



Community Services Committee

Town of Brighton, Monroe County, New York

Councilmember Robin Wilt, Chairperson

Councilmember Christine Corrado, Co-Chairperson

MINUTES

March 20, 2024

Location: Town of Brighton Recreation Center, 1666 Winton Road

Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

PRESENT: Christine Corrado, Robin Wilt, Matt Beeman, Rebecca Cotter, Sue Gardner Smith, Miriam Moore

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

9:35 am CC, RW

OPEN FORUM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CC, RW

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 17th, 2024

CC, RW

COMMUNICATIONS

March 6, 2024, Email from Bill Brower (Sustainability Oversight Committee) RE: Safe Streets 4 All Grants

- Discussion to move to Public Works Committee

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Park Issues: Matt Beeman

- Staff are managing the warm winter weather having created a demand for off-seasonal use of fields and facilities.
- In anticipation of the Spring Athletics season, Matt Beeman has met with the new Athletic Director at the High School, Mark Kress, regarding school and community demands for field usage and how all needs will be met.
- Eclipse planning is in full swing and coordination in preparation for this community event is occupying a considerable amount of staff efforts.
- Parks Department will assume mowing responsibilities at the Winter Farmers' Market location, prompting an evaluation of the placement of boulders intended to curb illicit parking and possible alternative solutions that better align with maintenance and mowing needs.

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- Discussion of the potential for an access path at Persimmon Park, given the change in ownership of the property at the end of Eldridge. We will await a specific proposal from interested parties.

Recreation Programs: Rebecca Cotter

- We began registration for a supplemental after school program (20 spaces) at Brookside School Brighton Recreation location this week, and it has been in high demand. Over twenty new families were processed, indicating that there is a need for flexible, high quality, and affordable childcare in the community.
- Summer playground camp registration begins March 26th. Council Rock, French Road, and TCMS locations are set to host age-appropriate programming. Strong contingent of returning staff in the program. Non-resident Registration will open on May 14th.
- Review of wildly successful Brickyard Trail Art Exhibition
- Preview of Brickyard Bunny Trail Eclipse Scavenger Hunt that opens on Friday (March 22) at noon.

Winter Farmers' Market Update

- *See New Business section for updates

Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Advisory Board Update: Miriam Moore

- Well-attended Black History Month Celebration
- IDEA Board forewent their meeting time to celebrate Black History Month. In the future, there will be greater effort made to deconflict celebration and meeting times.
- Women's History Month celebration will involve community leaders' questionnaire.
- AAPI Heritage Month will be recognized and designated community members will coordinate the efforts. Will ensure that the voices of transnational/transracial adoption community are included.
- Will revisit Farmers' Market programming and coordinate with Sue Gardner Smith
- In an effort to enhance the Town and BPD's commitment to community policing, stakeholder community liaisons will be engaging target communities to discuss public safety concerns specific to those communities.

CEC Community Priority Actions/Sustainability Funds Update

- CEC Program has been totally revamped—involving larger awards that will enable implementation of bigger sustainability projects.
- Implementation of new solar sustainability projects are likely to lift the town from its current 5,000 point grant eligibility level to the 7,000 point grant eligibility level.
- EECBG funding application focus was approved by Town Board at its March 13th, 2024, meeting, and will focus on zoning code updates for commercial areas

Pollinator Pathway Challenge Update

- Conservation Board is reviewing website content and application form for resident participants
- Signs are being developed to recognize participants
- On a community by community basis. County provides informational resources

Town of Brighton Annual Clean Sweep and Recycling Events Updates

- Saturday, May 18th
- Monetary and in-kind sponsorships have started coming in
- Still looking for a new vendor to subsidize lunch for Clean Sweep
- Recycling events have transitioned to June 1st

NEW BUSINESS

Brighton Farmers' Market 2023 Annual Report: Sue Gardner Smith

- There are additional funds remaining from the grant that funded development of the Winter Farmers' Market that will be used to expand the parking for the current winter market and to support the summer market during the anticipated construction at BHS.
- The Farmers' Market will return to outdoors on April 21st, 2024. It appears there were record crowds this past year (2023), with positive feedback garnered from all stakeholders.
- Community celebrations saw the Market recognize: Juneteenth; Pride; Hispanic Heritage Month; and AAPI Heritage Month. Specific groups have provided feedback that they would like the format to transition to fewer speeches and more celebratory performances.
- Continued discussion regarding collaboration with the IDEA Board with implementation of Diversity Events at the Market
- Credit to Becky Cotter (de facto manager) of Indoor Market for coordinating the transition from the outdoor market to the New Winter Farmers' Market location.
- Big challenge on the horizon is the reconstruction of the BHS parking lot in summer of 2025
- Overall the opening of the Winter Market Barn engendered feedback that is overwhelmingly positive.
 - Concerns with parking and gravel connector from lower parking lot to upper parking lot and attendant accessibility issues

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Brickyard Trail Art Exhibition

Buckland House, 1341 Westfall Road

March 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 & 24, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

The Friends of the Brickyard Trail and the Town of Brighton are co-sponsoring an art exhibition to celebrate the Brickyard Trail in the Sandra Frankel Nature Park. The show is free and open to the public. Full details available online: www.townofbrighton.org/rec

Brighton Total Solar Eclipse

Buckland Park, 1431 Westfall Road

Monday, April 8th, 1:00 – 5:00 pm

Join us for an afternoon of music and fun as we experience this once in a lifetime Total Solar Eclipse as a community! Full event details available online.

Hoops with Heroes

Brookside Recreation Center (Winton Rd. Entrance)

Friday, April 12th, 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Free, Registration Required

Lace up your sneakers, bring the family and join us for an exciting night shooting Hoops with the Heroes of the Brighton Police Department! This event is free and open to the public, but registration is required! Full details online.

Arbor Day Celebration

First Baptist Church, 175 Allen Creek Road

Saturday, April 27th, 9:00 am – 11:00 am

The Brighton Community is invited to the annual Arbor Day tree planting event. All ages welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

DEA Pharmaceutical Take Back

Town of Brighton Public Safety Wing Parking Lot, 2300 Elmwood Avenue

Date Saturday, April 27th, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Brighton Clean Sweep

Brighton Town Hall, 2300 Elmwood Avenue

Saturday, May 18th, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Semi-Annual Electronics Recycling and Secure Document Shredding Event

Brighton Highway Department Parking Lot, 1941 Elmwood Avenue

Sunday, June 1st, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

NEXT MEETING:**Wednesday**

April 17th, 2024

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