have in the past
- Staff is continually monitoring the ongoing COVID situation, and will adjust as needed based on the current situation
- Lodge capacities will be reviewed as we look to the fall/winter months
- Invasive species discussion on trails
- Ash tree discussion/removal of impacted trees at Brighton Town Park

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Recreation Programs: Rebecca Cotter

- Camp has ended successfully. It was a challenge, but we were able to have all sites open with reduced capacity for 2 week sessions for our full complement of 6 weeks
- Planning for Fall programs is ongoing and staff continue to watch COVID updates and are ready to adjust programming as needed.
- The Brighton Recreation Afterschool program is moving to CRPS and has been met with great anticipation and interest from the community
- Feasibility Study work is ongoing, draft survey is being worked on by our consultants at SWBR
- Budget work for 2022 is finishing up
- Brighton Town Hall Pool will close for the season at the end of August
- Senior Programs continue, and we will continue to return to in-person programs as we are able to safely do so

Winter Farmers' Market Update

- Due to ongoing COVID concerns, the Market will follow the model it used in 2020
- The Market will remain open at the BHS Parking Lot through November 21 at its regular hours of 9 am - 1 pm
- From November 28 through December 19, the Market will be open at the BHS Parking lot from 10 am – 12 pm

Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Advisory Committee Update

- Gwen Inc., our consultant to the IDEA Board, met with the Supervisor and Co-Chairs of the IDEA Board to develop a timeline of events and ongoing projects
- There will be an interactive discussion with Department Heads to review the community feedback from listening sessions on September 13th at 3 pm
- There is a work group dedicated to prioritizing the community feedback received for dissemination to Department Heads
- Steering committee will review in the next few weeks and have a dry run in September
- Draft DEI website has been outlined and content is being added as details are finalized
- Using the Beaverton plan as a template for the Town's plan
- Plan to have the DEI Plan before the Town Board in December

Community Choice Aggregation Update

- Resolution for Opt-Out Community Solar was discussed
- Our CCA Administrator, Joule Assets, and our local program coordinator, Roctricity, worked with Town Attorney on the opt out template, and the Resolution will be before the board at its upcoming meeting on August 25, 2021
- Discussion of items being done in the community to reduce the carbon footprint of the Town
- Discussion of solar energy/community solar if you have solar panels on your property already

Brighton Safe Streets for All Update

- Working group members will focus on the school district speed zones and sidewalks will meet in September

- Continue to assess pedestrian safety and sidewalks throughout the town
- Sidewalk gap being completed between Eastland to near Hemmingway

CEC Community Priority Actions Update:

Opt-Out Community Solar

- Resolution for Opt-Out Community Solar will be presented at the August 25, 2021 meeting of the Town Board

HOPR Update

- Station in at Twelve Corners
- Contract in place with the Town to have a station at Brighton Town Hall
- Discussion of scooters in Brighton. Follow up will be done
- Rustic Village location is still in question
- Season ends at the end of October

Development of Path at Persimmon Park

- Threshold issue of what type of trail it would be
- Discussion of potential for a mowed grass path and maintenance issues related to a grass trail
- Discussion of an additional sign at Howland Ave. to designate the park
- Discussion of the potential for increased use of the area/park and its impact to neighbors, should any changes be implemented

NEW BUSINESS

Update from BPD on Community Events

- Bike Rodeo: was held at the Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church back parking lot on Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church, on Sunday, August 8th, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. About 30 kids in attendance, and 2 donated bikes and given away thanks to Elmer's Garage, helmets provided by Police Benevolent Patrol Association
- BPD Open House, about 100 people in attendance, displays
- Department is gearing up for Public Safety Day at the Brighton Farmers Market on September 19th
- Rabies Clinic October 2, 10 am – 12 pm, BPD
- Citizens Police Academy, starts September 22, 6 pm, 8 week program, limited to 20 people
- EPA Pharma take back, Saturday, October 23, 10 am – 2 pm, public safety wing

SOC Letter Regarding Sustainability Funds

- Discussion of letter from SOC and recommendation for use of funds
- Looking for feedback from the Town Board and Town staff to prioritize the list, as well as soliciting feedback from the community.
- Discussion of additional grant opportunities for some of the identified items, that will allow remaining money to be available for other initiatives
- No timeline to spending the available money
- Discussion of George Smith's work with Tree Inventory, tree planting programs etc...
- Discussion of Butterfly habitat at Meridian Centre Park. Other potential sites were discussed

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

Saturday, October 23rd, at 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

NEXT MEETING:

****Tuesday**

September 14, 2021

9:30 am: Brookside Recreation Center

**Note meeting day: TUESDAY