



Community Services Committee

Town of Brighton, Monroe County, New York

Councilmember Robin Wilt, Chairperson

Councilmember Christine Corrado, Co-Chairperson

MINUTES

September 21, 2022

Location: Brookside Recreation Center, 220 Idlewood Road

Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

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

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 9:38 AM

OPEN FORUM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 17, 2022-- WM, CC

COMMUNICATIONS

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Park Issues: Matt Beeman

- Field requests are slightly lower than in previous months
- Given the growth rates over the past season, no fertilizer will be spread this Fall to try to control the need for mowing
- Tree removal has been a challenge with Ash trees failing on park land
- Given the increase in tree maintenance needs, there will be some application for the new boom/lift that the town is acquiring
- The new Skid steer attachment will also help in maintenance Ash tree growth
- Seasonal bathrooms will be shut down on October 31
- There is some concern that youth soccer groups are overusing the Buckland Park fields
- Benchmarking with other towns indicates there is some diversity of policy regarding travel leagues versus recreational/instructional programs fee structures, so given the high demand for fields and longer seasons and materials costs introduced by travel leagues, staff will be evaluating the need to revisit field rental policies

Recreation Programs: Rebecca Cotter

- Fall Registration enrollment is trending higher than this time last fall. We continue to grow our program offerings for the community and are adding more programs as details are finalized with instructors.

- New Programs from Staff – Colin Dawley, our new Recreation Leader, is offering more FT Staff led programs, including: Pickleball Instruction, Pickleball League, Preschool Soccer, Superhero Saturday and more.
- Return of our traditional Basketball League with more team offerings, times, etc.... This is our first time returning to the full league since COVID.
- Trunk or Treat returns this year for an in person walking event in partnership with Brighton Memorial Library. There will be games, trunk or treating, a petting zoo, and more activities, to take place on the front grass and parking lot of the Brighton Town Hall/Public Safety Campus.
- Brookside conversations continue with the new property owners, and the Final Report of the Feasibility Study is in process with our consultants, SWBR.

Winter Farmers' Market Update

- The RFP is out, and bids are due at the end of October: Out to Bid: 9/20/22; Bid Opening: 10/27/22
- Stormwater retention has been performed
- own crews remain busy working on other site improvements
- Join town officials at 2pm on Friday, 9/30, for an Elmwood Ave sidewalk ribbon cutting

Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Advisory Board Update

- Interdepartmental work has begun with the Town's Human Resources/Personnel Department
- Established and submitted a (4) point proposal on procedural changes to Human Resources. Area of focus: recruitment, interviewing and hiring within Brighton Town Hall
- Identified Date for first quarterly internal workshop: November 14th 1.5 hours--Audience: Department Heads (Mandatory Attendance)
- Manner of creating an immediate all-staff DEI touch point--monthly write up will go out to all employees of Brighton Town Hall has been approved and will go out this Friday. First subject matter: The Power of Words (Inclusionary Language)
- Developing material for November Leadership workshop: Unconscious Biases--Systems Do not write themselves, Discretionary Points of Leadership, Re-focus your Lens at the Door
- Finalizing IDEA plan presentation--In progress Board meeting on September 28 is target date
- Community Engagement with other DEI leaders, religious leaders, educational leaders and residents is on-going

Community Choice/Community Solar Aggregation Update

- Meetings continue with Joule and NYSERDA to resolve contract breach of last CCA
- Hotline for RG&E is in place for billing issues

CEC Community Priority Actions/Sustainability Funds Update

- EV Grant has been written and will be submitted in anticipation of the Friday, September 30th deadline
- Monroe Avenue GIGP will be the focus

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

- Ajamu Kitwana of ESL will be working with Meadowbrook CORD to develop criteria for equity-based program specific to Brighton and our unique history and legacy or restrictive housing policy

Adopt-A-Site Program Update

- No update.

HOPR Update

- Season wrap-up update will occur

Councilmember on Your Corner

- We're happy to be back in full swing as of September 18th.
- Focus topics have included the Budget/CIP and Bike/Walk Brighton

NEW BUSINESS**Handling of Philanthropic Organization Requests for support from Town**

- Topic raised in the context of Councilmember on Your Corner
- Will work directly with the concerned resident, now that Town Hall is open to public traffic without restriction

Codification of Town Board Public Forum Protocol

- Meeting protocol will be codified, and agenda item will be moved to FASC

UPCOMING EVENTS:**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

Halloween Trunk or Treat

Brighton Town Hall Public Safety Wing, 2300 Elmwood Avenue

Saturday, October 22nd, 10:00 am – 11:30 am

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**

October 19th, 2022

9:30 am: Brookside Recreation Center