



## Community Services Committee

Town of Brighton, Monroe County, New York

Councilmember Robin Wilt, Chairperson

Councilmember Christine Corrado, Co-Chairperson

### **MINUTES**

**January 18, 2023**

**Location: Brookside Recreation Center, 220 Idlewood Road**

**Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

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**PRESENT:** Williams Moehle, Christine Corrado, Robin Wilt

#### **MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

10:42 AM

#### **OPEN FORUM**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

December 21, 2022 - Approved with edits made to remove two items of Old Business that had been resolved: 1) 2023 Community Services Committee Meeting Schedule; and 2) 2022 Season Councilmember on Your Corner Debrief

1<sup>st</sup> CC, 2<sup>nd</sup> WM

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

12-20-22: Support Letter for the NY Public Banking Act – Barb Van Kerkhove

#### **CONTINUING BUSINESS**

Motion to receive and file any staff written reports in relation the meeting – RW, WM

#### **Park Issues: Matt Beeman**

- Parks are now winterized with restrooms closed for the season.
- Parks Department is busy setting up 2023 service contracts, soliciting bids, and finalizing various equipment and supply requests.
- As parks maintenance and facility demands continue to grow, the department has started to take a closer look at existing park maintenance procedures to ensure their efficiency and sustainability.
- Staff is working to re-evaluate maintenance standards for all parks and other properties maintained by the Parks Department to ensure that community needs continue to be met.
- Well into the winter season, staff remain busy with park and facility maintenance, especially on trails, with daily maintenance shifts occurring.

- Carmen Clark Lodge is scheduled to be closed for a week in February to complete some extensive maintenance repair projects.
- Buckland Park Lodge is scheduled to be closed for a week in March to create the time to do some more extensive repairs. These include plumbing repairs and sink and counter replacements.
- Considering the high demand for rentals, we ask for the patience of the public as we temporarily close these facilities to complete more extensive maintenance projects and enhance the overall enjoyment of these facilities.
- 2023 field use policies and procedures will be sent to all groups who utilize Town of Brighton fields at the end of January.

#### **Recreation Programs: Rebecca Cotter**

- Winter/Spring program registration is ongoing, and the Department has been very busy hosting programs that have returned to full strength in attendance.
- There are multiple new program offerings, as well, that are, so far, very well-received.
- The Recreation Department recently attended the BCSD New Family Open House and talked to many families new to the Brighton Central School District to ensure that they are aware of all the recreational offerings that are available!
- The Department is working with the Friends of the Brickyard Trail to present a Brickyard Trail Art Exhibition the first 2 weekends of February. This event will be hosted at the Historic Buckland Farmhouse and will be the first art installation in the house to take advantage of the new hanging system!
- New equipment was purchased with a donation from TCPC to support preschool programs for the department. The first Preschool Open Gym Program was very successful and there are 17 families signed up to come play each week!
- Summer Program and Camp Planning is underway for the 2023 programmatic year.

#### **Winter Farmers' Market Update**

- Work has begun on the next and final phase of the project.
- Construction fencing has been installed, so access is limited to ensure safety.
- Given our unseasonably warmer weather, foundation work began this season.
- Town crews continue to make progress on the site work as time and weather permits.

#### **Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Advisory Board Update**

- Heading into the new year, the IDEA Board has new leadership, as Mark Kakonivich was welcomed as the Chair, and Amy Hsi was welcomed as the Recorder for the Board. We thank outgoing Co-Chairs, Sarah Johnstone and Dr. Rashid Muhammad for their committed service.
- The Town of Brighton hosted its inaugural Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration, featuring a performance by the inimitable Garth Fagan Dance Company; musical selections and readings by historian and longtime resident William Scott, whose wife, Ruth Scott, served faithfully on the Brighton Memorial Library Foundation Board for many years; and a "Keeper of the Dream" recognition awarded to Brighton's own IDEA Board outgoing co-Chair, Dr. Rashid Muhammad.
- MLK Jr. Day event was very well-attended by State, County, and local elected officials (including all current members of the Town Board), as well as by a surfeit of community members.

- IDEA Board will be soliciting new members over the next few months.
- Plans are underway for Black History Month celebrations in late February.
- The next Town of Brighton internal staff workshop will take place on Monday, February 13, 2023, and will review the IDEA Plan.

### **Community Choice/Community Solar Aggregation Update**

- No updates

### **CEC Community Priority Actions/Sustainability Funds Update**

- With the help of a potential gift from the Brighton Rotary, the Sustainability Oversight Committee will be working with the community to replace grasses within the Monroe Avenue GIGP to enhance the pollinator habitat and reduce the green house gas emissions to maintain the area.
- The town is awaiting word on its application status for grant funding to install additional EV stations.

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

- A meeting has been scheduled with ESL in March to begin studies to develop a program to enhance the accessibility of Brighton's housing market to first-time home buyers

### **Adopt-A-Site Program Update**

- No updates

### **Clean Sweep Update**

- Permits from Monroe County have been requested and donor solicitations are in the works.
- Conducted a meeting with TCMS Principal to confirm transportation for and engagement of middle and high school students.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Support letter for the NYS Public Banking Act – Follow up of Barb Van Kerkhove's explanation from FASC**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **Brickyard Trail Art Exhibition**

The friends of the Brickyard Trail and the Town of Brighton are co-sponsoring an art exhibition to celebrate the Brickyard Trail and the Sandra Frankel Nature Park. The event is free and open to the public. Kickoff remarks will take place at noon on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, contact Peggy Dempsey at [friendsofthebrickyardtrail@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofthebrickyardtrail@gmail.com) or Rebecca Cotter at [rebecca.cotter@townofbrighton.org](mailto:rebecca.cotter@townofbrighton.org)

Historic Buckland Farmhouse, 1341 Westfall Road  
Saturday and Sundays, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

**DEA National Pharmaceutical take Back**

Brighton Town Hall Public Safety Wing, 2300 Elmwood Avenue  
Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Brighton Clean Sweep**

Brighton Town Hall, 2300 Elmwood Avenue  
Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

**Semi-Annual Electronics Recycling and Secure Document Shredding Event**

Brighton Highway Department Parking Lot, 1941 Elmwood Avenue  
Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Wednesday**

February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
9:30 am: Brookside Recreation Center