



## **BRIGHTON RECREATION MEETING MINUTES**

### **November 12, 2025**

Present: Heather McElroy, Katie Mientka, Randy Gleeson, Michelle Wilcox, Mike Strait, Tim Lenahan

1. Call to Order: Heather called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.
2. Update to Agenda: Sunrise Solstice Saunter, Centerpiece Workshop, Tennis Courts, 100 Mile Challenge, February Hearts
3. Winter Programming (Circuit Training, Bands/Drum, Open Gym, Basketball - Little Kids): Fall/winter classes are in progress. Heather noted that there have been a lot of people who have signed up but miss many/all classes. She suggests charging \$5/per session as a nominal fee to encourage people to look at their schedules and determine if they can attend. There would be no charge for open gym. Heather noted that she will contact someone at the Catholic Church about sanding/salting and shoveling the entryway for safety of participants. She is also looking for someone to lead basketball for younger kids.
4. Kids' Fishing Tournament: Sponsor letters are ready to go out, and Heather is ordering more prizes and trophies. The committee agreed to purchase an ice shelter, ice drills, and a small heat/cook stove.
5. Trunk-or-Treat Recap: The committee decided to cut down the time from 2 hours to 1.5 hours next year as it was a little long given the number of trunks and trunk-or-treaters.
6. Holiday Magic 2025: Events scheduled for the first weekend of December include the annual tree lighting, photos with Santa at the library, cookie decorating and cocoa at the tree lighting, courtesy of the IP Country Inn, a Christmas Breakfast at the IP Country Market & Deli. The Fire Department will deliver Santa to the tree and manage the fire pits. The Recreation committee has ordered cookies and cocoa for those who attend.
7. Maple Fools': Planned for the first weekend of April, this will include a Fun Run, open gym, and other activities. Heather is reaching out to local maple producers to gauge interest in hosting/participating in events.
8. Additions to the Agenda:
  - a. The Sunrise Solstice Saunter will be a three mile walk with sunrise at the halfway point. Heather is working on getting landowner permission for parking.

- b. Centerpiece Workshop. The Essex House & Tavern will host a Holiday Magic Centerpiece workshop on 12/14. The cost is \$38.
  - c. Tennis Courts. Received one estimate. The cost to repair the tennis courts will be about \$125,000 - \$150,000. The Recreation committee has agreed to put in \$12,500 towards this project. Heather stated that the courts present a safety hazard in their present state.
  - d. 100 Mile Challenge. This winter challenge encourages people to get out and walk, snowshoe, ski, and even use treadmills. They will receive a sticker (similar to the Paddle Challenge).
  - e. February Hearts. Participants must find several hearts hidden along walking trails; the winner will receive a gift certificate to a local business. In previous years, the hearts were placed in Brighton State Park. Heather suggests working with NorthWoods this year.
9. Other Business: None
10. Meeting concluded at 5:55pm.