



Community Services Committee

Town of Brighton, Monroe County, New York

Councilmember Robin Wilt, Chairperson

Councilmember Christine Corrado, Co-Chairperson

MINUTES

May 18, 2022

Location: Brookside Recreation Center, 220 Idlewood Road

Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

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

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

9:38 am

OPEN FORUM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 20, 2022

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COMMUNICATIONS

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Park Issues: Matt Beeman

- This has been a busy spring, with the Parks Department struggling to keep up with the rapidly growing grass and facilities maintenance obligations
- Trail maintenance has also presented a challenge, with materials costs exceeding anticipated levels
- On the brighter side, a stone dust path has been installed to connect the parking lot to the paved trail at Brighton Town Park, greatly improving accessibility
- Despite labor shortages, all 4 Seasonal Staff have been hired, all will begin work before June 1, 2022
- Field use demand continues to be exceptionally high, and while challenging, we are meeting the needs of all requesters. We will be reviewing policy to ensure that our fee schedule is aligned with our mission of centering instructional and recreational programming
- All tennis courts will be resurfaced and dual lined for tennis and pickleball this season. Instructional programming, per usual policy, will take precedence over pick-up and walk-in activities

Recreation Programs: Rebecca Cotter

- Recreation Department is in the midst of our busy Spring/Summer events season

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- Final planning is underway for annual Memorial Day observance: Monday, May 30, 2:00 pm - Veterans Memorial at Buckland Park, 1341 Westfall Rd.
- Coordination with the Brighton Police Department is taking place for our annual Bike Rodeo: Sunday, June 5, 9:45 am – Grassy area between BHS and Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church. We thank the Brighton Police Department for again facilitating this event
- Hiring is underway for a full time Recreation Leader, Seasonal Camp Staff, and Lifeguards
- Community Garden Opening Day took place on weekend of May 14th. Stone dust paths were installed to connect the parking lot to the trail, and the trail to the garden entrance, vastly enhancing access to the beds.
- Farmers Market has been very successful, with cooperative weather and large crowds every weekend. Preparing for the necessary adjustments that will be needed due to construction once the school year ends

Winter Farmers' Market Update

- No update this month

Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Advisory Board Update

- On Thursday, May 19th, IDEA met in conjunction with the new Town DEI Officer, Miriam Moore Burt, for the first time
- Miriam will be taking the lead on future DEI efforts for the Town, including staffing the IDEA Board and Celebrations Committee, when it is fully constituted
- A public forum was held on May 3rd to gather feedback from the community on the Draft IDEA Plan, with strong participation, given current COVID hesitancy.
- Feedback from the May 3rd forum will be incorporated into the Draft IDEA Plan, and we will be seeking additional opportunities to garner feedback from the community, either in person, or via a hybrid event. Details TBA. In addition, you may always offer feedback on the Draft IDEA Plan via the IDEA Board website: www.BrightonIDEA.org

Community Choice/Community Solar Aggregation Update

- Through a Public Service Commission Letter – April 27, 2022, we finally have acknowledgment of the Town's complaint and grievance with both RG&E and our Community Solar Aggregation supplier, Source Power, DBA ICON Energy. We will continue to insist that the PSC use its enforcement powers to arrive at a satisfactory and mutually agreed upon resolution to the billing discrepancies experienced by our residents and other rate payers.
 - Discussion of upcoming renewal of the CCA and potential rate increase given current market conditions
 - We will be coordinating with our partners Joule Energy and ROCtricity regarding community education and increasing awareness of the benefits of CCA and bulk-rate, fixed priced 100% renewable energy

CEC Community Priority Actions/Sustainability Funds Update

- Sustainability Oversight Committee Letter – May 6, 2022, in support of a Community Campaign highlighting heat pumps and geothermal energy options

- Very close to reaching a final agreement with RG&E on the installation of LEDs in their proprietary cobra head lights

Urban League of Rochester/ESL/Town of Brighton First-time Homebuyer's Program Update

- Given the historical impact of development in the community by Eastman Kodak Co. and the restrictive covenants promulgated in our Town, we have been engaged in continued discussions with ESL to a pilot a reparative and restorative Community Reinvestment Act-funded program in Brighton. To that end, we will be meeting with Ajamu Kitwana, VP/Director Community Impact at ESL Federal Credit Union and Eric Van Dusen (Senior Relationship Manager of Community Impact) on June 17.

Adopt-A-Site Program Update

- Discussion of the scope of the program model to make it fit the needs of Brighton
- Once finalized, it will be important to start small

Clean Sweep 2022 Update

- Took place on May 7, 2022
- Busy day in the community with several competing events and activities
- Registration was soft, however, actual participation was much better than the registration numbers, with approximately 125-150 event participants
- School participation with students was outstanding!
- Prepackaged materials for those that preregistered made it an easy grab and go distribution in the morning and the Grab and go lunch format worked well in the afternoon.
- As always, we want to thank our many monetary and in-kind sponsors and hope to return to full strength in numbers in 2023

HOPR Update

- No updates on additional sites yet
- Working on private property agreements

NEW BUSINESS

Climate Solutions Accelerator Sign-on Letter

- <https://www.climategfl.org/organizational-pledge>
- Discussion of pledge and roll out
- Committee in favor of pledge

Discussion of available seats on current and new committees and boards

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Memorial Day

Monday, May 30th at 2:00 pm

Veteran's Memorial, Buckland Park, 1341 Westfall Road

National Trails Day

Saturday, June 4th

Reconnect Rochester Trail Ride will go through Brighton

Bike Rodeo

Sunday, June 5th at 9:45 am

BHS, TCPC Parking Lot

NEXT MEETING:**Wednesday**

June 15th, 2022

9:30 am: Brookside Recreation Center