

BRIGHTON PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICE
CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
June 22, 2015

PRESENT: Michele Aman, Matt Beeman, Denis Conley, Rebecca Cotter, Coleridge Gill, Ryan Gao, Beth Keigher, Mark Kokanovich, Councilmember Louise Novros, Judy Rosenberg, John Steinbrenner, Mike Tullio, Elaine Vitone, Mona Zamiarski, Mike Zobel

GUEST: Mike Guyon, Town of Brighton Engineer

MOTION TO ACCEPT MAY 18, 2015 MINUTES, WITH CORRECTIONS, WAS MADE BY BETH KEIGHER AND SECONDED BY COLERIDGE GILL.

WELCOME MICHELE AMAN:

Becky Cotter introduced the Town's new Recreation Supervisor, Michele Aman.

UPDATE ON SHARED USE TRAILS WITHIN BRIGHTON (reported by Mike Guyon):

➤ **HIGHLAND CROSSING TRAIL PEDESTRIAN KIOSK –**

Mike shared the final decision for the two kiosks that will be located at the Brighton section of the Highland Crossing Trail. They will be the same design that will be used for the City portion of the trail and include aluminum box panel core, fused resin message panels, aluminum awnings and posts. The height will be 10 feet, 6 inches. Mike is looking into the possibility of having Brighton colors, blue and white, for our kiosks.

It is projected that bids for this trail work may go out in December 2015 and awarded in February 2016.

➤ **BRICKYARD SHARED USE TRAIL –**

This eight tenths of a mile trail will connect Elmwood Avenue (opposite Eastland Avenue) with Westfall Road (near LDS Church). It will be a stone dust trail and ADA accessible. There will be wooded areas and wetland areas with some open water. The gateway kiosk will be constructed of narrow gage steel railroad track and the sign panels will include features of Brighton's history in brickmaking. The brick paved trailhead area features a pattern that visually interprets the history of clay products in our region. Dependent on budget limitations there may be further enhancements which could include interpretive signs along the trail, a secondary link to Roby Drive, and an overlook rest area at the pond.

Bids may go out in August, be awarded in September with possible start of construction in November 2015.

Details of the Brickyard Trail can be found at brightontrail.com.

Mike also gave us an update on the ongoing work along Monroe Avenue. Porous sidewalks are currently being installed in front of TCMS, and the culvert on Winton Road will be replaced this summer.

PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Matt Beeman reported that plans have been finalized for the upcoming 4th of July event. Kiwanis is providing a Kid Zone from 2 -6 pm that will include a petting zoo, face painting, balloon animals, etc. From 2-7 pm wristbands will be available for purchase for \$15 for unlimited carnival rides.

RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Becky Cotter reported:

- o Bike Rodeo – Was a great day with 78 participants
- o Splash Into Summer – This new event was held on Saturday, June 20th. The weather was extremely uncooperative but approximately 40 people attended.
- o Sunset Serenade Concerts – Concerts will begin July 7th at Buckland Park. The group that was scheduled to perform on July 28th cancelled; they are being replaced with Tommy Brunett Solo, country entertainment.
- o Farmers' Market – A public meeting date will be set to discuss the Winter Market Development project.
- o Summer Playground Camps – Most camp weeks are full with waiting lists.
- o JCC Swim – Arrangements have been made with the JCC (while their pool is closed this summer) for their swimmers to use the BHS Pool in collaboration with our swimmers.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

STUDENT REP REPORT (submitted by Ryan Gao):

- 11 students from Brighton's FBLA club will attend the National Convention in Chicago IL in the beginning of July.
- BHS had 5 National Merit Scholarship Winners – Pranav Devarakonda, Maxwell Franklin, James Guo, Matias Korfmacher, Yi Tang
- BHS won the 2015 Masterminds championship (a knowledge competition) and advanced to the state tournament, which happened this past weekend on June 20th at LeMoyne College in Syracuse.
- Two BHS juniors, Isabella Cox and Ishir Seth, participated in the Central Western NY Science Congress and advanced to the New York State Science Congress in New York City, which they attended on May 30th, 2015. Isabella competed in the physical science division and Ishir competed in the biology division.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE:

N/R

FARMERS' MARKET STUDY:

N/R

FACILITIES & PARKS:

Mowing bids are in the 3rd year of a 3-year contract.

We are busy preparing for our July 4th Celebration at Meridian Centre Park

TOWN PARK

- Fire system inspections have been completed.
- Softball season started in May.
- Lodge and Park shed will be re-stained this summer.
- Playground wood mulch will be delivered for use after July 4th.
- Playground equipment is scheduled to be replaced.
- Trail maintenance/tree Removal

PERSIMMONS PARK:

- We will be addressing some vegetation growth on Summit Drive which borders the Park.
- We will begin to cut back other growth along South Clinton Ave after July 4th.

MERIDIAN PARK:

- Facility fire inspections have been completed.
- Preparations for our upcoming 4th of July event are taking place.
- Playground wood chips will be delivered after July 4th.
- Concession building and bathrooms have been re-painted.
- Ball field maintenance, repair and field lining are ongoing.
- Planting for the Butterfly Garden will begin this week.

MERIDIAN PARK (cont.):

- We are doing an assessment on the Park playground in conjunction with Gametime to work on replacing broken equipment and adding a new playground as part of our 2017 CIP request. The Meridian Park playground is nearing 21 years old and does not meet many of the new safety and ADA standards which were adopted in 2010.
- We are busy enforcing our field use policies and procedures.

BUCKLAND PARK:

- Fire System/Sprinkler System inspections have been completed.
- Playground wood chips will be delivered after 7/4.
- Aluminum soccer goals have been re-welded.
- Ball field maintenance and field lining are ongoing.
- We are working with Brighton Baseball on field maintenance projects.
- Rotary pavilion has been stained.
- Lodge is being prepped for some paint maintenance.
- Lodge and concession building maintenance is ongoing.
- We are busy enforcing our field use policies and procedures.

BUCKLAND FARMHOUSE:

- Fire/Sprinkler Alarm inspections have been completed
- Garden and trail maintenance at the Vets memorial is ongoing

CORBETT'S GLEN:

- Ongoing trail maintenance and repair. Over 100 cubic yards of mulch has been spread on the trails so far this year. After July 4th we shift our focus to trail maintenance and begin a more extensive plan for trail repair on all Town owned trails.

YOUTH & FAMILY (submitted by Michele Aman):

My first day with Brighton Recreation was June 1st. This month I have been closing out Winter/Spring payments, overseeing the set-ups we have in place for the summer and planning for the Fall. I anticipate bringing some new, creative programs such as "Sculpey" clay lessons, a Star Wars craft night, a healthy snack and taste test class and more. I also plan to continue on with many of our past successful programs.

YOUTH & FAMILY (submitted by Katie Tytler):

- Busy time of year in the Aquatic world! Effective June 1, the Town has merged with the JCC as they are doing renovations to their pool complex this summer. We are opening at 6 am now to accommodate JCC members, and the community can also swim at this early time. I am still instructing the Aqua fitness class and this program is open to JCC and community. JCC members have been very pleased with the Aqua Fitness program and I am happy to have them. The JCC is reimbursing the Town for its use – I will bill them at the end of every month. The transition has been smooth.
- The outdoor pool is scheduled to open tomorrow, June 20, along with our "Splash into Summer" event which I have been working hard on. Town Hall pool has its usual filter and pump room hiccups and this season we had to replace the brominator. Pool is looking great after cleaning & maintenance that I've been working on over there. "Splash into Summer" should be a great day: it's from 4-5:30 Saturday, June 20th. Honey & Vinegar, a 90's cover band, will be playing along with 2 food trucks, games, face painting & FREE SWIMMING!
- Lifeguards went through their yearly staff training and re-certifications – I worked diligently on the summer guard schedule as well.
- The Daddy/Daughter Dance was held on Friday June 12 and was excellent. We had 79 attend and they danced the night away. A member of my aquatics staff took the photos and I scheduled Moondance Music as our DJ. Light refreshments were served. It was a memorable night for all.
- I am busy working on Fall programs

BRIGHTON SENIORS (submitted by Emily Kelsey):

July Highlights:

7/2	10:00	Rochester Public Market Trip
7/7	9:30	Caseworker visits
	10:15	Wii Bowling
	12:15	Fourth of July Presentation
7/9	10:00	Wegmans Shopping Trip
7/14	10:15	Sing-Along with John Turner
	12:15	Standard Time Duo Music
7/21	10:15	Dog Meet & Greet w/Pitty Love Rescue
	12:15	Book Review of <i>Billy Crystal's Memoir</i> with Nina Lalen
7/23	11:30	Mad Hatter Picnic
7/28	10:15	Reminisce w/us in the Senior Lounge
	12:15	Geoff Clough's Sing-Along
7/30	11:00	Meadows Café Cookout

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 Circulation Stats

BML was, among the MCLS libraries, the highest circulating library in April and May. We were the second in February and March and third in January.

Community Outreach

Circulation, Programming and Young Adult Services Librarian **Deena Viviani** represented BML on:

- May 3 at the Memorial Art Gallery's Asian Pacific American Heritage Family Day, highlighting our *Explore Japan @ BML* program series
- May 5 at the Gates Public Library, presenting Best New Young Adult Books to Monroe 2 BOCES teachers and school librarians
- May 16 at the Teen Book Festival at Nazareth College, moderating the Teen Author Panel

Media and Volunteer Services Librarian **Kory Yerkes** represented BML on May 2 at the University of Buffalo's Future Librarian's Day, serving as a panelist during the Public Librarian question and answer session discussing what librarians are doing in the field today and connecting newcomers with seasoned professionals. She also promoted our practicum program.

Conversations on Race

35 people joined neighbors and others in an open dialogue to raise awareness about the impact of race.

BSI Debut Author Panel

36 people listened to three local authors discuss writing and publishing their debut books.

LIBRARY REPORT (cont.) :

Selected Programs

- **Every Hero has a Story! Summer Reading Kick-Off Party** Friday, June 27 @ 10 am
Sign up for our annual summer reading program for all ages.
- **Library Learning Lab for Homeschoolers: Hometown Heroes** Tuesday, June 30 from 10:30 am-12:30 pm Discover the everyday superheroes that are making a difference in our world. Explore our multimedia stations filled with hands-on learning activities. Open to grades Pre-K through 12 and their caregivers. Sponsored by Friends of BML and a grant from the Farash Foundation.

Children's Literary Garden

- Was written up in Our Towns

BRIGHTON BASEBALL (submitted by Larry Davis):

- 1) What a wet year !! This was a great example of a year that we did not rely on our irrigation too much. We have been scrambling to make up games, and overall the fields have held up as well as can be expected. Our Fields chief Peter Edelstein has been working with Matt, Matt's crew, and our two hired summer help to have as many fields available as possible as often as possible. Kudos to both Matt B's team as well as Pete's team that so many games have been able to be played.
- 2) Likewise, scheduling was a challenge this year. Our volunteer game scheduler Paul Dugan has done yeoman's work to juggle tons of make-up requests and we have gotten in almost all of the games
- 3) The "regular" season is winding down and now the second season, Travel and Tourney season, is getting ready to begin. Brighton Baseball will have multiple teams in multiple tourneys in July and August, with both home and away games
- 4) Painting for the new secure storage units is being planned and will be completed this summer
- 5) Brighton Baseball has made great use of its new golf cart and it is allowing the hired summer help to get more done on more fields
- 6) Planning for Fall Ball, the Fall baseball league, is set to begin, and we are looking for volunteers to help run this program
- 7) Brighton Baseball hosted its annual "Coach's Appreciate Night" last week at the Distillery. Coaching takes a tremendous amount of time, patience, and caring, and we have many, many great coaches. It was a good turnout and was a great way to thank some really great people

BRIGHTON SOCCER:

N/R

TOWN BOARD REPORT:

N/R

SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE:

Unless an issue comes up that needs immediate attention, there will be no PARCS Board meetings in July or August. The next meeting date will be Monday, September 28, 2015.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

John handed out hard copies of the Parks & Recreation Survey that our PARCS Board worked on, in case the Comprehensive Plan Committee or the staff wish to use any part of it to gather community input.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 5:50 PM.

NEXT MEETING DATE: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2015 AT 4:30 PM
In the Brookside Senior Lounge.

If you cannot attend, or will be late, please contact John Steinbrenner at 461-4373 or Melissa Sumner at 784-5265.