

**BRIGHTON RECREATION & PARKS
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

April 29, 2013 Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Matt Beeman, Becky Cotter, Denis Conley, Larry Davis, Coleridge Gill, Beth Keigher, Supervisor William Moehle, Councilmember Louise Novros, Judy Rosenberg, John Steinbrenner, Melissa Sumner, Mike Tullio, Elaine Vitone, Councilmember Jim Vogel, Mona Zamiarski, Mike Zobel

GUESTS: Jennifer Ahrens, Brighton Community Garden
Bryan Hunt – Veterans' Administration
Dave Kern – Patriot Guard Riders

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 4:35 PM.
MINUTES APPROVED FROM APRIL 1, 2013 MEETING**

COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE:

- Jennifer Ahrens summarized Brighton Community Garden and reviewed provided advantages to Community
- Garden is 115' x 185' with 101 plots; this year all the plots are taken with short waiting list
- Bryan Hunt and Dave Kern reported that Home Depot is willing to offer grant for \$25,000 to construct fence around Garden. Also proposed was a collaboration between their groups and Town to create separate garden or enlarge current Garden for veteran groups garden participation as a type of "Horticulture Therapy". Suggested current garden be increased to 210' x 230' to accommodate project.
 - Land would need to be scalped and drainage tiles installed to accommodate
 - Volunteers could assist with Parks to do work
 - Uncertainty surrounding grant availability for 2014

Questions, comments and concerns:

- ✓ Allowing permanent projects developed without a masterplan in place?
- ✓ Current parking lot not adequate size to accommodate additional parking needs
- ✓ Providing a small, informal gardening area for veterans would be a nice service project.
- ✓ Utilization of more land at the park is better than letting it lay fallow.
- ✓ Funding needed for future maintenance and repairs
- ✓ Fencing should not "mask" the Veterans' Memorial.
- ✓ Risk management; keeping people away from existing buildings in park labeled potentially dangerous.
- ✓ Allowing non-Brighton residents to participate?
- PARCS Advisory Board recommendations to Town Board sent on May 6, 2013.

BRIGHTON BELIEVES:

Brighton School District and Healthy Communities/HealthyYouth Task Force; campaign called "Brighton Believes" (encourages positive, safe environments for students). Each Brighton school currently has similar campaign, goal is creating new program for District to use common language to communicate core values (Integrity, Respect, Responsibility, Kindness, Self Control). Publicity for this campaign will include posters, bumper stickers and information on the BCSD website.

QUESTIONS, DISCUSSION OF COMMUNITY REQUESTS:

Moved to future meeting date

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT

Summer Camp:

- Summer playground camp program hiring to be completed
- Many returning staff members and new additions
- Finalizing placements
 - 1 or 2 openings still exist for Camp Director or Assistant Director
- Resident camp registration began Tuesday, April 23.
- Non-resident registration begins Tuesday, May 21.
- First time offering of longer option for Kindergartners.
- Age split for Council Rock Camp adjusted, now accepting those entering grades K – 2!
- Camp Permit renewal to be submitted to Monroe County Health Department and Brighton Volunteer Ambulance will act as Health Consult for any campers with special medical concerns.

Memorial Day Celebration:

1st annual Memorial Day Celebration at Veterans' Memorial at Buckland Park. 2 pm Monday, May 27.

Summer Concert Series:

Schedule is set, contracts submitted and payments to be set up

Online Registration:

Finalizing merchant agreements

PARKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mowing bids have been secured for 2013 services.

Park mowing begins 4/30/13.

Seasonal Laborers starting May 6th.

TOWN PARK

- All park equipment serviced.
- Fire system inspections completed.
- Field supplies ordered.
- Lodge floor re-surfaced in February.
- Softball Light installation to resume May 1st and take 2-3 days for completion.
- Some trees along west side of the Park have been cut after determining potentially a risk issue.
- More general park clean up and trail maintenance done due to string of warm weather
- Recycling dumpsters delivered to the Park.

PERSIMMONS PARK:

- Spring clean up of Park

MERIDIAN PARK:

- Park maintenance equipment serviced.
- Facility fire inspections completed.
- Irrigation turned on week of April 8th
- Bathroom facilities now opened
- Field supplies ordered.
- Fields being prepared and schedules coordinated for spring sport season.
- General park clean up and trail maintenance.
- Recycling dumpsters delivered to the Park.

BUCKLAND PARK:

- Fire System/Sprinkler System inspections completed.
- Preventative maintenance on equipment completed.
- Field supplies ordered.
- Fields being prepared and schedules coordinated for spring sport season.
- Additional landscaping work and ground layout begun at the Veterans' Memorial.
- General trail maintenance and park clean up.
- Recycling dumpsters delivered to the Park.
- Irrigation turned week of April 8th
- Outdoor bathroom facilities now opened

BUCKLAND FARMHOUSE:

- Fire/Sprinkler Alarm inspections completed.
- The trench dug for the Veterans' Memorial severed irrigation lines for the Buckland House gardens, needs to be repaired

CORBETT'S GLEN

- Bark chip of trails continues – looking into small tree companies to donate their chipped tree material donating it to the Town saves them money and saves us money on ongoing trail maintenance.
- Tree on Town Property at 217 Alaimo Dr., borders Corbett's Glen removed identified as a risk by the homeowner

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

YOUTH & FAMILY - Refer to information under "Recreation Director Report".

ADULT & SENIOR

- May 7 annual Cinco de Mayo party - Mexican food, Latin food and Latin Music.
- Vicky Lawrence in North Tonawanda on May 14 1st out of Town Bus trip for 2013
- Lunch at the Lilac Festival on Thursday, May 16.
- Mike Deming, also known as "The Antique Guy", featured speaker at Mad Hatter luncheon on May 17.
- Brickstone at St. John's treating Tuesday group to free lunch with a presentation on identity theft on May 21.
- Wii Bowling continues to be popular (May 28 this month).
- Local trip May 30 to Genesee Brew House with tour and lunch.

FACILITIES & PARKS - Refer to information under Parks Superintendent Report".

HISTORIC BRIGHTON

Historic Brighton's presentation of "Brighton's Oldest Living Resident" Info. reviewed - Brighton Town Park Saturday, June 1st at noon. Leo Dodd will give a talk about the historic plant community in West Brighton. \$15/person will include lunch and a tour. Registration deadline May 26th.

I-590 BICYCLE TRAIL, ETC –
NR.

STUDENT REP REPORT –
NR

BRIGHTON SOCCER –
NR

BRIGHTON BASEBALL –

- **Opening Day 2013** –. Supervisor Bill Moehle, Louise Novros, Jason DiPonzio, and Jim Vogel were present, Senator Joe Robach, Town Justice Karen Morris and Brighton Schools Superintendent Dr. Kevin McGowan, and members of Brighton Rotary with their antique car. Over 30 teams marched in the parade, along with assorted coaches, parents, siblings, and the occasional dog. Parade left Town Hall 11AM marched down Elmwood to TCMS. Supervisor Moehle, Dr. McGowan, Senator Robach addressed audience.
- **Tires on Buckland field** – Working with Matt Beeman on 'eyesore' at Buckland fields of excessive number of stacked tires used to hold down tarps covering specific parts of field, including batting area and pitcher's mound. BB working on alternatives and tires to be moved into storage (and out of sight) for short term. BB responsible for tires and will work on disposal, as well as creating a better alternative for holding down tarps.
- **Registration** –Approximately 550 – 600 girls and boys playing baseball this year ranging from 4 years old to 17. Registration down slightly this year
- **Summer help** – Summer help started w/ field prep –crew of 2 summer hired to augment the work of Matt's staff.
- **Volunteer Award** –Brighton Baseball Phil Feldman volunteer award awarded to Neal Rogachefsky
- **11U tournament, 2013 Concert Series** – BB not yet committed to hosting the annual 11U tournament This event conflicts with the concert series,
- **Request for additional field at Buckland** – Proposal to be made at future meeting.

TOWN BOARD REPORT

Pharmaceutical Take Back program Saturday, April 27th -641 vehicles and 10-12 walk-ins= total 1630 lbs of medication was collected.

Clean Sweep to be Saturday, May 4th -Town Electronic and Shredding Event to be held on May 18th.

LIBRARY REPORT

- **Alice B. Wilson Teen Literary Contest Award Ceremony & Recognition** -Tuesday, April 30 @ 7 PM @ Friends of BML Learning Center.
- **May 2nd BSI** - Ghostbread, memoir of growing up in poverty in Rochester during 1970s, written by local author Sonja Livingston; attended East High School; reviewed by Stephanie Heywood, sister of the author.
- **2013 BML Annual Volunteer & Staff Recognition Dinner** -Thursday, May 23rd @ Mario's @ 6 -9 PM. Brighton resident Don Alhart is this year's speaker.
- **Virtualization project**
BML has launched virtualization project with replacement of old servers with the 2012-2013 purchase and installation of two new physical servers, with virtual servers on each. Project financed via \$20,000 education grant secured by Senator Joseph Robach with an additional \$17,500 taken from Library's Reserve Fund. Future plans include purchase of thin clients. Virtualization of BML's network environment to reduce hardware costs and provide improved ease of support and administration, faster, less expensive upgrades and additions to the server infrastructure in the future.

SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT - Refer to information under "Brighton Believes".

MEETING ADJOURNED 6:15 PM

NEXT MEETING DATE: MONDAY, MAY 20, 2013 AT 4:30 PM - Brookside Senior Lounge.