



Community Services Committee

Town of Brighton, Monroe County, New York

Councilmember Robin Wilt, Chairperson

Councilmember Christine Corrado, Co-Chairperson

MINUTES

August 16, 2023

Location: Brookside Recreation Center, 220 Idlewood Road

Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

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

MEETING CALL TO ORDER - 9:47 AM

OPEN FORUM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1st WM, 2nd CC

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 19th, 2023 - 1st WM, 2nd CC

COMMUNICATIONS

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Park Issues: Matt Beeman

- Parks Department is currently a bit short staffed as our seasonal laborers have largely returned to school and we have some staff out on leave. Of note, we were only ever able to fill 3 of the 4 seasonal labor positions, so we are still in the market for seasonal assistance.
- In addition to its regular maintenance tasks, the Department is currently working on:
 - Fall Athletic field use requests.
 - Moving and spreading 400 yards of certified playground mulch to our various playgrounds.
 - Staging equipment and supplies for the Corbett's Glen south end trail rebuild. (Anticipated start date is the week of 8/28.)
 - Installing a new accessible water fountain at the Buckland Park Concession building. (Completed.)
 - Ongoing mowing and trimming schedules, from which there has been no break, as the grass continues to grow at rates commensurate with springtime conditions.

- Parks staff working on the trail approach/spent time on S-curves on Lehigh Valley Trail where the Department has installed some boulders to try to curb illicit ATV usage.
- Staff has also been keeping abreast of downed trees on the Highland Crossing Trail
- Finally, at the request of the Conservation Board, Parks Superintendent had a fruitful meeting with the foreman of our vendor maintenance crews to communicate the concern about damaging trees with tractor mowing decks. In addition, we will develop a plan for determining whether mulching significant trees is a feasible means to safeguard parks trees moving forward.

Recreation Programs: Rebecca Cotter

- Summer camp was wildly successful with offerings back to full capacity except for the French Road site, which was not quite full, but that was in part due to the lack of a playground because of construction.
- As in past years, staff was very strong and knowledgeable this year.
- The Recreation Department worked with BCSD to provide access and subsidies for refugee and migrant families, adding to the socioeconomic diversity of campers. Staff handled language access with aplomb.
- Summer concerts at Buckland have concluded, with three acts having fallen victim to the rainy weather, unfortunately. As always, we thank our sponsors, performers, and attendees from the community.
- Town Hall pool is now closed for the season (as of August 16th) with plans to investigate additional options for water recreation in ensuing seasons.
- The Recreation Department is working on Fall programs and events: with a return of Winter family bingo, trunk or treat; and the addition of new opportunities for seniors.
- Seniors are having a Pickle Party August 22nd at Buckland Pavilion.
- Community Garden has been wildly successful this season, with all plots reserved and a gangbuster growing season.

Winter Farmers' Market Update

- Big push to hang the wall/ceiling tiles on the connector building and complete the project in time for the end of the outdoor market season.
- Structural assessment of the milking barn has been completed
- Micro-scheduling updates are being provided weekly to keep everyone better informed of progress.
- Building dry in tomorrow, 8/17. Electric will be on site to start their work.
- An alternate ADA Parking Plan is being developed to increase ease of access.
- Discussion of communication of Winter Market location changes etc.
- Discussion of informational signage to be installed on site.

Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Advisory Board Update

- On a meeting hiatus for summer, but ongoing efforts to plan programming, despite break
- The IDEA Board will again share space with Councilmember on Your Corner on Sunday, August 27th, with plans for a school supply drive.
- In particular, we are requesting some common items that transcend all grades and school supply lists.:

- Water bottles
- No. 2 Pencils
- Black Pens
- Blue Pens
- Wide Ruled Spiral Paper Bound Notebooks
- Lined Binder Paper (Loose)

Community Choice/Community Solar Aggregation Update

- Discussion of litigation

CEC Community Priority Actions/Sustainability Funds Update

- FASC has recommended the acceptance of a \$10,000 NYSERDA CEC Grant for reaching the requisite 3,000-point threshold, which will be used to replace the antiquated oil heating system at Carmen Clarke Lodge at Brighton Town Park with an air source heat pump.
- We are working with the Parks Superintendent to schedule installation of the heat pump, in light of facilities rentals schedule.
- The Climate Action Plan Final Draft was released on August 18, and it is currently under review by Town Board members, the SOC, the IDEA Board, and the Conservation Board.
- Discussion of Town of Brighton Complete Streets Resolution

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

- July meeting was cancelled, and the meeting was pushed to September.
- Discussion of scheduling additional meetings with other banks.

Councilmember on Your Corner Update

- Councilmember on Your Corner will host its last two sessions of the outdoor season on August 27th and on Sunday, September 24th, both in conjunction with programming by the IDEA Board.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion of Elmwood Avenue traffic calming

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

September 20th, 2023

9:30 am (or immediately following conclusion of FASC meeting): Brookside Recreation Center