

TOWN OF BRIGHTON CONSERVATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
September 7, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Attending were:

Karen Berger, V-Chairperson
Susan Riblett
Mitchell Nellis
George Smith
Paul Johnson
Christine Corrado, Councilperson
Rick DiStefano, Secretary

David Briden and Dennis Adams were excused.

1. Public Forum

None

2. Meeting Minutes

Review of the August 10, 2021 meeting minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Communications Received

Letter from Michael Guyon, Commissioner of Public Works, dated August 30, 2021, regarding potential Town tree removals.

4. Presentations

None

5. Project Reviews

8P-NB1-21 250 E River Road - U of R Laser Lab (revised concept)

- Although options 1A and 1B do not directly impact the vernal pond, they do impact the upland area needed for this sensitive habitat. Options 2 and 3 have a direct impact on the vernal pond which is not acceptable. It appears option 1B has the least amount of direct impact on the Chorus Frog habitat of the options provided, however the Board feels greater buffering around the vernal pond (greater upland area) is needed.
- Can the 102 space parking lot be eliminated, or placed elsewhere on site to minimize its environmental impact? Will this parking lot need to be expanded with construction of the 2nd addition? There are numerous parking areas that already exist throughout the southern campus, could these lots be utilized/improved to handle the proposed increase in parking demand. Consider shared parking with the Imaging Building. A parking survey should be conducted to verify the need of a new parking lot.

- As shown on the Southern Campus Master Plan, a parking structure is considered for this area, why can't it be built with this phase, reducing overall surface parking with the construction of a parking structure should be considered.
- Offsite parking with the use of the U of R shuttle system and RTS should be considered.
- A tree/woodlot mitigation plan needs to be submitted. This plan should identify and consider conflicts with the Master Plan so that mitigation from this project will not be impacted by future development.
- Woodlot mitigation should include reducing impacts from heat islands, alternative mowing practices which can provide a more diverse habitat offering ecological benefits, and a diverse tree planting plan using native plant material.
- What are the impacts on existing stormwater management facilities, what improvements will need to be incorporated? Stormwater management shall avoid the vernal pond.
- Green infrastructure techniques should be incorporated.
- The Board will have additional comments as plans progress.

6. EMC Report

No report.

The Board appointed Paul Johnson as Brighton's representative to the Monroe County Environmental Management Council.

7. Staff Report

No report.

8. Green Report

There will be an Eco Fair the last Sunday of September in conjunction with the Brighton Farmers Market.

9. New Business

None

10. Old Business

None

11. Tree Council

The Council received tree evaluation report(s) for:

176 Hollywood Ave.

18" Ash

The Tree Council reviewed the evaluation form and visited the site. The Council is in agreement with the evaluation and supports the removal of the identified tree, and as recommended agrees a replacement tree should be planted at the removal sight.

Next Meeting Date

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 PM. The next regular meeting will be 7:00 PM, **OCTOBER 12, 2021.**

Respectfully submitted: Rick DiStefano 9/27/2021.