



## Community Services Committee

Town of Brighton, Monroe County, New York

Councilmember Robin Wilt, Chairperson

Councilmember Christine Corrado, Co-Chairperson

### **MINUTES**

**May 17, 2023**

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

**Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

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

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER** 9:37 am

#### **OPEN FORUM**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** WM, CC

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** WM, CC

April 19, 2023

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

May 1, 2023 - Email from George Smith RE: Potential Forsythia Plantings at Auburn Trail crossing at Elmwood Ave, particularly at the "no dumping" location adjacent to apartments

- Matt Beeman responded: The area in question is RGE property. We are able to plant there within the current easement, but approval of the plantings is required from RGE to do so. Discussion of that possibility.

#### **CONTINUING BUSINESS**

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

- Seasonal laborers will be starting work in the parks on May 29<sup>th</sup>, and will provide us with much needed help with day-to-day park maintenance.
- We have been fortunate that good weather has allowed athletics programming to proceed without interruption from fields being waterlogged and needing rest.
- All soccer groups have been working cooperatively on scheduling, allowing us to seamlessly host both recreational and travel league play.
- Discussion of poison ivy encroaching on the Brickyard Trail, and the need to be vigilant about its removal, as well as the removal of other invasive species

- Discussion of easy up tent quote for Councilmember on your Corner, and we will proceed with procurement
- Our 4<sup>th</sup> of July entertainment, food vendors, amusements, etc. will be enhanced this year, and we are looking forward to featuring a diverse variety of interactive programming

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

- Discussion of Summer Programs, which are filling up quickly
- Review of Concert series schedule, which is coming together and will feature diverse programming
- Discussion of new potential Concert series sponsorships, which the Town is currently actively seeking
- Review of Summer Camp registration numbers, for which spaces are also rapidly filling up
- Update in planning for our Memorial Day Event, which will take place on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm, at the Buckland Park Veterans Memorial
- Update on the status of the Parks and Recreation Feasibility Study Final Report, which is still under review.

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

- Site work continues by the Town and we are expecting the roof and wall materials to arrive imminently
- Trusses and roof of the milking barn have been removed, and the barn cleaned out for safety
- Site grading is largely completed, with curbing for the parking areas being installed

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

- Currently, interviews for additional members are in progress
- 1619 Project Slow read is wrapping up and will be featured in the next issue of Brighton Connections
- IDEA Board will have a presence at the Brighton Farmers Market this season. First appearance being May 28<sup>th</sup> where we will be seeking to engage community members, and featuring information on AAPI Heritage Month, the IDEA Plan and implementation progress, and other cultural celebration highlights
- Next meeting Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

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

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

- Pollinator project with the Zoo has stalled, but the Town is independently pursuing replacements of tall grasses within the area of the Monroe Avenue GIGP
- Town held its last HEAT Smart Campaign event, which achieves a point status within the NYSEDA CEC program that qualifies the Town for a \$10,000 grant. Because we were one of the first 150 qualifying municipalities, we are also eligible for an additional bonus grant award
- Grant was awarded for EV Charging stations and we will pursue placement at Brighton Town Hall, Brighton Town Park and potentially Buckland Park

- Climate Action Plan is in its final stages of review and we are in the process of scheduling an Open House with the consultants and the SOC in June, or at latest, July.

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

- Follow up meeting with ABC was held in May.
- Multiple lenders are interested in pursuing a discussion of a program in cooperations with the Town of Brighton. We will continue to discuss how best to target populations to enhance the equitable availability of housing in the community

#### **Clean Sweep Update**

- Successful event, but we are still building up community numbers
- Brighton Connections will feature the event in an upcoming article
- Bulk of participants were school district groups (sports teams and volunteer clubs), as well as scout troops
- Working to get the involvement of our state legislature delegation back
- Very busy weekend with other community events going on at the same time
- I want to again thank our monetary sponsors, which included:
  - Canandaigua National Bank
  - Waste Management
  - The Roselawn Neighborhood
  - Brighton Volunteer Ambulance
  - Brighton Fire Department
  - The Brighton Chamber of Commerce
  - Brighton Teachers' Association
- As well as our in-kind donors:
  - Wegmans Food Markets
  - Tops Friendly Markets
  - Starbucks
  - Bagel Land
  - Brighton Central School District
- I also want to thank the rest of our volunteers and participants in the community for making this such a fabulous community celebration on a day where the weather could not have been nicer!

#### **Councilmember on Your Corner**

- Begins, May 28<sup>th</sup> feature the IDEA Board and upcoming Town Celebrations

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Discussion of America Walks – Looking for Community Involvement, more information to come

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### **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

**Memorial Day Commemoration**

Veterans Memorial at Buckland Park, 1341 Westfall Road

Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm

**Bike Rodeo**

BHS Parking Lot, nearest Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church

Sunday, June 4, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

FREE, but registration required

**Juneteenth Celebration**

Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 pm

Brighton Town Hall

& Brighton Farmers Market on Sunday, June 18th

**Pride Celebration**

Details TBD

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Wednesday**

June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

9:30 am: Brookside Recreation Center