

**BRIGHTON PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES
CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD**

MINUTES
June 24, 2013

PRESENT: Matt Beeman, Denis Conley, Rebecca Cotter, Coleridge Gill, Beth Keigher, Mark Kokanovich, Supervisor William Moehle, Councilmember Louise Novros, John Steinbrenner, Melissa Sumner, Mike Tullio, Councilmember James Vogel, Mona Zamiarski, Mike Zobel

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 4:30 PM.

May 20, 2013 Minutes Corrections: page 2 "Park Superintendent Report", last sentence should read "\$52,000 to replace 1996 tractor....". page 3 "Adult & Senior Report", second bulleted item should read, "We're looking for bus riders for outing".

OLD BUSINESS

UPDATE OF RESERVE PROJECT AND FARMHOUSE PROPERTY:

Town's agreement with Costello & Son reviewed re: providing berms w/plantings between the Reserve project and Meridian Centre Park. Costello has planted garden areas inside our trail system. Advisory Board unaware of any garden plans and proposal is not what was agreed upon i.e. will require a great deal of maintenance. Will also take away the "meadow feeling" from location. Would like tree plantings on the berms and just off the berms to block view of buildings from trails. This needs to be done ASAP. Kate Sternum from Allens Creek Garden Club sent letter RE: Club has spent \$45,000 on plantings for Farmhouse w/ agreement to maintain gardens for 3 years. 3 years is past and maintenance on plantings is a concern. Plants have been lost due to lack of care. Options reviewed with their impact.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW RECREATION SUPERVISOR:

Christine Winter, newly hired Brighton Recreation Supervisor, introduced to Board. **PARK SUPERINTENDENT**

REPORT:

Matt Beeman reported:

- Status of Recycling in Parks – Recycle containers placed near dugout areas. Communication between coaches and players' families on the need to recycle will continue. Seasonal laborers scheduled on weekends to keep recycle and trash containers emptied. More signage will be provided after July 4.
- Status of Parking at Buckland - No parking allowed on entry road into Buckland - public does not always abide by rule. Possible Solutions discussed Matt Beeman to address issue with Supervisor Moehle.
- Maintenance Issues – After July 4th trail maintenance, parks to become focus of park staff. At Corbett's Glen the problem of keeping bark chips on trails continues; Town has a very good supply of chips but it's a difficult and time-consuming chore to replace them on trails. Presence of glass near the old landfill in the Park is a continued problem.

RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT:

Rebecca Cotter reported:

- Farmers' Market - Due to parking lot construction at BHS, Market will temporarily move to Temple Brith Kodesh on June 30th.
- Bike Rodeo –Sunday, June 23rd, successful; w/ 50 walk-in registrations and 66 total attendees.
- Summer Playground Camps – Registration started April 23 for residents. Currently nearly all camps full with waiting lists. Permit submitted to the County, staff finalized, staff training begins week of June 24th.
- Summer Concert Series –Sunset Serenade Concert Series begins July 9th held ea. Tues. evening @Buckland Park - August 13th, weather permitting. Brighton Orchestra to kick off event on July 9th.
- Online Registration - Moving forward to go online for program registration by Fall 2013. A second training session for Recreation employees scheduled for June 25th.

PARKS & RECREATION RESTRUCTURING:

Supervisor Moehle requested topic tabled until another meeting

JULY & AUGUST PARCS MEETINGS:

No PARCS meetings in July or August. The next meeting will be held in September.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

YOUTH & FAMILY –

Please refer to the information under the "Recreation Director Report".

ADULT & SENIOR -Trips:

- Syracuse boat trip on July 11 • Public Market trip July 18 • Sea Breeze trip on July 22 • Vicky Lawrence Buffalo on July 25
- Special Music:
Patriotic on July 2 • Show tunes on July 9 • Musical comedy on July 30

FACILITIES & PARKS*TOWN PARK*

- Fire system inspections completed.
- Softball season started May.
- Lodge and Park shed to be re-stained this summer.
- Playground wood mulch to be delivered for use after July 4th.
- Ongoing construction work on Westfall Road has made Park access difficult
- Outfield light poles replaced end of April. Replacing infield lights over the course of 2013 & 2014.
- 6/24 discovered plumbing problem with lodge bathrooms and sewer pipe. Working w/ Sewer Dept to address issue and fix problem. Portable toilets placed outside lodge in the interim. We will have to excavate some ground to fix the problem.

PERSIMMONS PARK:

- We will be addressing some vegetation growth on Summit Drive that borders Park.

MERIDIAN PARK:

- Facility fire inspections completed.
- Preparations for upcoming 4th of July event taking place.
- Playground wood chips to be delivered after July 4th.
- Concession building and bathrooms re-painted.
- Ball field maintenance and field lining ongoing.
- Reserve project is starting to plant buffers in Phase 2 area of the Park.

BUCKLAND PARK:

- Fire System/Sprinkler System inspections completed.
- Playground wood chips to be delivered after 7/4.
- Aluminum soccer goals re-welded.
- Ball field maintenance and field lining ongoing.
- Working with Brighton Baseball on many maintenance issues.
- Tried to work with a beekeeper to remove swarm of honeybees that moved into outside chimney at Buckland Lodge. Repeated efforts to remove bees unsuccessful. Currently working w/extermination company to remove bees. They pose a potential safety hazard.

BUCKLAND FARMHOUSE:

- Fire/Sprinkler Alarm inspections completed.
- Day staff keeping Farmhouse open when working near building to encourage people to visit. "Open" sign is placed by the road during this time.
- Water bins placed around all trees at Veterans' Memorial to help w/ keeping them watered.
- Working w/student volunteers to help maintain gardens at House and Memorial.
- Gardens have been mulched at the Farmhouse.

CORBETT'S GLEN:

- Ongoing trail maintenance and repair. Over 200 cubic yards of mulch has been spread on the trails so far this year. After July 4th focus to be trail maintenance

OTHER:

- St. John's Meadow ½ mile trail - This is a trail that our department is responsible for maintaining. Some trail work to be completed after July 4th includes boardwalk repair and trail chip material.

HISTORIC BRIGHTON

September meeting will feature speaker Don Alhart sharing his "Memories of Brighton". More info to follow

I-590 BICYCLE TRAIL/ BRIGHTON BICYCLING COMMITTEE, ETC –

N/R

STUDENT REP REPORT –

N/R

BRIGHTON SOCCER

House league started play June 7-9; other teams begin June 10th. No games held during week of July 4th and games done by end of July. Fields in good condition in spite of the rain. Older players' games moved from Tuesday to Wednesday nights to avoid Sunset Serenade Concert traffic.

BRIGHTON BASEBALL

- Note on Buckland Park road parking –will be sending email blast to parents re: parking along Buckland Park entrance road. Mike Tullio or Mike Zobel received template that Henrietta uses in their parks, and it has been re-drafted and sent to commissioner, Steve Richeson, for review
- Bricks by concession stand –question from a family about getting a brick near concession stand. It is a program that the Rotary had started, and Brighton Baseball sold some. Have there been any thoughts to re-start that program, either near the concession stand or near the farmhouse
- Field work – have over 200 labor hours into fields from summer help especially busy due rain. Purchased new equipment, including tampers, rakes, etc to keep up w/ field work required by all the wet weather
- Gordy Gray game 6/16 –a game three Brighton daughters put on in memory of their father, Gordy Gray. You can learn more about Gordy t <http://leagueathletics.com/Page.asp?n=57097&org=brightonbaseball.org>.
- Regular season drawing to a close –over 560 kids participated this year, and travel/tournament season now rounding into full schedule. Other Babe Ruth and non-Williamsport teams continue to make use of fields.
- Baseball –working to determine if we can generate enough volunteers to host 11U tournament; have hosted this tourney for a few years and this year getting volunteers is bigger challenge than usual.

TOWN BOARD REPORT –

N/R

LIBRARY REPORT

- May 23, 2013 BML's annual dinner, volunteers and staff are honored for their work and accomplishments. Senator Joe Robach and Supervisor Bill Moehle attended. Don Alhart was guest speaker.
- Ken Harbison recipient of volunteer award. Matt Bashore, Reference & Building Services Manager, received staff award for excellence in service.
- With the assistance of web designer, Media & Network Manager Kory Yerkes, and Community Relations Judy Rosenberg we are creating new website using Weebly software.
- Children's Services Librarian Elissa Schaeffer visited French Road and Council Rock Schools in May, seeing 1300 students to promote BML's summer reading program. We had our kickoff event at the library on Monday. Elissa and Teen Services Librarian Deena Viviani were also at the Brighton Farmers' Market on Sunday, June 23, registering children for the program. So far, over 420 kids have signed up.

SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT –

N/R

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:45 PM.

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN JULY OR AUGUST!

NEXT MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 4:30 PM - Brookside Senior Lounge.