



## **BRIGHTON RECREATION MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 13, 2025**

Present: Mike Strait, Heather McElroy, Katie Mientka, Randy Gleeson, Michelle Wilcox (Virtual)

1. Call to Order: Heather called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.
2. Update to Agenda: Kids' Tri-County Fishing Tournament Purchase Discussion.
3. Tailgate Auction (August 16, 2025): Brighton Recreation will be selling hot dogs, soda, and chips. Vendors set up at 12:00pm, so volunteers will be there between 12:00pm - 1:00pm to set up. The auction starts at 2:00pm.
4. Summer Programming Update: The most recent Brighton Rec event was the Full Moon Paddle (August 9). It was very well attended. A bike ride may be planned for fall, and hiking trips will be held in the winter (snowshoeing). Fitness classes (circuit training, cardio drumming, resistance band) are being planned for fall/winter. Place and time TBD.
5. Pond-a-Thon:
  - a. Medals: The Committee has enough medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.
  - b. Prizes: Prizes have been donated by local businesses/individuals and purchased by Brighton Recreation. These included local gift cards, syrup, water bottles, toys, games, etc. (adult/child).
  - c. Fundraising Status: Businesses and individuals in the area have donated cash, goods, and gift cards. T-shirts have been ordered and are expected on or before August 26.
  - d. Packet Setup. Committee members will assemble packets on August 27 at 5:30pm in the Town Hall basement.
  - e. Committee Member Roles. Committee members present took on tasks at the event (including timing, road crossing, water stations).
  - f. Volunteer Status: Heather posted a link to a volunteer signup on Facebook. One person has responded. Committee members will try to solicit more help for day-of tasks.

6. Kids' Tri-County Fishing Tournament Purchase Discussion: Green Mountain Sporting Goods can purchase Celsius Boiling Point Ultralight Ice Fishing Combo product for \$8.99/each (retail is approximately \$35/each). The Committee agreed to purchase 250 units from GMSG.
7. Other Business: Per July 9, 2025 Recreation meeting, Brighton Recreation will participate in next year's Orleans County Annual Fishing Tournament as a weigh station/checkin point. Mike also advised the Committee to consider organizing the NEK Marathon in 2026 to ensure it remains in Brighton. This could be a Town/Recreation initiative. Discussions will continue.
8. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.