



Community Services Committee

Town of Brighton, Monroe County, New York

Councilmember Robin Wilt, Chairperson

Councilmember Christine Corrado, Co-Chairperson

MINUTES

July 20, 2022

Location: Brookside Recreation Center, 220 Idlewood Road

Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

PRESENT: Supervisor Moehle, Robin Wilt, Christine Corrado, Adam Eaton, Matt Beeman, Rebecca Cotter

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

9:39 am

OPEN FORUM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 15, 2022

COMMUNICATIONS

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Park Issues: Matt Beeman

- Parks crews have rebuilt the East River Road Trail Head
- As bollards do not impede access, Parks staff is evaluating ways to discourage ATV and Dirt Bike use on the Highland Crossing Trail
- Corbett's Glen trail maintenance is underway – 370ft of packed stone dust was installed on the North End of the Trail to improve accessibility
- Parking lot was closed while material was being brought in and crews were working, but full access has since been restored as of July 26th.
- Lights in the Buckland Park Parking lot have been changed to LED fixtures, marking further progress on the Town's sustainability efforts
- After 2 years of adjusted scheduling, the 4th of July festivities proceeded well, with light crowds until around 7:30 pm, but increased crowds during the fireworks show
- During the budgeting process, the Parks Department will be seeking to increase the firework budget for next year to allow for a more impressive and prolonged display.
- Vendors were all happy with the day, and we anticipate having them back next year, while supplementing with a few more

Recreation Programs: Rebecca Cotter

- Summer camps are going well, with expanded capacity at our FRES site

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- Recreation staff continue to take measures to ensure camper and staff safety during these extremely hot days
- The Band at Buckland Summer Concert Series has begun, and all shows have been very well attended, thus far
- Brighton Town Hall Pool is open and has been busy so far. Despite regional ongoing lifeguard shortages, programming is proceeding smoothly
- New programs set up with our new Senior Recreation staff have full registration, and we are excited to get them started in upcoming weeks
- Due to staff being on leave within the Department, the summer program coverage has been challenging, but Senior programs are still going strong despite the programming director's absence
- Parks and Recreation Departments to host a Feasibility Study Open House on Thursday, July 21, 2022
- Brookside space allocation conversations continue.
- Community Garden growing well

Winter Farmers' Market Update

- Site work continues. No new updates.

Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Advisory Board Update

- 13 current members, 4 will not renew at the conclusion of their terms
- Our DEI Director will begin to officially recruit for new members in the Fall
- The plan moving forward is to continue with a subcommittee structure to benchmark progress in the six priority action categories

Community Choice/Community Solar Aggregation Update

- Timeline accelerated to get plan in place
- Continuing to work with partners in the administration of the program

CEC Community Priority Actions/Sustainability Funds Update

- The NYS DEC has provided new grant opportunities for EV Stations, with deadlines for applications due this September
- Public Works Department is considering relocating current EV station to allow for Town Fleet use of the existing station, while installing additional fee-per-charge model stations at the current site. Relocation of the existing station would not be included in grant funding, so we would have to identify an alternate funding source.
- The plan is to add more stations at the Town Hall, while also considering possible park locations
- The HeatSmart Monroe Community Campaign scoping document is being revised and we plan to start hosting community forums in the Fall.
- Pollinator Gardens – Potential locations of Deerfield Woods and Monroe Avenue GIGP were discussed, since the goal is for the pollinator garden installation to have positive budget impact to the Town with regard to mowing contracts

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

- Conversations with ESL ongoing
- Willing to fund a study of the community to see if a tax abatement funded by ESL would benefit the Town
- Willing to do an equity based program with the Town based on
- Discussion of options

Adopt-A-Site Program Update

- No update. Documents in review

HOPR Update

- Town Hall and 12 Corners are the only 2 stations in Brighton
- Town Hall is a high use station
- Discussion of program, uses, locations, and statistics

NEW BUSINESS

Bottles for Artists: Adam Eaton (Rochester Artist Collaborative)

- Local artists are working to grow the Rochester Artist Collaborative
- The group has received grant funding to fully-subsidize women artists' studio time
- Looking to grow local art programs
- Started Bottles for Artists as a fundraising opportunity for the program, which would involve collecting bottles and cans as an ongoing fundraising stream
- Format could be as little or as large as collaborators would want it to be
- Would like this to be a town initiative/collaboration
- Potential add on to electronic/shredding event as another sustainability outreach program?
- Possible drop off location at the Brighton Farmers Market?

Councilmember on Your Corner

- Will work to put a schedule together and coordinate with Sue Gardner-Smith

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Brighton Community and Recreation Center Public Open House

Brighton Town Hall, 2300 Elmwood Avenue

Thursday, July 21st, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Semi-Annual Secure Document Shredding Make Up Event

Brighton Highway Department Parking Lot, 1941 Elmwood Avenue

Sunday, July 31st, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Semi-Annual Electronics Recycling and Secure Document Shredding Event

Brighton Highway Department Parking Lot, 1941 Elmwood Avenue

Saturday, October 15th, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Drug Enforcement Agency National Pharmaceutical Takeback Event

Brighton Town Hall Public Safety Wing, 2300 Elmwood Avenue

Saturday, October 29th, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday

August 17th, 2022

9:30 am: Brookside Recreation Center

Adj: 10:58 am