



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

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

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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 29th, 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 4th 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 29th 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 28th 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 18th

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 NYSERDA 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 28th 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 21st , 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Memorial Day Commemoration

Veterans Memorial at Buckland Park, 1341 Westfall Road

Monday, May 29th, 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 16th, 12:00 pm

Brighton Town Hall

& Brighton Farmers Market on Sunday, June 18th

Pride Celebration

Details TBD

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday

June 21st, 2023

9:30 am: Brookside Recreation Center