

BRIGHTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Citizens Advisory Board

MEETING MINUTES

June 24, 2024

4:30 PM

ATTENDEES: Rebecca Cotter, Kerry Bennage, Denis Conley, Coleridge Gil, Ray Warrick, Michael Tullio, Mark Kokanovich, Supervisor William Moehle.

Brighton Resident: Rob Bennett

OPEN FORUM

Lifelong Town of Brighton resident, Mr. Robert Bennett MD joined the meeting to request that the Town consider developing a 'miyawaki' pocket forest within one of the Town Parks. Mr. Bennett explained that a 'miyawaki' is an intensive planting of native plants within a designated area designed to return an area that has previously been cleared of native vegetation, typically for agricultural purposes back to the "wild" conditions. The benefit of a miyawaki forest include the mitigation of invasive species that may be present in the development area and provide an educational platform for the community to understand the benefits of native plantings. Mr. Bennett requested that the Town consider setting aside a portion of the former Buckland Farm parcel for installation of a miyawaki and also indicated that he had discussed this idea with Dr. George Smith of Brighton High School (BHS), who has expressed interest and support for the concept. Mr. Bennett also suggested that the Lorax Club of BHS students who worked with Dr. Smith to install the restored wetland along Buckland Creek on the BHS property may be interested in supporting this project as well.

RE: SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Planning for 4th of July celebration almost completed. The day starts with the Brighton 5K race scheduled for 8:00 AM at BHS and ending with a fireworks display at 9:45 PM. Lots of fun planned for the entire family with games, food and music at Meridien Park throughout the day.

A grass trail has been created in the Buckland Park additional open space and will be maintained throughout the summer for passive recreation. Additional information provided in the attached Facilities and Parks Report.

RE: RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT – reported by Rebecca Cotter

Summer Camp orientation started today and will continue this week and we are fully staffed. Enrollment is full and camp starts after the 4th of July weekend on Monday 8 July. Town Pool opens on 28 June and lifeguards are hired for the summer season.

Farmer's Market included an Ecofair on 23 June and will be celebrating Pride Week on 14 July 2024. The Winter Farm Market Barn will be used as a polling place for the upcoming Primary voting period.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

TOWN BOARD UPDATE – reported by Supervisor Moehle

Town Board will hear a proposed revision to the Park Use Law in the upcoming meeting on Wednesday 26 June 2024. Town Hall renovation plans under review by the Town's Planning Boards with anticipated start date in the late fall of 2024.

YOUTH & FAMILY – reported by Coleridge Gil

After school program filling up with ~66 students already signed up.

FACILITIES AND PARKS – reported by Mark Kokanovich

Brighton Police Department monitoring traffic within the Buckland Park to address reports of reckless drivers and excessive speeds within the parking areas and access roads.

BRIGHTON SOCCER – reported by Mike Tullio

2024 season started after Memorial Day with excellent participation and will continue until 26 July. To accommodate the Summer Concert Series schedule, Tuesday evening games have been moved to Meridien Park.

Current registration is ~400 participants with 5 U10 teams (3 Boys and 2 Girls) and 3 U13 teams (2 Boys and 1 Girls) participating in the Monroe (County) United Soccer League which includes teams from neighboring towns.

Even though there is sufficient signage, there was some improper parking along the access road in the Buckland Park which has been addressed after the Brighton Police Department issued some tickets.

Remaining Meeting dates for 2024 include: September 30, October 28, November 25.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 5:30 PM offered by Mark seconded by Mike.

NEXT MEETING DATE: MONDAY, September 30, 2024 at 4:30 pm.
Brookside School Multi-Purpose Room

****If you are unable to attend this meeting, please contact Denis Conley at 585-784-0231 (cell).**

Facility/Park Report

Submitted by Matt Beeman 6/24/2024

This is a brief report regarding the main park areas & facilities. Other smaller park areas are tended to on a regular basis. We are extremely busy with Park and Facility maintenance projects. Park supplies and materials continued to be ordered and delivered. Mowing and trimming have been very difficult this spring and we are finally getting a break in the growth. Seasonal Laborers started shifts right around May 20th. Our July 4th celebration is returning, and we are busy making our plans and preparations. We are still working hard to accommodate and manage athletic field use requests as well as field maintenance demands. We have completed our CIP requests for various park areas for 2025-2027.

TOWN PARK:

- Various new tree plantings are being scheduled for planting throughout park.
- All fire alarm inspections have been completed.
- Athletic Field preparations.
- Removal of downed trees.
- Pavilion #1 brush cut back and poison ivy control
- Garden Mulching and maintenance.
- Preventative maintenance and tune ups on all park equipment.
- Playground installation was completed the week of June 10th. We now need to grade surface area and add playground mulch and border before it can be officially opened.
- Brush cut back and trimming around lodge deck.
- Lodge bathroom Door lock repair.
- Maintenance garage roof repair.

PERSIMMONS PARK:

- General Park bi-weekly garbage cleanup and mowing and trimming.

MERIDIAN PARK:

- Various new large tree plantings have been placed throughout the park. We are strategically planting these so they will take the place of the deteriorating Ash trees along the park pedestrian walkway.
- All annual alarm and fire inspections have been completed.
- Continued trail maintenance including Phase II mowing.
- Athletic Field preparations.
- We continue to work with Brighton Little League on various field maintenance requests.
- We are busy with site preparations for the Town's July 4th celebration.
- We are redesigning and installing the temporary electric supply for the July 4th Celebration.
- Garden mulching and cleanups.
- Irrigation repairs at Concession building.
- Park Benches and Tables re-stained.

BUCKLAND PARK:

- Preventative maintenance on all equipment
- All annual alarm inspections have been completed.
- Grass perimeter trail is cut on a bi-weekly basis.
- Athletic field preparations as Boys Lax ends and Soccer begins.
- Soccer Goal repairs and securing. New goal assembly.
- Baseball fields lip renovations and repair.
- 60/90 Baseball Field gate repairs.
- New park mower has greatly assisted in keeping athletic fields mowed.

- Playground equipment maintenance.
- Park Fence and post repairs.
- Concession stand beam evaluation and repair.

SANDRA FRANKEL NATURE PARK/BRICKYARD TRAIL:

- Daily general park walkthrough
- Trail head garden clean up and mulch scheduled
- Trail mowing with new flail mower

CORBETT'S GLEN:

- Ongoing landscape /trail maintenance to keep trails clear of debris.
- Tree Removal in the south portion of the Glen.

LEHIGH VALLEY TRAIL & THE HIGHLAND CROSSING TRAIL

- Various tree limb and brush removal
- Trail Mowing

BUCKLAND FARMHOUSE/VETERANS MEMORIAL:

- All annual alarm inspections and building inspections
- Garden and walkway maintenance
- Memorial Day Event was held on May 29th
- All gardens and memorial have been landscaped and mulched.
- Garden hydrant repair

12 CORNERS TRIANGLE PARK:

- New Hanging Baskets
- Gardens have been weeded and mulched.
- Tree Limb cut back.
- We will be hanging bunting on the gazebo for July 4th
- Utility box repaint.

BUCKLAND FARMERS MARKET BUILDING:

- All fire inspections have been completed.
- Mowing and trimming
- Building cleaning

OTHER:

- We are continuing to identify capital improvement projects and maintenance equipment needs for the future.
- We have started maintenance along the Auburn Trail within our easement requirements. This includes mowing on both trail sides within our easement.
- We are providing staff at the Farmers Market on Sundays to empty garbage.