

**Brighton Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Citizens' Advisory Board**

September 28, 2015

4:30 pm

Minutes

Attendance: Denis Conley, Larry Davis, Ryan Gao, Coleridge Gill, Mark Kokanovich, Judy Rosenberg, John Steinbrenner, Elizabeth Vinton, Elaine Vitone, Joshua Marvald, Mona Zamiarski, Mike Zobel, Louise Novros, James Vogel, Rebecca Cotter

OPEN FORUM:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion made by Coleridge Gill, 2nd by Mona Zamiarski. Minutes Approved with no changes.

BUSINESS MATTER:

MATTER RE: UPDATE ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – Mark Kokanovich

- The first public meeting has been set for Thursday, October 29th at the Brighton Town Hall.
- This public meeting will explain to the community what a comprehensive plan is and how the process will work. This meeting will include a presentation and info gathering.
- The Comprehensive Plan has been branded: “Envision Brighton. Planning for a sustainable future”.
- The second public meeting will be scheduled in November
- There will be 5 – 6 total public meetings throughout this process

MATTER RE: UPDATE ON WINTER MARKET PROJECT – Becky Cotter

- The Winter Market planning group had a meeting at the end of August with some market vendors and the consulting firms.
- This meeting gave the consultants valuable information to help them move forward in the design phase of the project.
- There will be a pre-planning meeting in early October to review their graphics and recommendations in preparation for the 2nd public meeting to be scheduled in early November.
- Progress is moving forward and everyone is eager to see what the consultants have come up with.

MATTER RE: BEAUTIFICATION OF BRIGHTON – Louise Novros

- Some areas of concern were brought up by a resident and the topic was taken to the public safety committee for discussion.
- The Town would like the “Beautification of Brighton” to be an ongoing initiative involving all those in Brighton. Buy in will be needed from residents, business owners, community groups etc... in order to be successful.
- 2 signal boxes, one at the corner of Elmwood and Winton, the other at the corner of Westfall and Winton have been painted in cooperation with BCSD students.
- The town is also designing new lamp post banners to be hung through the Twelve Corners area.

MATTER RE: FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP – Becky Cotter

- The Fall Family Festival is coming up on Saturday, October 24th. This group typically supports this event by sponsoring a Halloween House.
- A collection was taken and \$35 was received in support of this event.
- If you would still like to make a contribution, please contact Becky

MATTER RE: PARKS SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Matt Beeman

- See report under “Subcommittee Reports”

MATTER RE: RECREATION DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Becky Cotter

- We continue to get ready for our fall schedule of activities and classes.
 - Fall registration has started, and has been going well
 - Noteworthy October Events:
 - October 9: Boomer Dance, 7:30 pm, Brookside Large Gym
 - October 24: Fall Family Festival, 10:00 am, Brighton Town Hall Complex
 - October 24: Day of Caring, 1:00 pm, Brighton Cemetery
 - October 30: Haunted Buckland Farmhouse, 6:00 pm, Buckland Park
- Complete event information for these programs may be found online at www.townofbrighton.org/rec or contact the Recreation Office.
- Summer camp ended strong with all weeks full throughout the season.
 - Our food collection continued this year with a record collection to date. All camp locations collectively donated 637 pounds of food to the Brighton Food Cupboard.
 - Rita’s Italian Ice generously donated an “Ice” party to the camp that collected the most food per student. FRES Camp was thrilled to receive this honor. All other camps received discount coupons for Rita’s!

MATTER RE: SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS –

***Be sure** to email or give notes to Melissa Sumner
Submissions should be brief and in bullet format*

Youth & Family Report – (Katie Tytler)

Effective June 1, 2015 Brighton Recreation partnered with the JCC as they are building their new aquatic facility. It was a smooth transition and participation has been excellent. With this partnership we have been able to open the pool at 6 am and the JCC has helped cover the cost for an additional lifeguard in the mornings due to the increase in participation.

Swim Lessons, Barracudas, and outdoor open swim all went well this summer. The pool continues to be a popular hang out for town residents when it’s hot.

Pre-School / Camps / Other Programs:

- All programs for the summer ran well. It was a busy and productive summer.
- FUN FIT FIVE K was a hit! We had over 100 participants this year and the event was great!

Fall Programs:

- Fall swim lessons began last week, everything went very well. All classes are full.
- Fall Pre-school programs have started – we have new families which is great.
- 3rd-6th grade running club has had 2 weeks so far and we are having a lot of fun. I have 35 in this program.
- With October days away the Haunted House at the Buckland Farm House is looming on my mind. As it gets closer I will be working over there diligently to get it ready.

Youth & Family Report – (Michele Aman)

- Summer finished strong with a very successful camp called “Sports of All Sorts” at Buckland Park with 30 kids in attendance.
- Several programs for the Fall have filled up already, such as Introduction to Tae Kwon Do and Instructional Soccer.
- The department held 3 “Full Day Fun Days” for BCSD students who were off from school on 9/14, 9/15, and 9/23. These days were run like a typical day at summer camp and were full of activities.
- We are looking forward to next month’s Fall and Halloween activities!
- I created two new programs, a community service cleanup of Brighton Cemetery on October 24 and a program called “Halloween Treats” on October 28th for youth in grades K-2.

Facility/Park Report – (Matt Beeman)

- Part-Time Seasonal employment will end on Friday, 10/3.
- Outside field rental revenue for this year continues to increase, while continuing to rest and rehab fields. For comparison: 2012 revenue: \$2,260. 2013 revenue: \$12,347.50. 2014 revenue: \$16,448.00. 2015 projected revenue: \$17,034.
- We will be putting together the park mowing contract for re-bidding over the winter months.

TOWN PARK:

- Staff is getting ready for the winter months
- Annual maintenance of oil heating system in Lodge
- Firewood is being cut and re-stocked for lodge use
- Nature trail clean-up and cut back
- Park access from South Clinton
- We have made some needed exterior roof repairs from water damage and have requested a replacement roof as part of our 2017 CIP request
- Picnic tables and pavilions have been repaired and stained.
- Certain playground equipment has been replaced and updated
- All playgrounds have been re-surfaced with certified wood mulch
- Year-end equipment maintenance

PERSIMMONS PARK:

- Fall cleanup of Park garden
- Road shoulder repair along Eldridge Avenue has improved equipment access to Park.
- Vegetation and growth along South Clinton has been cut back

MERIDIAN PARK:

- Baseball field maintenance – Fields are being prepared to be cut and re-seeded
- All perimeter trails are trimmed and cut back
- Athletic fields will be fertilized this week
- Phase 2 trails have been packed with new stone and bark chips where needed
- All park benches and tables have been re-furbished with new wood
- Park water will be shut off on October 31st
- Butterfly garden was installed in conjunction with Seneca Park Zoo and Rochester Butterfly Club. There has already been a lot of butterfly activity documented. They will hold 2 presentations in 2016 when the garden has had a chance to mature.
- Year-end equipment maintenance

BUCKLAND PARK:

- Athletic field maintenance (re-seeding, aeration and fill-in)
- We have re-opened Field #24 and closed Field #20 as part of our resting process
- Baseball diamonds are being cut, leveled and seeded
- Preparing to winterize facilities
- Park water will be shut off on October 31st
- Athletic field will be fertilized this week
- Repairing and updating some fire suppression systems to keep them up to code
- Park perimeter trail maintenance
- Year-end equipment maintenance

BUCKLAND FARMHOUSE/VETERAN'S MEMORIAL:

- We are scheduling a fall clean-up at both sites to cut back perennials and general site clean-up

CORBETT'S GLEN:

- Ongoing landscape /trail maintenance to keep trails clear of debris. Ongoing park mowing.
- We have been able to access some trail portions from Park Lane which has made maintaining these areas much easier.

Student Rep Report (Ryan Gao, Elizabeth Vinton)

- Art Day at the Brighton Farmers' Market was this past week and was a huge success. Art Day included many community art projects and was sponsored by Friends of the Arts in Brighton (FAB).
- Summer Performing Arts finished the summer with numerous theatrical performances.
- The BHS Kitchen/Cafeteria project is done and is amazing!!

Comprehensive Plan Committee (Mark Kokanovich) - See Above**Farmers' Market Study (Denis Conley) - See Above****BCSD Update – (Mark Kokanovich)**

- SWBR Architects are to begin the pre-referendum planning process to consider the use of Brookside as a School to house K – 2nd grade.
- This will be an expensive project, but is more cost effective than rehabbing Council Rock
- K – 2 students would be housed here at the completion of the project, anticipated completion September of 2019 or 2020.
- There have been continual conversations between BCSD and Brighton Town Board.
- This move will leave no students at Council Rock.

Continuing Education – (Mona Zamiarski)

- Due to increased interest a PM session of Brighton Preschool Program began this fall.
- This is the first time there has been a PM session of preschool in over 50 years.
- There are 46 adult ed programs being offered for the fall season.

Library – (Judy Rosenberg)

- Summer Reading Program sponsored by Friends of BML; 1300 participated this year
- Two MLS students interned in teen and adult services, helped at the reference desk and with our tech tutor program
- Greater Rochester Teen Read brought authors Eoin Colfer (Artemis Fowl) and Jonathan Stroud (Bartimaeus) Sept. 15 drew 77 people (no school in Brighton that day); grades 5-12
- BML received a \$15,000 education grant through the efforts of Senator Robach
- PIRS (partners in Reading for Seniors) Meet & Greet Sept. 30 @ BML; sign up to volunteer or receive PIRS services for homebound Brighton residents age 60 and up
- Friends Cookbook Swap @ Brighton Farmers Market Oct. 25; Deena and I will be there, too
- Friends Book Sale Oct. 29-Nov. 2; most books 50 cents-\$1

Brighton Baseball – (Larry Davis)

- Reported that cars parking on the road way as you enter Buckland Park is still an issue
- 32 cars were parked on both sides of the road as you enter the park, yet the parking lot was empty
- There was a discussion of how to discourage this and ticketing violators was discussed along with stationing a BPD car there etc...
- Options for enforcement will need to be explored with Parks and the BPD
- Summer Travel season is over – overall it was a success; there were differing levels of participation based on age group. The local District 4 organization (Williamsport) is continuing to tinker with the Travel format to get more participation, and there continues to be competition with
- Fall Ball has begun, and the weather thus far has been fantastic. We have a total of 237 players registered in the Fall program
- Storage containers – there are two storage containers for Brighton baseball and its associated field maintenance equipment. The Town requested that these be painted and the Meridian container has been painted and the container at Buckland was to have been painted last weekend
- Brighton Baseball will again sponsor and staff the refreshments at the Brighton Rec's Haunted House – providing cider, donuts, and coffee for all the participants. One of our favorite events of the Fall !!
- Brighton Baseball is scheduling with Turf Time for the off-season Saturday morning program beginning in January
- Opening Day 2016 is 4/30/16 (only 214 days away !)

NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 26, 2015 at 4:30pm in the Brookside Senior Lounge.

If you cannot attend this meeting or will be late please contact Melissa Sumner at 784-5265.