

TOWN OF BRIGHTON  
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes  
September 20, 2017  
9:30 a.m.  
Brookside – Rec. Dept.

Present: Chris Werner, Matt Beeman, Rebecca Cotter, Bill Moehle, Louise Novros, Sally Constine, Robin Wilt; Mab Fitzgerald; Pattie Taylor Brown.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Park Issues: Matt Beeman:

Matt mentioned that parks officially close on October 31. Field rentals have been successful. Rochester Football Club had paid approximately \$12,000 this year for field usage.

Buckland Park: Perimeter trail has been improved with 100 tons of fragmite stone and French drains had been constructed to try to minimize the trail flooding.

Corbett's Glen

Corbett's Glen Committee Report and recommendations are anticipated. Parking has been less of an issue in the lower Glen. Parking at the upper Glen was a greater problem especially with parking on Penfield Road which is a county responsibility. There is not a no parking rule on Penfield road.

Brickyard Trail: Remaining fencing has been removed other than areas with ground bees. Warning signs have been set out. Sweet clover has been removed as an invasive species.

Recreation Programs – issues or challenges:

Becky stated that Matt's staff had been very helpful at the Tuesday Concert series with parking.

Internet and phone upgrade and installation of the Spectrum service was completed with minimal disruption of the program registration process.

BCSD is engaging the department in Brookside improvements.

Bill mentioned that NYS precludes funding of construction of joint Community- School district used facilities.

Farmer's Market/Community Center

Design Drawings bid / status: Drawings are being finalized for bids. Certain dates must be met to maintain funding sources.

Funding through Joe and Joe's offices is being pursued and Bill hopes to make an announcement soon.

Farmer's Market – issues for October Meeting with Susan Gardner Smith. Parking on Sunday market impacted by events scheduled for school grounds.

Rent Source Inquiry: Bill reported on his meeting with Tri-City. They have Section \* tenants but applications for new tenants are not being accepted due to administrative burden of that program. Section 8 tenants themselves pose no particular challenge and fit in well in their apartment community no different than any other tenants.

Smoking Policy / Ban – Town parks and properties: Dan Aman was not present to discuss status.

Town Beautification - Town Hall Campus, Monroe Avenue, 12 Corners Triangle

Sally Constine of the Garden Lovers Club has been working at 12 Corners Triangle and was surprised to see the lack of trimming and maintenance around the pergola. She advised that her club had made previous donations of flowers and plantings at Buckland Park and the Buckland House and they have all disappeared for lack of maintenance. They have completed their weeding, plantings and mulching there. Weeds in the walkway are also a problem but Bill advised of our no-herbicide policy. Bill indicated that we were trying out a vinegar based blend on the Town Hall Campus.

Sally also expressed concerns about weeds growing along curbs especially along Elmwood between 12 Corners and Town Hall. Discussion followed about herbicide policy and the fact that this problem varied with the care given by the homeowner. Work in and along the state and county roadways is always a safety concern. Louise suggested that she might call Joyce Cordero at County DOT regarding “Adopt-a-highway” program.

Sally advised that her club's donations might be available (est. \$750 in past) if a maintenance plan was in place. Matt indicated that donations of gardens are appreciated but maintenance is always a problem and can't be assured.

Bill suggested that Gary Donofrio be included in next month's meeting to be current on his efforts around Town Hall.

Bill also suggested that Home Depot be contacted regarding late season donations of remaining plants. Matt is to follow up.

Mab is President of the Roselawn Neighborhood Association and is very pleased with the work done at the Roselawn Park in the center of the neighborhood. She became involved in the neighborhood to deal with problems at that park.

Mab would like communication regarding the Rose Garden at Town Hall be made through her on behalf of the neighborhood. She would like “notice” and “time” to be involved in any renovation plans. Chris assured her that this would be the case as the town has no current plan for the garden other than wanting to see it improved. Mab felt it was unrealistic that there be any expectation of continued maintenance by the neighborhood association and felt that that should be the town's responsibility as part of services provided through taxes, the history of the garden, notwithstanding. In the short-term, Mab felt that grassing over the garden might make it maintainable. Future plans for the return of a garden could follow. Louise was concerned that inertia would result in the disappearance of the garden.

A meeting at the Rosegarden on October 2 at 4:00 was suggested. Bill is to research the estimated cost of renovation of the garden and planting grass. Chris suggested mulching the gardens that had been weeded. Chris also discussed the potential that the perimeter garden and walkways be removed leaving a garden in the center. All agreed that the evergreen trees along the perimeter should stay as a screen for the neighboring homes.

Chamber of Commerce request – (Benches, Garbage Cans?) .

NEW BUSINESS;

Movie Production: Bill discussed impact of the movie production on Brooklawn and utilization of police special detail. Production went well with only small issue regarding parking.

Homecoming went well with greater turnout for the Saturday event. Lack of refuse containers was a minor problem. Police department preferred the Saturday event instead of rush-hour on Friday. However, moving up the date made student completion of floats more difficult. Smaller individual vendor tents seemed to work better than one large tent.

NEXT MEETING: October 18, 2017 9:30 a.m. Brookside

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