

**BRIGHTON PARKS AND RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD**

MINUTES

May 23, 2016

ATTENDANCE: Matt Beeman, Becky Cotter, Larry Davis, Ryan Gao, Beth Keigher, Mark Kokanovich, Jackie Marchand, Joshua Marvald, Supervisor William Moehle, Melissa Sumner, Mike Tullio, Elizabeth Vinton, Ray Warrick, Councilmember Chris Werner, Mike Zobel

GUESTS: Ramsey Boehner – Town of Brighton Associate Planner
Mike Guyon – Town of Brighton Engineer
Tom Robinson, RLA, LEED AP – Barton & Loguidice D.P.C.

MEETING BEGAN AT 4:30 PM. MOTION TO APPROVE APRIL 25, 2016 MINUTES AS WRITTEN WAS MADE BY RAY WARRICK AND SECONDED BY ELAINE VITONE.

BUSINESS MATTER:

MATTER RE: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE - BUCKLAND PARK – Tom Robinson, Ramsey Boehner, Mike Guyon
Maps and schematics were presented showing preliminary ideas for possible future Buckland Park development. A total of 120 acres of workable land at Buckland is owned by the Town. A site analysis has been completed.

The western section of Buckland is very wet but could become a site for educational purposes. A 3 mile, handicapped accessible, path/trail is being proposed to loop around the outer edges of the Park area. Also included in the projected plans are a year-round Farmers' Market building, a new Rec Center and an area of land for a Community Farm (this suggestion came from an outside group). The Rec Center and the Farmers' Market would have the smallest footprint in the park but would be the biggest undertaking, both financially and time-wise.

A question was asked about whether additional sport fields will be included in the development at Buckland. Matt said that previous discussion about this topic resulted in the decision to improve the existing fields instead of adding more. Also, athletic groups not from Brighton may have more limits placed on their field usage.

Assembly Majority Leader Joe Morelle announced at the May 22nd Brighton Farmers' Market that he has obtained \$500,000 in funding for the proposed year round Farmers' Market.

The public has been asked to submit their thoughts and ideas regarding the Buckland Park development plan by answering a survey on email and at public meetings. At this time the public responses for priorities at the Park include (listed in numeric order of importance; this is not the complete list but shows the items relating to Parks and Recreation that were mentioned).

1. Conservation of open space
2. Improving the appearance of the 12 Corners area
3. Improving bike lanes and accommodations
6. Expanding existing trail system
12. Expanding recreation opportunities

There will be an open house at the Brighton Farmers' Market on June 5, 2016 from 9am – 1pm; representatives will be available to answer questions and take suggestions for the Buckland Park development.

On Monday, June 13, 2016 the Town will hold its third public meeting to discuss the Brighton Comprehensive Plan update. The meeting will be held from 7 – 9 pm at the Brighton Town Hall.

MATTER RE: PARKS SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Matt Beeman

- This has been a good spring season for field preparation, weather-wise.
- Beginning Monday, May 23rd, all seasonal staff is working.

MATTER RE: RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Becky Cotter

- Upcoming special events include:
 - Monday, May 30th, 2:00 pm – Brighton Memorial Day Observance, Veterans' Memorial
 - Sunday, June 12th, 10:00 am – Bike Rodeo, BHS parking lot
 - Friday, June 24th, 4:00 pm – Splash into Summer!
 - Tuesday evenings, July 12th – August 16th, 6:30 – 8:00 pm – Summer Concert Series, Buckland Park Pavilion
- Brighton Farmers' Market is again outside at the BHS parking lot on Sundays from 9am – 1pm. Sue Gardner Smith has partnered with Impact Earth, Inc., a Zero Waste education, packaging and event waste diversion services company to provide zero waste stations and educational information at locations in the Market.
- Several Summer Playground Camps are full. Most summer staff has been hired.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

YOUTH & FAMILY – reported by Mike Zobel, from Katie Tytler

- Town Hall Pool is open (not to the public) I have been working over there to get things ready and turn the pool from green to blue. This comes with it's challenges.
- All summer lifeguards have been hired. We had re-certification class on Sat. May 21 and we have another on Thursday May 26. Staff training is on June 2.
- I have been working on all the summer lifeguard schedules for the summer - this is a big job and time consuming. I also re-wrote our Pool Emergency Plan for the Town Hall Pool.
- Softball has begun and the weather is great for it.
- Spring running club began and has good participation. I have a nice group of participants.
- The BHS pool is running well and is now open from 7-9 am for lap swim since the JCC is no longer using that pool.
- Daddy/Daughter Dance is schedule for June 10 & Splash into Summer is scheduled for June 24. I am working on the behind the scenes details for both of these programs.
- I have also begun planning for Fall programs.
- All other programs are going well.

YOUTH & FAMILY – reported by Mike Zobel, from Michele Aman

- We held our annual Youth Fishing Derby on Saturday, May 7th at Brighton Town Park with a total of 39 participants. It was a beautiful day outside and the largest fish caught was a 4 lb carp.
- Hiring for summer camps is almost complete, with all but two spots filled.
- Non-resident registration began this week; we now have 8 camps full as well as several recreation programs.
- Looking into June I am excited to assist with our upcoming events such as the Daddy/Daughter Dance and Splash into Summer. Many summer programs will begin the week of June 27th along with summer camp staff orientation.

FACILITIES & PARKS – reported by Mark Kokanovich, from Matt Beeman

Park mowing contract has been renewed and mowing began on April 26th

- Seasonal laborers started shifts on May 16th
- Park irrigation was turned on April 28th

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
- Securing prices to repair walkways and repave parking lot
- Added roof and window replacement to the 2017 capital improvement budget request
- Trail work has begun on some problem areas
- Softball season started May 3rd

PERSIMMONS PARK:

- Spring cleanup 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 28th
- 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 on a date to dedicate the Butterfly Garden that was installed last year.

BUCKLAND PARK:

- Fire System/Sprinkler System inspections have been completed
- Preventative maintenance on all park equipment has been completed
- Fields are being prepared and schedules are being coordinated for spring sport season.
- We received our new Toro Workman Utility Vehicle. We will be declaring our old park golf cart surplus.
- Additional landscaping maintenance will begin today May 23rd 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 28th

BUCKLAND FARMHOUSE:

- Fire/Sprinkler Alarm inspections are completed
- Additional Landscaping maintenance for gardens will begin on May 23rd

CORBETT'S GLEN:

- We are continuing 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.

BRIGHTON SENIORS – reported by Elaine Vitone, from Emily Kelsey

- 6/2 - Join us for our first trip of the season to the Rochester Public Market! Skip the hassle of finding parking and join friends while shopping for fresh and local produce. The bus will leave the Center at 10:00 am, and return by 12:30 pm. Sign up by noon on June 1.

BRIGHTON SENIORS (cont.) -

- 6/16 - We're off to the races! Let's ride out to Finger Lakes Gaming and Racetrack. The cost of this trip will be determined in the June Newsletter. The price includes: a delicious buffet lunch and gaming credit. We will be leaving the Brighton Senior Center at 10:30 am and returning by 3:00 pm. Call or e-mail to make your reservation by June 9.
- 6/20 - Who doesn't love a freebie? Catch a matinee classic movie on the Dryden Theatre Trip. 1947's A Double Life will be showing. The only cost to you is the \$4 bus fare. Please sign up by June 16.
- 6/21 - Don't miss out on our Summer Kick-off Picnic at Carmen Clark Lodge! Sign up by June 14. Please see the June Newsletter for details.

STUDENT REP REPORT – reported by Joshua Marvald

- The Brighton Boys Baseball team defeated Brockport last Friday to advance to the semifinals of sectionals.
- On Thursday the 26th, the seniors have Banquet followed by BASH, which is a school sponsored, drug and alcohol free party that runs until 2am.
- Springfest which is an all day event at the high school and consists of various activities, guest speakers, a power ball tournament and club booths, will be Friday, May 27th.

STUDENT REP REPORT – reported by Ryan Gao and Elizabeth Vinton

- 10 BHS students will be inducted into the National Technical Honor Society on May 25th
- Senior Ishir Seth was awarded 4th place (which includes a \$500 cash prize) in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair 2016 that took place in Phoenix, Arizona. His project was called "Analysis of Chemical Vapor Deposition Diamonds for Neutron Detection on OMEGA"

HIGHLAND CROSSING TRAIL PROJECT/BRIGHTON BICYCLING COMMITTEE – reported by Mike Guyon

- The locations of new and improved bike trails in the Brighton area were summarized.

HISTORIC BRIGHTON –

- Historic Brighton will hold its annual meeting at Temple Sinai on June 19th at 2pm. The talk will be given by Christopher Brandt, an architect, on James H. Johnson entitled "Sacred Space". Mr. Johnson also had the Liberty Pole built and many other buildings in Rochester. Temple Sinai is off Penfield Road. All are invited. The lecture is free.

BRIGHTON BASEBALL – reported by Larry Davis

- Opening Day 2016 was a smash hit!! Great weather, great participation, great town event. A nice blog was written about it by a BHS alum who is an English professor at Nazareth – Dave Kramer. Iconic America at the Brighton Little League Parade!
- # kids registered as of Opening Day:
279 Boys
117 Girls (our highest number since 2009!)
- Meridian fields have been worked aggressively and are finally open!!
- Sectionals have begun for BHS Varsity baseball, who use Moore Field at Buckland
- Two summer hires have started and work the fields in conjunction with the Town Parks team.

BRIGHTON SOCCER – reported by Mike Tullio

- Registrations are being finalized. This year the number of registrations for the older kids has dropped.
- The League is holding a soccer festival the week before June 10th.

TOWN BOARD REPORT – reported by Chris Werner

- 425+ t-shirts were given out at the Clean Sweep Event on May 14th.
- At this time there are only a few proposals for the community painting project.
- Dan Aman, Brighton Town Clerk, is considering having a no smoking policy on all Town-owned property – buildings, parking lots, park areas, etc.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Might Wegmans Organic Farm be willing to help if and when a Community Farm is created?

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 6:00 PM WAS MADE BY MARK KOKANOVICH AND SECONDED BY MIKE TULLIO.

NEXT MEETING DATE: MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2016 at 4:30 pm

In the Brookside Senior Lounge

*If you are unable to attend this meeting or will be late, please contact Denis Conley at 585-784-0231
Or Melissa Sumner at 585-784-5265.