



Community Services Committee

Town of Brighton, Monroe County, New York

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

MINUTES

April 16, 2025

Location: Brookside Recreation Center, Multipurpose Room, 1666 Winton Rd S.

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

PRESENT: William Moehle, Christine Corrado, Robin Wilt, Miriam Moore, George Smith, Rebecca Cotter

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

11:01 am

OPEN FORUM

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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March 19th, 2025

COMMUNICATIONS

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Park Issues: Matt Beeman – Submitted Report

- The Parks Department's new employee, Ryan Oaks, started on April 7th.
 - By all estimations, he has been a welcome addition to the Parks team.
- The Parks Superintendent will make a recommendation for the second open Parks position at the next FASC meeting.
 - After continuing the screening process, the Parks Superintendent and hiring team were able to identify another outstanding candidate whom it is believed will have an immediate impact on our existing parks team's performance.
- Seasonal mowing in the parks resumed on April 17th.
- Parks water and seasonal facilities re-open on Wednesday April 23rd.
- Additional signage has been installed at Corbett's Glen that prohibits entry into the old landfill section within the park, as we continue to confront issues with people scavenging for old bottles in that section of the park.

- The Parks Department has been very busy preparing athletic fields to the numerous requested field specifications. To give some insight into what our Parks team is responsible for in terms of Spring requests:
 - Brighton Boys Lacrosse at Buckland: By April 18th staff completed 5 different lined field sizes for various boys Lacrosse teams.
 - Brighton High School baseball and Softball and Brighton Little League at Buckland: Staff have edged, re-set bases, rebuilt pitching mounds, re-built batter boxes, tilled all clay soil infields and re-graded, lined and rolled 3 different sized baseball fields within the park.
 - Brighton Soccer and Brighton Football Club at Buckland: By May 16th staff will have lined 4 different sizes of fields for a total of 11 soccer fields at Buckland
 - Brighton Little League at Meridian: Staff have edged, re-set bases, rebuilt pitching mounds, re-built batter boxes, tilled all clay soil infields and re-graded, lined and rolled 3 different sized baseball fields at Meridian Centre Park.
 - Brighton Girls Lacrosse at Meridian: By April 25th staff will have lined 4 different sizes of girls lacrosse fields for a total of 10 lacrosse fields.
 - Brighton Soccer at Meridian: By May 16th staff will have lined 1 full sized soccer field at Meridian Centre Park.
- We mentioned in previous reports that the Parks Department serves thousands of individual youth over the course of any given year, and this list (that is not exhaustive) illustrates the level of support offered to youth in the community by the Parks Department.
- 4th of July planning is underway.

Recreation Programs: Rebecca Cotter

- April break week programs proceeded smoothly. Spring vacation camp was full and featured LEGO programming was well-attended
- Summer Camp registration is ongoing, but hiring of camp staff is complete ahead of schedule.
- The Department's Brighton Senior Citizen Program Specialist has resigned, and we are actively looking for their replacement
- Staff are working to cover programs and activities for the Seniors until a replacement is hired, so our already streamlined Department is stretched thin.
 - RFP's have been disseminated in search of a Senior Congregate lunch service provider. Responses were accepted until April 22nd
 - We have received at least one response.
- Our Recreation Department head is engaged in summer program planning and concert series preparation and sponsorship solicitation.

Winter Farmers' Market Update

- The final indoor market day was April 13th
- The market heads back outside for the 2025 season on Sunday, April 27th at the Brighton High School parking lot.
 - There is construction at Door 20, so the configuration of the market must accommodate the restricted zones.
- Currently evaluating alternate locations for the Summer 2026 season due to anticipated construction at BHS, particularly in the parking lot.

Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Advisory Board Update: Miriam Moore

- Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Heritage Month will recognize individuals important to the community next month.
- Our DEI Officer is working to secure a cultural performance to augment the official event
- The Commemoration will take place on Friday, May 16th at noon at Empire State University
- Our DEI Officer is also working on an internal workshop for staff that explores the topic: Serving New Americans
- The IDEA Board is working on programs for the summer months: Pride, Juneteenth, Caribbean American Heritage, etc...
- Discussion of available outdoor space at ESU to hold commemorations and flag raisings, as was our practice at our Town Hall location on Elmwood Avenue

Sustainability Oversight Committee Update

- Annual Report is in its final stages of editing
- Meeting for this month was pushed to April 22 due to the April Break, so the report will be issued in time for our next Town Board meeting

Conservation Board Update

- Tree Nursery Launch is the bulk of the focus
- Pollinator Pathways planning is also underway.

Town of Brighton Annual Clean Sweep and Recycling Events Updates

- Details and dates are all set for upcoming events
- Our connection with the Middle School is again in transition due to the imminent departure of AP Chaun Brooks. We will work with Principal Danielle Edmunds to maintain the strong connection with TCMS.

Beyond Pesticides Program for Monroe County and Codifying Town's policy on pesticide usage

- No Update in Matt Beeman's absence.

Town Updates to the Public and Town Website Updates

- Discussion of possible ways to build outreach. Including an opt-in page modeled after the Monroe County website.
- Will continue conversations to determine what timing will work best for the Town

NEW BUSINESS

Caribbean American Heritage Month

- Rochester and Monroe dates have been set, and the organizers of the RWIFO are willing to work with the Town of Brighton to plan events.

Tree Ambassador Program – George Smith

- Continuing discussions in coordination with the Conservation Board, (see attached Power Point presentation)
- Goal is to have Tree Ambassadors to actively look after the trees in the Town rights of way and tree nursery, as a means to support the work that Town staff are already doing to maintain our tree canopy
- George Smith will be investigating other models across the State, including in Saratoga and in Syracuse and Cayuga County, which, in addition to NYC, already have Tree Ambassador programs.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Arbor Day Celebration

Tree Nursery at Buckland Park, 1341 Westfall Road

Saturday, April 26th, 9:00 am – 11:00 am

DEA Semi-Annual Pharmaceutical Take Back

Brighton Town Hall @ Empire State University, 680 Westfall Road

Saturday, April 26th, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Semi-Annual Electronics Recycling and Secure Document Shredding Event

Brighton Highway Department Parking Lot, 1941 Elmwood Avenue

Saturday, May 3rd, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Live Music YOGA in the Barn

1345 Westfall Rd.

Saturday, May 3, 9:30 – 10:30 am

Join us for a very special experience in the beautiful Buckland Barn!

Yoga teacher Lynne Boucher of Yoga Revolution will lead a 60-minute yoga practice as Anthony Siciliano of Head to the Roots adds instrumental and vocal music to enhance your experience of connection with yourself and everyone around you. This event is open to beginners and experienced yogis alike.

Registration IS REQUIRED, space is limited

Community Bike Ride

Friday, May 16th, 2025, 6:30 pm (with dates anticipated in July and September, as well.)

Free, but registration is required.

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Brighton Clean Sweep

Brighton Town Hall, SUNY Empire State, 680 Westfall Road

Saturday, May 17th, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday

May 21st, 2025

10:00 am (or immediately following Finance and Administrative Services Committee meeting): Brighton Recreation Center, 1666 Winton Road S.)