



Community Services Committee

Town of Brighton, Monroe County, New York

Councilmember Robin Wilt, Chairperson

Councilmember Christine Corrado, Co-Chairperson

MINUTES

July 19, 2023

Location: Brookside Recreation Center, 220 Idlewood Road

Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

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

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

9:52 am

OPEN FORUM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amended Agenda to include one item of communication.

CC, WM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 21st, 2023

WM, CC

COMMUNICATIONS

- July 17th, 2023, Communication from George Smith RE: Tree Damage at Buckland Park
 - Discussion of the need for communication with new mowing contractor regarding equipment causing damage to some trees in parks
 - Matt will follow up with mowing contractors to try to address the concerns, as well as review our contacts for language regarding fault for damage to property.
 - Discussion of potential for volunteer efforts for mulching around significant and newly established trees, as well as tree management, in general

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Park Issues: Matt Beeman

- Summer park maintenance discussion, in light of trying weather conditions, inflationary pressure on materials costs and robust vegetation growth rates
- Seasonal trail maintenance projects are also underway, including: a trailhead rebuild at Westfall Rd and Elmwood Ave trail heads for the Highland Crossing Trail; tree and brush cut-back along the Highland Crossing Trail; and coordinating material drop areas, so that the Department can start the south end trail rebuild at Corbett's Glen in August

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- Brighton Town Park Playground will be removed this season in anticipation of replacement in 2024.
- Seating and shade around playground equipment was discussed with goal of enhancing accessibility.
- Exploring different options for seasonal laborer positions, as the Department still has one vacancy for a PT Seasonal Laborer position (out of the four positions that we anticipated filling)
- 3 PT Seasonals will be finishing mid-August, so we anticipate heavy workloads for crews for the remainder of the season.
- Discussion of pay rates for PT Seasonals and the need to perform some benchmarking to ensure that we are offering competitive pay and can maintain needed staffing levels.
- 4th of July discussion – Heat hindered early attendance, but music, food options, and fireworks display were extremely successful.

Recreation Programs: Rebecca Cotter

- Bands at Buckland Concerts series is underway; we had a great start with a record crowd (of over 400 attendees) for Brighton Symphony
- Summer camps are well underway with most locations full.
- Brighton Town Hall Pool is fully staffed and potential updates to its facilities were discussed
- CDO Miriam Moore participated in staff training this year to emphasize inclusion and offered particularized training regarding creating safe spaces within all areas of town programming.
- Update on our inaugural Mighty Motors DPW Open House event, which will take place on August 17 at Brighton Highway Department
- Farmers Market updates including discussion of construction at BHS, record numbers of shoppers, music offerings, community, and special events, etc.
- 2024 Budget Planning is underway within the Department with initial materials due on July 28th.
- Discussion of Fall planning, including fall events: e.g., Trunk or Treat, Recycling Events, etc.

Winter Farmers' Market Update

- Walls of the supporting structure have arrived and are being installed on site.
- Paving is scheduled for the end of July (when lower portion will be paved). Upper portion will not be paved until the installation of the walls is complete.
- Public Works committee will perform a field trip to the site during its August 8th meeting.

Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Advisory Board Update

- In the process of interviewing new members, and we are performing appointments on a rolling basis, with recommendations for approval during July 26th Town Board meeting.
- Juneteenth and Pride events at the Farmers' Market went smoothly.
- Board will not be meeting again until September, but will continue to undertake special projects and host visibility events at the Famers' Market on the fourth Sundays in August and September

Community Choice/Community Solar Aggregation Update

- No Update

CEC Community Priority Actions/Sustainability Funds Update

- We are in the final stages of review of the Climate Action Plan, with presentations having been made at the Community Services Committee and Public Works Committee meetings, as well as at the IDEA and Conservation Boards.
- A NYSERDA CEC grant award of \$10,000 for having reached the threshold 3,000 points is being accepted to support an air source heat pump installation at Brighton Town Park lodge.
- For the additional \$5,000 CEC grant award for being among the first 50 communities to reach the grant threshold, there was a discussion of Buckland Park Lodge window replacement as potential additional project to be considered, as well as the installation of solar panels at Brighton Town Park Lodge

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

- Meeting on Thursday, July 27th
- Lenders seem in favor of program, concerned with investors coming in purchasing properties and renting back due to escalating home prices.

Councilmember on Your Corner Update

- Going well, with times being coincident with IDEA Board visibility and celebration events
- New tent is sturdy, striking and very visible to the public
- We will round out the season with events on the 4th Sundays in August & September

NEW BUSINESS

HOPR/Bike Share Program

- HOPR did not keep the contract and have folded everywhere.
- New micro mobility focus is on E Scooters and E Bikes, primarily focused in the City of Rochester

Protecting Town Trees - Parks

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mighty Motors DPW Open House

Brighton Highway Department., 1941 Elmwood Avenue
Thursday, August 17th, 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Halloween Trunk or Treat

Brighton Town Hall, Public Safety Wing, 2300 Elmwood Avenue
Saturday, October 21st, 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Semi-Annual Electronics Recycling and Secure Document Shredding Event

Brighton Highway Department Parking Lot, 1941 Elmwood Avenue
Sunday, October 22nd, 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon (Please note date change)

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

August 16th, 2023

9:30 am (or immediately following the conclusion of FASC): Brookside Recreation Center (Please access the building via the Winton Road entrance)

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