



## Community Services Committee

Town of Brighton, Monroe County, New York

Councilmember Robin Wilt, Chairperson

Councilmember Christine Corrado, Co-Chairperson

### **MINUTES**

**April 19, 2023**

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

**Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

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

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

10:42 AM

#### **OPEN FORUM**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

March 15, 2023

CC, WM

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **CONTINUING BUSINESS**

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

- Winterized facilities will officially be opened for the season on April 27.
- As the weather seems to be safely transitioned past additional freezing temperatures, staff is busy preparing all town facilities and fields for spring operation.
- Seasonal laborers will begin shifts in May to supplement our full time work force.
- Field supplies are being inventoried, ordered and delivered pending seasonal grounds maintenance.
- New mowing contractors will begin making passes through the parks this week.
- Planning continues for our July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities, which after benchmarking other communities, will include an expanded fireworks display, and increased offerings for stage performances, among other exciting features.
- Athletic field requests are once again in high demand for youth organizations, and staff is working hard to accommodate and manage requests, while maintaining our full complement of scheduled recreational programming.
- In conjunction with George Smith and Craig Smith of BHS Youth Climate Club, the town will be holding an Arbor Day planting event at Buckland Park on Saturday April 29th from 9am – 11am.

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

- Discussion of Full Time and Part Time vacancies being filled within the Department. We are excited to return to more normal staffing levels in the near future!
- As of April 16<sup>th</sup>, the Brighton Farmers' Market is back outdoors at BHS. Crowds have been amazing thus far, and there is much excitement around this season and new and returning vendors. The market is also increasing promotion of the SNAP Program and the additional benefit that is available with usage at the Brighton Farmers Market.
- Staff is working hard to anticipate and accommodate space constraints when BHS bus loop construction begins at the conclusion of the school year.
- Bands at Buckland Concert Series scheduling is underway, and we look forward to another wonderful series full of diverse musical performances!
- Event sponsors are currently being sought for the concert series and other Town Wide events.
- SUMMER PLAYGROUND CAMP REGISTRATION is underway for Brighton Residents ONLY! Spaces are going fast, so please make sure you secure spot as soon as possible, Full details on playground camps is available online at [www.townofbrighton.org/rec](http://www.townofbrighton.org/rec). If you have additional questions, please call the Recreation Department with any questions at 585-784-5260 x0.

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

- Work continues around site development, with fill and grading of the grounds having been addressed, and additional safety of existing structures being worked on.
- Town crews have been taking advantage of the weather and have diligently erected the steel framing of the structure adjacent to the barn area, and we will now await contractors' work to enclose the area

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

- The Board continues to support the 1619 Project Slow Read and Discussion co-facilitated by Sue Barocas and Susan Boland at SUNY Empire State College. Dates remaining include: 5/10, 5/24, and 6/7. The time of the discussion is 1:30 – 3:00 PM.
- The IDEA Board anticipates visibility events at the Brighton Farmers' Market this summer.
- CDO Miriam Moore and Chair Mark Kekonovich are currently considering applications to bolster Board membership

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

- No updates at this time.

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

- Conclusion of HeatSmart Campaign
  - The town's final HeatSmart community event was held on 4/18 at the Brighton Memorial Library in cooperation with Color Brighton Green and HeatSmart Monroe/FLX
  - The requisite number of community installations of ground or air source heat pumps are completed, and Town staff is in the process of filing the required documentation with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) to secure the associated 3000 CEC points, and eligibility for a \$10,000 grant toward sustainability efforts within the community

- Discussed the possibility of using the grant to replace the antiquated oil heating system with a heat pump at Brighton Town Park

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

- Maintaining discussions with ESL in contemplation of a reparative partnership to address historical inequities in access to housing
- CDO Miriam Moore and Councilmember Robin Wilt will be participating in a stakeholder discussion with Action for a Better Community on April 27<sup>th</sup> to continue to advance the potential for a Brighton-specific homebuying program that addresses the history of restrictive covenants in the community

#### **Clean Sweep Update**

- Clean Sweep registration is in full swing
- We have had tremendous interest from community groups, including scouting organizations, youth sports teams, area public and private schools, and even GRAWA
- We are looking forward to returning to full strength in numbers and programming this year.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Councilmember on Your Corner – 2023 Schedule and Discussion of Canopy**

- Parks Superintendent Matt Beeman was able to secure a quote for a pop-up canopy with the Town logo, and we will allocate necessary funds to procure it for this season's sessions

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### **Brighton Farmers' Market Winter Season Opening**

Brookside School, 220 Idlewood Road  
Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am – 12:00 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

#### **Euchre Tournament**

Brookside Recreation Center  
220 Idlewood Road  
Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Registration required. Lunch provided  
\$10 / player

#### **Arbor Day Celebration**

Buckland Park  
Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am – 11:00 am

**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**

May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

9:30 am (or immediately following our Finance and Administrative Services Committee meeting): Brookside Recreation Center Multipurpose Room

Please access the Recreation Department through the Winton Road entrance

As always, members of the public are invited and encouraged to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am

WM, CW