



Community Services Committee

Town of Brighton, Monroe County, New York

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

MINUTES

April 17, 2024

Location: Town of Brighton Recreation Center, 1666 Winton Road

Time: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

PRESENT: Robin Wilt, William Moehle, Chritine Corrado, Miriam Moore, Matt Beeman, Rebecca Cotter

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

9:48 am

OPEN FORUM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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March 20th, 2024

COMMUNICATIONS

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Park Issues: Matt Beeman

- Parks staff is very busy preparing fields at Meridian and Buckland for Spring athletic programs (beginning May 9th) but has been somewhat hindered by consistently rainy weather.
- There has been some community demand to begin using the fields in early spring, but that demand does not necessarily reconcile with the reality of soggy field conditions throughout the early spring season.
- Staff is on target to have the over 20 fields under its maintenance supervision lined in advance of the spring sports season, opening on May 9th.
- Contract mowing services will start the week of April 22nd to accommodate remediation of the current wet conditions on the fields.
- This time of year, parks maintenance crews are met with the challenge of balancing field use demands of BCSD with the reality of staffing limitations and weather complications, but we hope that circumstances will ameliorate as the weather is more consistently fair.

- Understandably, some park maintenance days were lost due to preparation and execution of the Total Solar Eclipse celebration—which was a monumental undertaking; park staff is still catching up after the event.
- Discussion about invasive species management, in particular, Japanese Knotweed on the Brickyard Trail.
- Discussion of the potential for another volunteer effort to tackle some of these invasive species in the parks, or perhaps enlisting the aid of a future scout capstone project.
- Naloxone delivery kits will be installed in the parks within the next week. The County will take care of monitoring and refilling the kits.

Recreation Programs: Rebecca Cotter

- Eclipse follow-up debrief: discussion of traffic, pedestrians, and event as a whole
- We received overwhelmingly positive feedback from the community regarding the event!
- The Recreation Department implemented an Eclipse Glasses Collection program to last through April 19th at Brookside Recreation Center and the Town Hall. Collection within the Monroe County Library system will continue through 5/2/24. Glasses will be sent to Latin America for their upcoming eclipse.
- Hoops for Heroes Basketball Event with the Brighton Police Department was a great success!
- Summer Concert Series planning is underway.
- Summer Program and Brighton Resident Summer Camp Registration Underway and going well
- The new Brookside afterschool program is open and the families are appreciative for the expansion of flexible, affordable and high quality child care opportunities in the community
- Discussion of a recent visit by Emily and Becky to the First Baptist Church as possible Senior Lunch Location
- Memorial Day Planning is ongoing for the May 27th commemoration.

Winter Farmers' Market Update

- The Winter Market season is over, and the Market returned outdoors, opening with its traditional vine-cutting ceremonies, on Sunday, 4/21/24.
- ADA automatic door openers at the Winter Farmers' Market entrance and restrooms will be installed this Friday, April 19
- Discussion of addressing the condition of the concrete flooring in the barn.
- Discussion of plans for Summer Market opening and development/expansion of Buckland Barn parking.

Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Advisory Board Update: Miriam Moore

- Female firefighter field day at Station #1, East Avenue is this week.
- May is AAPI Heritage month. Looking at the evening of Thursday, May 16th for a possible celebration event.
- Invitation has been extended to Senator Cooney and Brighton Town Justice Vilkhu.
- AAPI event will follow the model of the Black History Month celebrations.
- Juneteenth will be commemorated at the Brighton Famers' Market – Sunday, June 16th. Plans are being developed with Sue Gardner Smith and the IDEA Board
- Friday June 14th will be the flag-raising recognizing Juneteenth at Brighton Town Hall

- July 20th: Roc Pride Parade Day, looking to get greater participation from Town of Brighton Departments
- Pride flag raising date TBD, potential dates discussed possibly Friday, July 12th.
- Trans pride discussion and how to include that on a Town level.

CEC Community Priority Actions/Sustainability Funds Update

- Supervisor's Office submitted a letter opposing Budget cuts to NYSERDA CEC Program (See attached.)
- Discussion of lack of state funding that already exists at the local level to implement sustainable projects and the potential impacts of this cut on the state's overall ability to meet the goals stipulated in the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA)
- Grant proposals have gone out to secure Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) and Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) funding—initiatives made possible through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)
- Continued funding opportunities are available under the IRA and the town will be actively seeking to pursue those grants to help ensure our climate resiliency.
- Discussion of development of a sustainability fund using money saved by implementing green initiatives to fund additional sustainability projects internally, and in conjunction with available public funding (whether it be NYSERDA or the IRA).
- Tree inventory proposal discussion, who would lead an RFP and funding source, timeline.

Pollinator Pathway Challenge Update

- Discussion of Website content: all ready to be put on the Website and publish for public consumption.
- Challenges in getting the website content updated on the Town Website with no central point person responsible for website updates for the Town.

Town of Brighton Annual Clean Sweep and Recycling Events Updates

- Monetary donations are going well and continue to come in.
- Hoping to finalize the donation of lunch sponsorship.
- Other in-kind donations also continue to be received.
- Coordinating details with the school district for their continued participation
- The event will be back to full scale this year, and all planning is going well.

NEW BUSINESS

- Arbor Day Discussion: Planting in pots off site, will still be tree planting at Buckland Park on Arbor Day
- Tree nursery budget discussion – No money currently available in this year's budget to build a fence etc....This will need to be a future budgeted item.
- Discussion of replacing dead trees currently in cages with new trees at Buckland Park and planting at Buckland, Meridian and Town Park.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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.

Yoga and Live Music at the Barn

Winter Farmers' Market, 1341 Westfall Road
Saturday, April 27th, 9:30 am – 10:30 am
Join instructor Lynn Boucher of Yoga Revolution for yoga and live music provided by Mike Boucher and Keri Crowley
The program is \$20/person and space is limited.
Registration and details online at www.townofbrighton.org/rec

DEA Pharmaceutical Take Back

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

Memorial Day

Buckland Park Veteran's Memorial, 1341 Westfall Road
Monday, May 27th, 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**

May 15th, 2024

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