



## Community Services Committee

Town of Brighton, Monroe County, New York

Councilmember Robin Wilt, Chairperson  
Councilmember Christine Corrado, Co-Chairperson

### **MINUTES**

**September 20, 2023**

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

**Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

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

### **MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

10:50 am

### **OPEN FORUM**

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

CC, WM

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

WM, CC

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **CONTINUING BUSINESS**

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

- The Fall season found the Department a bit behind schedule, as seasonal labor shifts concluded and we accommodated staff leave.
- The trail rebuilding project at the south end of Corbett's Glen is moving slowly, as a result of the need to haul in equipment and materials. The project will include installation of a drainage pipe to prevent water from converging over the trail.
- The Department is hoping to coordinate with Temple Sanai to use their parking lot for staging to help move the project forward more efficiently.
- Discussion of Park Lane and problematic trees. Terry Tree is evaluating the trees and determining the best means for potential access.
- Discussion of Japanese Knotweed on the Brickyard Trail and other invasive species, as well as the development of an overall invasive species management plan for our parks and trails.

- Discussion of new tree planting in the parks. Mulch has been installed around new significant trees that have been planted to reduce potential for damage from lawn maintenance equipment.

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

- Fall Registration going very well thus far and is open for all members of the community.
- The return of Beginner Pickleball instruction has been well received. Classes are full and additional spaces have been added to accommodate demand
- Trunk or Treat Planning is underway – Saturday, October 21
- The Tuesday Talk Series for the IDEA Board has been added to the Recreation Department registration system to handle sign ups on behalf of the IDEA Board
- Recreation Department participated in the New Family Reception at BCSD this week, talking to families, building relationship, and introducing its programming. This event has occurred in January in past years, and the change in timing was welcomed and met with higher attendance.
- The Recreation Department will also be participating in BCSD Homecoming on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Solar Eclipse Planning is underway – Emily Kelsey, our Coordinator of Senior Programming, is taking the lead for the Department and participating on the Supervisor's Steering Committee for the highly anticipated April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 total solar eclipse
- Discussion of Safety/Security at Brookside, as the Parks and Recreation Departments are soon likely to become the sole tenants for the Talmudical Institute.

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

- Work continues on the site and structures in preparation for opening. Sheeting is going up and site is work being finalized.
- The parking for people with disabilities location being revised and finalized
- We anticipate a meeting will be scheduled to put together punch list of items that need to be completed before we can open, as it pertains to the outside area and other structures on site.
- Traffic mitigation will need to be addressed to keep vehicles out of the "farm lane"
- Discussion of educational, interpretive signage on the history of the property and an initial discussion regarding site/building name

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

- Tuesday Talk Series is set to begin on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, in partnership with Empire State University
- Next meeting Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>
- Scheduled to attend the Farmers Market on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

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

- Nothing new to report. Change in counsel has been smooth.

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

- Recommended through FASC to accept 2 grants from NYSERDA: \$10000 for meeting the 3,000 CEC priority action point threshold, and an additional \$5000 for being among the first 50 municipalities to do so- to be used to upgrade the heating and cooling system and install solar panels at Camen Clark Lodge
- Climate Action Plan is in final stages of review
- The SOC has recommended that federal EECBG (Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant) funding secured be used for zoning code updates, with a particular goal of sustainable and inclusionary zoning.
- Looking at updates to the GIGP to install habitat and plantings with reduced maintenance burden.

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

- Meeting Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> with the Greenlining Coalition of ABC
- Discussion of how to get forward movement on a potential reparative program to redress exclusionary covenants for Brighton

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

- Will conclude our Summer Market Season with an appearance on September 24<sup>th</sup>
- We had a great season at the Summer Market, pairing up with the IDEA Board on most weekends
- Will continue the programming in the next year

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None at this time.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **Tuesday Town Talk Series**

Empire State University, 680 Westfall Road

Tuesday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

October 3<sup>rd</sup> : The Originals: Navigating the Nation as Natives

October 10<sup>th</sup>: Shining the Light on The Blackout

October 17<sup>th</sup>: An In-Depth Discussion on Antisemitism – From Past to Present-Day

Register online at [www.townofbrighton.org/rec](http://www.townofbrighton.org/rec)

### **Halloween Trunk or Treat**

Brighton Town Hall, Public Safety Wing, 2300 Elmwood Avenue

Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Free, pre-registration encouraged for planning purposes.

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**Semi-Annual Electronics Recycling and Secure Document Shredding Event**

Brighton Highway Department Parking Lot, 1941 Elmwood Avenue

\*Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Wednesday**

October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

9:30 am (or immediately following Finance and Administrative Services Committee meeting): Brookside Recreation Center