

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

MINUTES  
MAY 18, 2015

PRESENT: Matt Beeman, Denis Conley, Rebecca Cotter, Coleridge Gill, Beth Keigher, Emily Kelsey, Mark Kokanovich, Mark Kritall, Supervisor William Moehle, Councilmember Louise Novros, John Steinbrenner, Melissa Sumner, Elizabeth Vinton, Elaine Vitone, Mike Zobel

GUESTS: Ken Harbison, Sara Rubin, Carol Southby

**OPEN FORUM:**

Residents Sara Rubin, Carol Southby and Ken Harbison suggested a change in the location of their proposed Butterfly Garden at Meridian Park, following discussions with staff members Matt Beeman and Mark Kritall. They also shared their idea for planting an area of milkweed. Their group will continue working with Matt and Mark and will provide specific information regarding the plantings to be used in the garden. They have committed their group to maintaining the Garden once the initial establishment of it takes place.

Our PARCS Board supports their idea and recommended they continue to work closely with the Parks Department as the process continues.

The time frame for any work on the project will be dependent on the work load of the Park staff and determined by Park Superintendent Matt Beeman.

We thank Sara, Carol and Ken for their efforts and their presentation.

MOTION TO ACCEPT APRIL 27, 2015 MINUTES AS WRITTEN WAS MADE BY DENIS CONLEY AND SECONDED BY BETH KEIGHER.

**WELCOME EMILY KELSEY:**

Director of Recreation Becky Cotter introduced our new Senior Program Coordinator, Emily Kelsey. Emily provided us with her background and shared her eagerness to work with our seniors. She had an opportunity to work with Nancy McGory prior to Nancy's leaving Brighton Recreation.

**MATTER RE: THE ROLE OF OUR PARCS ADVISORY BOARD:**

Louise Novros handed out information she received in 2007 from Sandra Frankel detailing a description of the Community Services Committee.

Discussion was continued from April's meeting about communication and the role of the PARCS Board:

- o There is a need to touch base with community groups, realtors and neighborhood associations. Welcome to Brighton packets could be made available online.
- o The PARCS Board has a lack of diversity. All demographics should be included, including representatives from the several special interest groups in Brighton (sports, gardeners, youth groups, etc).
- o "Neighbor to Neighbor" is an app that is being used more frequently than neighborhood associations to communicate news.

Our Board is reviewing our Procedural Bylaws which were adopted on November 22, 1993 and amended on April 26, 2004. We are assessing their relevance to today's facilities, programs, policies, procedures and value to the community. There have been many changes in the last eleven years and we need to establish if the PARCS Board's role needs to be adjusted to better fit the needs of the community and the Parks and Recreation staff.

We will be continuing this review and evaluation at future meetings.

**PARK SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

Matt Beeman reported that he is receiving more citizen complaints about Lynchwood Park recently than he did last year. Kids on dirt bikes are damaging trails and trees in the park. Matt is working with Brighton Police to find a solution to this problem. (See more detailed report under Subcommittee Reports – “Facilities & Parks”.)

**RECREATION DIRECTOR REPORT:**

Rebecca Cotter reported –

- Non – resident registration for recreation programs will begin on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- The Market RFP Kick-Off meeting will be held on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Plans for Brighton’s Memorial Day Celebration on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> are being finalized.
- Michele Aman, the new Recreation Supervisor, will be starting on June 1<sup>st</sup>. We are very excited to have her join us and we are looking forward to all the great input she will bring to the Department.
- Emily Kelsey the Senior Program Coordinator continues to do an outstanding job. Nancy McGory is officially done with her hours for the Town and we wish her all the best on her new adventures!

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

STUDENT REP REPORT (reported by Elizabeth Vinton) –

- DECA – Brighton DECA members attended the international competition in Orlando FL.
- PITCH BLACK – The Crazy Pitches will perform their final concert of the year on Friday, May 29, 2015.
- MACANETTES CONCERT – The BHS Baronettes and Macapella will perform on Friday, July 6, 2015.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE –

N/R

FACILITIES & PARKS (submitted by Matt Beeman) –

- Park mowing contract has been renewed and mowing began on April 28th
- Seasonal laborers to start 5/18
- Park irrigation was turned on April 27th
- Securing a new zero turn mower has allowed us to work with our landscape contractor to keep the fields in much better shape.

***TOWN PARK***

- All Park equipment has been serviced
- Fire system inspections are completed
- Field supplies have been ordered
- General Park clean up and trail maintenance. Due to the string of warm weather we have been able to get more done in these areas
- All damaged/rotted picnic tables are being repaired
- Trail work has begun on some problem areas
- Softball season started May 12th

***PERSIMMONS PARK:***

- Spring clean-up of Park
- Staff mowing of this parcel has begun.

***MERIDIAN PARK:***

- Park maintenance equipment has been serviced and is ready for spring
- Facility fire inspections have been completed
- Irrigation was turned on April 27th
- Field supplies have been ordered
- Fields are being prepared and schedules are being coordinated for the spring sport season.
- Athletic fields have been rolled, aerated, top dressed and over seeded
- Working closely with Brighton Baseball on field maintenance items
- General Park clean up and trail maintenance
- Field signs have been put in place to identify field numbers as well as list our policy for use
- We are working to place a butterfly garden in the park

## FACILITIES &amp; PARKS (cont.) –

*BUCKLAND PARK:*

- Fire System/Sprinkler System inspections have been completed
- Preventative maintenance on all Park equipment has been completed
- Field supplies have been ordered.
- Fields are being prepared and schedules are being coordinated for spring sport season.
- Additional landscaping maintenance will begin May 18th on Farmhouse Gardens and Veterans' Memorial.
- General trail maintenance and Park clean up
- Field signs have been put in place to identify field numbers as well as list our policy for use
- Irrigation was turned on April 27th

*BUCKLAND FARMHOUSE:*

- Fire/Sprinkler Alarm inspections are completed
- Additional landscaping maintenance for gardens will begin on May 18th

*CORBETT'S GLEN*

- We will continue to bark chip the trails; it takes a lot of man power to move the chips from the landfill to Corbett's Glen and get them spread on the trails. I am continuing to work with some small tree companies and NYS DOT projects to donate their chipped tree material from various job sites. Trail maintenance really swings into full effect after July 4th.

*LYNCH WOODS PARK*

- We have received many complaints from Lynch Woods park users about motorized vehicles (ATV's, Dirt Bikes) damaging this Town Parcel. Over the years this has been a constant problem but is currently worse than ever. Past efforts which have included proper signage have not been effective. We are currently working with the Brighton Police Department to monitor the area on a regular basis and have already made some progress in minimizing this activity.

## YOUTH &amp; FAMILY –

- Summer Camps: Hiring is wrapping up. Enrollment has been great. Most locations are full; we do expect all sites to be full before the end of the summer. We will once again be permitted with the Monroe County Health Department to operate. All applications and paperwork have been submitted.
- The Recreation Department has numerous upcoming special events/programs that we hope the community will take advantage of including: The Bike/Scooter/Blade Rodeo, Daddy Daughter Dance, Splash Into Summer, NYS Boating Safety, Summer Concert Series, Fun, Fit 5K and much more. Please take a look at the brochure, Town Website or Facebook for more details!
- The Farmers' Market is back outdoors at BHS. We are thrilled to be back outside and look forward to seeing everyone on Sundays!
- Our ongoing speaker series at the Buckland Farmhouse has been very well received this Winter/Spring and we will look to continue these offerings in the future.
- We have begun working on Fall programs and will have those brochures out to the public mid-August.

## BRIGHTON SENIORS (submitted by Emily Kelsey) –

- 6/2 – Join us for Wii video bowling at 10:15 am in the Senior Lounge.
- 6/2 – Culinary MDs: *"Healthy Food Choices"* with Dr. Julietta Fiscella.
- 6/9 – Come and Sing-A-Long to favorite tunes with Bobbie, Emily & our talented pianist, John!
- 6/9 – Not so much a series of tricks, but come see a live demonstrations of a bunch of spinning tops from Don Olney's vast collection!
- 6/16 – Amazing Fun – A history of Toys
- 6/23 – Keep your mind sharp as a tack! Try some Brain Games with Emily in the Senior Lounge.
- 6/30 – Promote good balance with a free class offered by Ron Woods.

## TOWN OF BRIGHTON SHARED USE TRAILS –

N/R

HISTORIC BRIGHTON –  
N/R

BCSD CONTINUING EDUCATION REPORT –  
N/R

LIBRARY REPORT (submitted by Judy Rosenberg) –

**2015 BML Annual Volunteer and Staff Recognition Dinner**

*Coming up: Thursday, May 21 @ Mario's @ 5:30 PM. Comedian (& Brighton resident) Sky Sands will entertain.*

**2015-2016 NYS Budget**

*Largest increase (5.8%) since 2007!*

- +\$5M increase in library aid over the Governor's Executive Budget, bringing total library aid in FY2015-16 to \$91.6M. This represents a nearly 6% increase in library funding over last year.
- \$14M in Library Construction Aid

NYS library systems are totally financed by NYS aid. Although BML does not receive significant state aid, increased state funding has a positive trickledown effect for Monroe County Library System's member libraries.

**NOVEL NY Marketing Initiative**

The NYS Department of Motor Vehicles has agreed to distribute information about the NOVEL New York program and its databases with their mailings. Materials will be in English and Spanish.

A selection of programs thanks to the sponsorship of the Friends of BML:

**CHILDREN**

**Board & Card Game Swap Drop Off** Wednesday, April 1 - Thursday, April 30

In honor of National Screen-Free Week in May

50 people attended the **19th Century Games and Toys with Genesee Country Village & Museum** program, discovering the toys of yesterday.

81 toddlers and their caregivers participated in the **Toddler Dance Party**.

**Music and Movement:** Three Tuesdays

42 people learned about music concepts through songs, instruments and movement in this first of four part series. The series was recently developed by the Children's Librarians in response to the popularity of music and movement programs that people pay to attend (not @ BML). We hope to offer it throughout the year.

**TEENS/TWEENS**

**Alice Wilson Literary Contest**

Reception on April 23 @ 7 PM @ Learning Center

**Teen Book Fest (TBF) Giveaways**

April 1 - May 15

For each book teens read by a TBF author, they entered @ BML to win books and TBF merchandise gift certificates. *TBF was held at Nazareth College on 5/16.*

17 teens took the **Practice ACT** presented by Chariot Learning on April 11.

## LIBRARY REPORT (cont.) –

**ADULTS****Books Sandwiched IN: ME BEFORE YOU**

96 people attended the review, presented by Timothy Quill, MD, Georgia and Thomas Gosnell Distinguished Professor in Palliative Care, Professor Medicine Psychiatry and Medical Humanities, University of Rochester School of Medicine.

**Plant Propagation Using Soft-Wood Stem Cuttings**

14 people enjoyed John Colagrossos, member of the Henrietta Garden Club and Master Gardener, Cornell Cooperative Extension Monroe County.

**Partners in Reading for Seniors (PIRS) Meet and Greet Reception**

Hosted by PIRS Coordinator Gail Montean, 19 people attended the reception to either get information to become a PIRS volunteer or to receive PIRS services. Guest speaker, Marsha Raines, an elder care specialist, discussed how to remain in your own home as you age.

**Sunday Serenades: The Traveling Cabaret**

54 people listened to the troupe perform Broadway, movie and pop tunes.

## BRIGHTON BASEBALL (submitted by Larry Davis) –

1) **Opening Day** was a smash hit !! There were lots of kids, parents, grandparents, families out on Elmwood Ave for what turned out to be a beautiful day. Chris Stodgell, Brighton Baseball commissioner, was the MC in the TCMS gym and we had local and state level dignitaries, and lots of hot dogs, pizza, etc. As always, weather has a tremendous impact, and the day was picture perfect. Former commissioner Jim Miller was the Feldman award winner for his service to Brighton Baseball and the community

2) Keeping with the theme of great weather, a vast majority of the **games have been able to be played** as scheduled. Great weather minimizes the need for make-ups and re-schedules and keeps the game calendars mostly clean.

3) As discussed in previous updates, before the end of the season we will have installed two storage containers for baseball equipment, field maintenance equipment, and off-season storage. There will be one at the Meridian complex and one at Buckland. Thee containers will be painted once installed. Peter Edelstein (Brighton Baseball Fields 'boss') will continue to coordinate all activities with Matt and the Parks team.

4) Brighton Baseball has purchased a new golf cart to assist with field maintenance.

5) Two summer hires are planned for this summer – Matt L and Kevin S – to augment the Brighton Parks staff and allow the staff to meet the ever increasing demands they are facing !!

6) 348 days till Opening Day 2016, which is set for 4/30/16...

## BRIGHTON SOCCER –

N/R

## TOWN BOARD REPORT –

N/R

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 5:45PM WAS MADE BY BETH KEIGHER AND SECONDED BY MIKE TULLIO.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2015 AT 4:30 PM**  
**in the Brookside Senior Lounge**

If you are unable to attend this meeting, or will be late, please contact John Steinbrenner at 461-4373 or Melissa Sumner at 784-5265.