

**BRIGHTON PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**  
**CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MINUTES**  
**October 26, 2015**

**ATTENDANCE:** Matt Beeman, Denis Conley, Becky Cotter, Ryan Gao, Coleridge Gill, Beth Keigher, Mark Kokanovich, Josh Marvald, Supervisor Moehle, Louise Novros, Judy Rosenberg, John Steinbrenner, Melissa Sumner, Mike Tullio, Elizabeth Vinton, Elaine Vitone

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion made by Louise Novros. September 2015 Minutes approved with no changes.

**BUSINESS MATTER:**

**MATTER RE:** UPDATE ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN/TOWN PROJECTS - Mark Kokanovich reported

- Reminder of the upcoming Comprehensive Plan Update Public Meeting on Thursday, October 29, 2015 at Brighton Town Hall
- A tentative schedule for BCSD's renovation/rebuilding of the Brookside building suggests that ground will be broken mid-2017 with a move-in planned for 2019.

**MATTER RE:** PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT/REPAIR – Matt Beeman reported

- Brighton currently manages eight modular playgrounds: Buckland Park (3), Meridian Centre Park (1), Town Hall (1), Brookside School (1), Brighton Town Park (1), Monroe Avenue (1). The playground at Meridian is the oldest (established in 1996). The most used playground is at Buckland Park; least used is the one located on Monroe Avenue.
- The ADA added new rules in 2010 for playground accessibility and safety. All Brighton playgrounds except the one at Meridian Centre Park are compliant with the new rules.
- As playgrounds age it becomes more difficult to find replacement parts when things break down.
- There is currently \$4,000/yr budgeted for replacement parts and repairs for all the playgrounds.

**MATTER RE:** PARK SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Matt Beeman reported

- In 2015 there were 50 permits issued for field rentals, which is increasing the revenue for the department.
- The last scheduled field use this year is for the weekend of Oct 31 – Nov 1. Water in the parks will be turned off that weekend.

Further information on facilities and parks can be found in the Subcommittee Reports section of these Minutes.

**MATTER RE:** RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Becky Cotter reported

**Fall Festival:**

Booming success with over 500 in attendance.

We had 94 registrants through Rec 1 and 59 people joined through our Facebook Event! Easily double our usual attendance for this event.

Thank you to sponsors, volunteers and staff for working on this annual event!

Main sponsors include: Wegmans and Maria Aslani Breit, D.D.S.

**Winter/Spring Programs:**

Being set up now.

Staff is creatively scheduling programs to spread throughout the winter/spring season.

Staff is considering the format of the brochure. We welcome feedback and suggestions on new ways to arrange and lay out the inside of the brochure.

**Farmers Market:**

Yesterday (10/25) was the last day for the outdoor Market.

The Winter Market begins on Sunday, November 1 at the Brookside Recreation Center, from 1 – 4 pm weekly.

The Winter Market Planning Committee continues to move forward on the Market project. Updates to continue.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

STUDENT REP REPORT – Ryan Gao, Josh Marvald and Elizabeth Vinton reported

- BHS students put on “The Tempest” this past weekend – the play was a huge success
- Senior Noah Hammes will be going to Nashville, TN on October 25<sup>th</sup> to participate in the All-National High School Band Conference – he is a trombonist
- The Girls’ Soccer Team was recognized by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America for exemplary performance in the classroom; one of 248 teams that were recognized, they also upset the 1 seed in sectionals this past Saturday
- The boys’ soccer team ended their season with a 3-1 loss to the number two seed Greece Athena.
- The Brighton Girls’ Tennis team will be represented in the state tournament by the doubles team Olga Shvetsova and Rene Gangarosa who were finalists in the state qualifier tournament.
- Aarya Patel, a 9<sup>th</sup> grader at BHS, invented a waterproof sock and recently appeared on the nationally televised show “Hatched” which is a Shark Tank-like program. Her episode aired the weekend of October 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> and will air again on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 11am on the CW network.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE –

See report above.

FARMERS’ MARKET –

See report above.

FACILITIES & PARKS – submitted by Matt Beeman

We worked closely with all youth sports groups to maintain our fields and facilities and I would like to commend the Park staff for their hard work and dedication during the summer and fall sport seasons. They go above and beyond and take a great deal of pride in all areas of park maintenance.

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
- Trail clean-up and cut back
- Picnic tables and pavilions have been repaired and stained.
- Certain playground equipment has been replaced and updated
- We have chained a pathway off the South Clinton entrance to the Park to stop vehicles from driving behind the pond
- All playgrounds have been re-surfaced with certified wood mulch

PERSIMMONS PARK:

- 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, cut back, chipped and repaired. All remaining athletic fields are being worked on (rolling, aeration). Athletic fields have been fertilized. Phase 2 trails have been packed with new stone and bark chips where needed.
- All park benches and tables have been refurbished with new wood.
- Meridian Centre Park and Buckland Park recently hosted a regional lacrosse tournament with over 80 teams participating. This is great exposure for the Town, with many teams lodging, eating and shopping in/near Town.
- Park water will be shut off on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

## BUCKLAND PARK:

- Athletic Field maintenance (re-seeding, aeration, rolling and fill-in) - Field #20 remains closed as part of our resting process and will remain closed for the 2015 season. Baseball diamonds will be maintained once Brighton Baseball's fall season ends.
- Preparing to winterize facilities.
- Park water will be shut off on October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Athletic fields have been fertilized.
- Park Lodge exterior is being painted.

## BUCKLAND FARMHOUSE/VETERANS' 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. Trail maintenance continues to take a lot of time because we have to manually bring all material on site with our Park vehicles and equipment.

## YOUTH &amp; FAMILY – Coleridge Gill reported

From Katie Tyler:

- I've been busy working on the Haunted House at the Buckland Farmhouse. The event is this Friday October 30 from 6-9 pm. We have plenty of volunteers this year inside the house so we are all set there - great news!
- We have extended our collaboration with the JCC and the use of the Brighton High School pool. I am very pleased with the smoothness of this transition and the participation numbers.
- First fall session of swim lessons has ended. Tonight (10/26) the Barracudas swim program begins.
- I am working on finalizing the Winter/Spring program offerings.

From Michele Aman:

- Katie and I are busy preparing the Haunted Grounds at Buckland Farmhouse. We have more than enough volunteers this year to fill the house with scary characters!
- I am also preparing for the Brighton Basketball league which starts on November 1<sup>st</sup>; we have about 30 youth signed up for each league so far.
- In the meantime, I am planning for the Winter/Spring 2016 season, bringing back successful programs and adding a few new ones as well. For the afterschool program we are looking for candidates for the "Head of Group" position, which supervises and handles some administrative work for the program. The hours are M-F from 2:45pm – 6pm. Please pass the information and our contact info. for this open position along to anyone with experience with children who may be interested.

## ADULT &amp; SENIOR PROGRAM – Elaine Vitone reported, from Emily Kelsey

- **11/3 Caseworker Visit:** Vanessa from Lifespan will share useful information about Open Enrollment for Insurance, and provide guidance on a variety of topics on a case by case basis.
- **11/10 Thank You to Veterans:** Head to the Senior Lounge at 10:15am to sing patriotic melodies with Bobbie & our talented pianist, Jon Turner; then join us at 11:30am for the Tuesday lunch Bunch Program, followed by Doris Adamek's WWII Songs and Stories. Veterans are welcomed to participate. Thank you for your service!
- **11/17 Early Thanksgiving Luncheon & Dance:** Come and enjoy a nice hot turkey meal catered by Wegmans with friends and neighbors. There will be talking, eating, and live jazz music with Jon Sieger to dance to if the mood strikes you! The fun begins at 11:30am in the Small Gym. (Cost is \$10. RSVP & payment required by 11/13.)

## SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT – submitted by Mona Zamiarski

- Planning for Spring/Summer catalog has begun.
- Interviewing for new instructors in December- application and a list of instructors we are in search of is on our website, bcsd.org.
- Planning underway to add a new weeklong summer camp for elementary students interested in creating and inventing.
- One of the Town's Photo Scavenger Hunt prizes includes a community fitness center pass (for BHS and TCMS fitness centers) for Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

## LIBRARY REPORT – reported by Judy Rosenberg

- Friends Cookbook Swap @ Brighton Farmers Market Oct. 25; Deena and I were there to promote our programs and events
- Friends Big Book Sale Oct. 29-Nov. 2; most books 50 cents-\$1
- Forever Hold Cards will be sold from Nov. 16-Dec. 31; ten holds for \$5 (half price); cards do not expire and may be used at most county libraries
- Annual staff training was held on 10/16/15. Customer service, stress management and harassment training were covered. THX to TOB for letting us use the Carmen Clark Lodge.
- Annual Fall Family Festival was held on 10/24/15, in collaboration with the Town.
- 95 people attended Books Sandwiched In: *Go Set a Watchman*, Harper Lee's long awaited follow-up to her award winning *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

## HISTORIC BRIGHTON –

N/R

## BRIGHTON BASEBALL – submitted by Larry Davis

1) We will of course be staffing the free concessions stand at this Friday's Haunted Halloween House at Buckland. We'll have the normal Cider, Donuts, Coffee out for all the participants, and hope for great weather. Thanks for letting us participate in this, it is a great Brighton tradition

2) I mentioned this on emails with Matt, but we are taking down the chain link batting cage at Meridian and wanted to know if the fencing was needed elsewhere in the park. It will be replaced with a safer movable and storable net. Matt will try to reuse, and then with what is not used will look to get compensated on a twice annual metal recycling. Matt – I believe I captured this correctly.

3) I sent out the pictures of our Field family volunteers via email earlier in the month – what a great way to teach kids about community service, and they were all having fun, while working on a project to improve the baseball facilities

4) As development in the Reserve continues, we remain concerned about the extension to Winton Road of Senator Keating Blvd and how close it could run to our lighted field, Moore Field. I do not know that any formal plans have been made yet, but we would like to get a status on this and understand where a road extension may pass by the current baseball field parking lot

5) We had a good Fall Ball season, most weekends had good weather

6) Registration will shortly be open for the 2016 season; we may even be able to register kids at the Buckland event this Friday !

7) Opening Day is confirmed for Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016:

**186 DAYS TILL OPENING DAY 2016 !!!**

BRIGHTON SOCCER – reported by Mike Tullio

- Planning has begun for the 2016 season.
- The League may restructure their age brackets. This year the U17 Girls could not field a team because of low numbers. U19 Boys were able to play in a few tournaments.

TOWN BOARD REPORT – reported by Louise Novros

- **Pharmaceutical Take-Back on 9/26/15**  
**3,129 pounds of medications collected** from 252 cars, 4 walkers, and 3 bikers, the police drop box and nursing homes

**Total collected to date: 22,840 lbs (11.42 tons)**

- **Shredding on 10/17/15**  
**6,460 pounds of paper collected**

**Total collected to date: 139, 866 pounds (69.9 tons)**

**365 cars, 1 biker, 1 walker**

- **Electronics, 10/17/15**  
**14,068 pounds of electronics collected**

**Total collected to date:205,386 pounds (102.7 tons)**

We will repeat these events in the Spring of 2016. Dates to be announced in the next Town Newsletter.

The next Clean Sweep will be held on May 14, 2016.

**MATTER RE: LEADERSHIP OF PARCS BOARD – Mark Kokanovich**

Mark has temporarily assumed the duties of leading the PARCS Board but would like Board members to think about who will be taking that position in the future. Discussion about this matter will be held at the next PARCS meeting. Please contact Mark if you are interested in the Chair position, or if you have any questions.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- A very large lacrosse tournament was successfully held at Buckland Park the weekend of Oct 10-11. Over 80 teams participated!
- The annual Veterans' Luncheon will be held at the Carmen Clark Lodge on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am. The donation of clothing for men and women is greatly appreciated – contact Richard Wagner at 784-5267 for more information.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 5:40pm WAS MADE BY BETH KEIGHER.

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

If you are unable to attend this meeting or will be late please contact Becky Cotter at 784-5276 or Melissa Sumner at 784-5265,