

Brighton Recreation Committee Meeting

Minutes – April 9, 2025

Present: Heather McElroy, Mike Strait, T Alabarces, Maria Perry, Michelle Wilcox, Katie Mientka

1. Call Meeting to Order. Heather called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.
2. Update Agenda. No updates.
3. Park Revival. The Playground Revival is scheduled for April 26 11:00am – 1:00pm. Light lunch will be served. Heather created a Facebook Event and posters have been distributed around town. First step is fluffing the wood chips. Next is measuring and ordering new chips to meet regulations. Soft washing for playground equipment is scheduled for May 10, 2025.
4. Summer Equipment Program. The committee will inventory supplies and replace as needed. Storage will be added to the tennis/pickleball court for supplies. A new storage shed will be placed in the park area. Shelves may be needed.
5. Tennis Court. The committee will measure the cracks on the courts and determine if they can be repaired.
6. Paddleboard Clinic. Heather is willing to lead a paddleboard clinic, if weather conditions and time allow. The committee is working on solutions to utilize the two Town-owned paddleboards.
7. Pickleball Clinics – Kids' and Adults.' A summer community member may be willing to teach both kids' and adults' clinics. Planning ongoing.
8. Pond-a-Thon. The committee expects prices to increase significantly. Fundraising will begin in the next month. The Summer Paddle Challenge will conclude at Pond-a-Thon. Participants can pick up their stickers at that event or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Brighton Recreation.
9. Fishing Tournament 2026. Planning is ongoing. Majestic Trophy indicated they will provide trophies at last year's cost if purchased now, and if they are listed as a Silver Sponsor for the event. The committee agreed.
10. Website Updates/Concerns. Work on updating website is ongoing. The Fitness Class page has been updated.
11. Budget Setting for Year. Budgeting is ongoing, as are fundraising efforts for major events.
12. Volunteer Solicitation. The committee will solicit new members/volunteers at the Playground Revival. People can sign up to walk the park and make sure lights are off, equipment picked up and put away, etc.

13. Other Business. Heather applied for a grant for multiple State Park day passes. Expect to hear decision by mid-May. Heather also asked the committee if purchasing the premium version of Canva was appropriate, given the need for advertising posters. T volunteered to create posters using a program she owns.

14. Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.