



Community Services Committee

Town of Brighton, Monroe County, New York

Councilmember Robin Wilt, Chairperson

Councilmember Christine Corrado, Co-Chairperson

MINUTES

October 18, 2023

Location: Brookside Recreation Center, 220 Idlewood Road

Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

PRESENT: William Moehle, Christine Corrado, Robin Wilt, Rebecca Cotter

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

9:46

OPEN FORUM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CC, WM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WM, CC

September 20th, 2023

COMMUNICATIONS

09-20-23 from George Smith RE: Wood Chips at Buckland Park

- George Smith and Conservation Board are appreciative of efforts to preserve and protect significant park trees by installing wood chips that create a buffer from potential damage from lawn maintenance equipment.
- Discussion of the potential for the Tree Council to secure mini tree nursery space at Buckland Park – constraints, volunteer management, priority use of resources, long term viability, etc...

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Park Issues: Matt Beeman

- Accepted written report: WM, CC
- See provided Report below:
 - Parks Department still has a full slate of park maintenance tasks underway as the growing season ends.
 - Seasonal facilities and athletic fields will be closed for the winter on November 1st. Tennis nets will be left up until the last possible moment.

- The grass has finally started to slow down in growth, with a mere two weeks left in the contracted mowing schedule.
- Parks crews have finished the Corbett's Glen South Trail rebuild project ahead of schedule. The Parks Superintendent utilized a creative means to avoid hauling in materials from a distance by taking advantage of existing easements to clear an area at the South end of the Glen that was large enough to make our own material storage area.
- Ultimately, the trail was widened by about 2 feet, a drainage pipe was added in the problematic areas where water tended to submerge the trail, and about 50 truckloads of crusher stone was applied for a base, while another 45 loads of stone dust was installed for the top coat. Overall, about 595 feet of trail was rebuilt.
- Gametime equipment was working on a matching funds grant for the playground that the Town selected for Brighton Town Park. Per the Town Board meeting agenda, we are tentatively moving forward with the purchase of a new playground for Brighton Town Park. We received a manufacturer grant on qualifying equipment in the amount of \$45,030.37. This brings the cost of the equipment down to \$52,570. We will look to install in the spring of 2024 as part of a supervised install under the manufacturer's direction, which will save the Town about \$58,000.
- Discussion of handicap accessible seating at various trails, particularly the Brickyard Trail, but also other parks and trail locations throughout the community. The natural stone seating options are not accessible for people with mobility challenges.
- A potential donor has been identified that may be willing to provide appropriate seating alternatives.

Recreation Programs: Rebecca Cotter

- Trunk or Treat event planning proceeding apace, looking forward to a great event on October 21st
- A Sensory Friendly Trick-or-Treat option has been added to our community events for Tuesday, October 31st, to provide trick or treating indoors, at Brighton Town Hall, for our youth and families who would benefit from a small-scale, low-key event!
- Brookside Security Discussion, as we are the primary tenant at the facility
- Discussion of Town planning underway for Total Solar Eclipse on April 8th, 2024

Winter Farmers' Market Update

- Roof installation resumed on the Market Building
- Interior finish work continues.
- Exterior doors are slated to be installed 10/26/23
- Gate parts are on order to restrict automobile traffic to specified parking areas.
- Milking Barn will be secured, and the interior painted before opening the site to the public.
- Discussion of the need for installation of a bike rack to coincide with the public opening.

Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Advisory Board Update

- The IDEA Board held its last Outdoor Season Brighton Farmers' Market event on September 24th, in conjunction with Councilmember on Your Corner—where the Tuesday Town Talk Series that were scheduled for October 3rd, 10th and 17th, was promoted.

- Tuesday Talk Series: two of the three went off extremely well. Unfortunately, the third was postponed indefinitely due to safety concerns.
- Discussed the need to ensure consistent IDEA Board attendance at hosted market and community events in the future.
- Through generous grant funding from ESL, the IDEA Board is partnering with BCSD to provide select school supplies for students for whom they may not otherwise be affordable.
- Three new IDEA Board members started their tenures beginning this month. We welcome again Amanda Andera, Victoria Love, and Prashant Prabhat. I can tell you from personal experience that all three new members have hit the ground running and are engaged in various subcommittees of the IDEA Board.

Community Choice/Community Solar Aggregation Update

- No updates

CEC Community Priority Actions/Sustainability Funds Update

- Upgrades enabled by NYSERDA grant funding at Carmen Clark Lodge will move us toward creating a 90-95% self-sustained building in the Town
- Progress here also creates additional funding opportunities that the Town could apply for once we meet the 4,000 point threshold through the NYSERDA CEC program
- Discussion of re-certifying at the CSC Bronze level and what we need to do to achieve Silver
- Discussion of acceptance of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funding that is imminent by year's end and how those funds will be applied in the upcoming budget year.

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

- Discussion of recent meeting and intent of the program
- Discussion if this item should remain on the agenda
- Certainly, if we are able to secure grant funding from any of the participating lending institutions, we will pursue a program in Brighton,

Councilmember on Your Corner Update

- Held last event of the season on September 24th, with the IDEA Board.
- Had a good showing for this year, and it remains a great partnership that we hope to continue

NEW BUSINESS

Solar Eclipse Grant Funding

- Discussion of grant opportunity available from the American Astronomical Society as part of the Solar Eclipse Across America effort
- Possible collaborative opportunities with BHS and potentially the Boys and Girls Club of Rochester are being pursued.
- A subcommittee of the IDEA Board is taking lead on developing proposals and grant submissions are due November 10th, with a December 15th notification date.

EOPA Climate Emergency and Energy Security Summit, November 16th, Washington, D.C.

- I will be attending this summit on November 15-16 to explore additional IRA funding opportunities available to us on the municipal level.
- In particular, since we will be soon presenting the Town's Climate Action Plan Update for public hearing, I will be exploring Climate Pollution Reduction Grants, which help to implement GHG reduction elements of community Climate Action Plans. These grant opportunities are currently open for proposals with a grant application deadline of April 1, 2024.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

Sensory Friendly Trick or Treating

Brighton Town Hall, main floor offices, 2300 Elmwood Avenue
Tuesday, October 31st, 4:00 – 5:00 PM
Free, but pre-registration is REQUIRED, as space is limited.
Register Online, www.townofbrighton.org/rec

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday

November 15th, 2023
9:30 am (or immediately following Finance and Administrative Services Committee meeting): Brookside Recreation Center