



Community Services Committee

Town of Brighton, Monroe County, New York

Councilmember Robin Wilt, Chairperson

Councilmember Christine Corrado, Co-Chairperson

MINUTES

June 21, 2023

Location: Brookside Recreation Center, 220 Idlewood Road

Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

PRESENT: Matt Beeman, Christine Corrado, William Moehle, Robin Wilt, Evert Garcia, Brendan Ryan

MEETING CALL TO ORDER 9:39 AM

OPEN FORUM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA CC, WM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES WM, CC

May 17th, 2023

COMMUNICATIONS

June 9th, 2023 – From Bill Lista RE: Community Climate Initiative surrounding landfill GHG emissions.

CM Wilt answered his email inquiry and Mr. Lista will attend the CAP Public Forum on June 29th.

Supervisor Moehle noted that Mr. Lista seemed primarily interested in the GHG impact of recyclables and landfill waste, none of which are processed in Brighton.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Park Issues: Matt Beeman

- Our July 4th celebration is returning to full scale and vendors have been secured and preparations are finalized, including redesigning and installing the temporary electric supply for the celebration.
 - Festivities will begin with the annual 5k race, originating at 8 AM from the Twelve Corners Middle School parking lot (due to construction at the BHS bus loop)
 - There will be activities at Meridian Centre Park from 2:30 – 10:00 PM, including Food Trucks, Vendors, Live Music, and Blue Apple Productions inflatables
 - The Brighton Kiwanis Kid Zone makes its return from 2:30 – 6:00 PM for our youngest event attendees.
 - From 3:30 – 8:00 PM the First Player Video Game Truck will be available to entertain gamers of all ages.

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- Musical performances will include: Rochester's own Elaina Allston; Billboard Guitarist Deepak Thettu and Friends; The Earthtones (back by popular demand); and finally, The Skycoasters (sponsored by Whole Foods Market) will take center stage at 8:45 PM
 - At 10:00 PM, we will have an expanded fireworks display that will be sure to please
 - We will have greatly enhanced food vending options, as well, including old favorites and diverse new offerings, including: Rita's Italian Ice; J&S Fried Dough; Rick's Concessions; Macarollin'; Eat Greek; Rob's Kabobs' Neno's Mexican Gourmet; Potatolicious; and Bougie Street Chef
- Parks Department have completed and submitted its CIP requests for various park areas for 2024-2026

Recreation Programs: Rebecca Cotter

Motion to receive and append the written report submitted by the Recreation Director (WM, CC)

- The Brighton Town Hall Pool opens for the season on Friday, June 23rd. The Pool will be open daily from 12:30 – 7:30 pm (weather permitting). These are extended hours from last year given that we have several returning staff, as well as some new lifeguards. Full details as well as pool rules can be found on the Recreation website (www.townofbrighton.org/rec)
- Summer Concert Series performers are confirmed. Concerts begin on Tuesday, July 11! Schedule is on the Website. (www.townofbrighton.org/rec)
- Summer Camps: Staffing is set. Brookside Camp has transitioned to the French Road Playground Camp again this year due to lower registration and staffing limitations. We are excited for another great summer!
- The Recreation Department took part in a Safe Zone/Space Workshop with Chief Diversity Officer Miriam Moore recently to continue the Diversity and Inclusion work that we strive to implement in an ongoing more formalized way. This workshop was one of several to come! The entire Recreation Department is excited to have the support of the Town and look forward to continuing this very important work!
- Construction of the new bus loop at BHS will begin on 6/26/23. At that time, Brighton Farmers' Market food trucks and music will transition to designated spaces within the parking lot area. We anticipate the entire front of BHS will be off-limits, including the sidewalk, bus loop, and green space. We are working toward a smooth transition, but we know that this temporary change will not be easy, and space at the market will be at a premium. To alleviate parking pressure, we strongly encourage use of pedestrian, cycling, and ride-sharing options to access the market.

Winter Farmers' Market Update

- Work on the final phase of the project continues. Parking lots are being given final grading in preparation for millings to be laid. The wall and roof panels should be on site soon, which will allow for the work on/in the building to continue. We still anticipate a mid-fall completion in time to host the Winter Market season.

Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Advisory Board Update

- IDEA Board has had successful public engagements at the Farmers' Market on May 28th (celebrating AAPI Heritage Month) and June 18th (celebrating Juneteenth). The Juneteenth celebration featured a Black-owned vendor addition of food options to the market, with the presence of Morgan's Cereal Bar; and live music performances by Womba African Drumming. Commemorative speeches were offered by the Town Supervisor, Town Liaison to the IDEA Board, NYS Senator Jeremy Cooney, Rev. Myra Brown, and CDO Miriam Moore. The IDEA Board will be returning to the market on July 9th to celebrate Pride at the Market; as well as perform additional visibility events on August 27th and September 24th.
- IDEA Board met on Thursday June 15th and reviewed the Draft Climate Action Plan. Its members will provide feedback to be coordinated by CDO Miriam Moore over the upcoming weeks.
- Applicant interviews are underway to bring IDEA Board membership to its full complement.
- Since there will be a hiatus from meetings over the summer months, new members will begin meeting with the Board in September, and members are evaluating meeting times to ensure maximum participation.
- Membership recruitment for newly envisioned student members of the IDEA Board is also underway, as well as plans to help organize a school supply drive in conjunction with school districts within Brighton and develop needs-based scholarship options for summer camp programs.

Community Choice/Community Solar Aggregation Update

- No update. It was noted through Councilmember on Your Corner feedback that community interest remains strong for the re-implementation of a CCA program as soon as the Town is able.

CEC Community Priority Actions/Sustainability Funds Update

- Barton & Loguidice and the Town of Brighton SOC, in conjunction with Cornell Cooperative Extension, will host a public forum to present the Draft Climate Action Plan on June 29th, from 5-7 PM, in the lobby of Town Hall
- Draft Climate Action Plan is in its final stages of review and was presented to the IDEA Board (who collaborated on the Community Engagement Plan for the CAP) on June 15th. Similar presentations will take place for the Community Services Committee, the Conservation Board in July, and potentially to Town Department Heads

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

- We continue to engage with lenders in conjunction with the Action for a Better Community Greenlining initiative.
- A key factor in the current market is housing availability, with extremely limited options for first time buyers. Given these circumstances, lenders are amenable to work with the Town to develop a tax incentive structure that prioritizes consumer home ownership over investor procurement.

Councilmember on Your Corner Update

- The pop-up tent is due to arrive June 29th, so should be available at the Pride at the Farmers' Market celebration
- Councilmember on Your Corner has been co-located with IDEA Board visibility events at the Farmers' Market this season.

America Walks Update

- Evaluating the potential for program fit on the municipal level. Still brainstorming a local implementation model.

NEW BUSINESS

DRAFT Climate Action Plan Presentation

UPCOMING EVENTS:

DRAFT Climate Action Plan Public Forum

Brighton Town Hall Lobby, 2300 Elmwood Avenue
Thursday, June 29th, 5:00 – PM – 7:00 PM

Independence Day Celebration

Meridian Centre Park, 2025 S. Winton Road
Tuesday, July 4th, 2:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Pride Celebration and Flag Raising

Brighton Town Hall Lawn, 2300 Elmwood Avenue
Friday, July 7th, 12 noon

Brighton Farmers' Market

Brighton High School Parking Lot, 1150 S. Winton Road
Sunday, July 9th, 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon

Semi-Annual Electronics Recycling and Secure Document Shredding Event

Brighton Highway Department Parking Lot, 1941 Elmwood Avenue
Saturday, October 21st, 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon

DEA Semi-Annual Pharmaceutical Take-Back Event

Brighton Town Public Safety Wing, 2300 Elmwood Avenue
Saturday, October 28th, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday

July 19th, 2023

9:30 am: Brookside Recreation Center