

**Brighton Recreation Committee Meeting**  
**Minutes - February 11, 2026**

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

1. Call Meeting to Order. Heather called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.
2. Updates to the Agenda. None.
3. Kids' Fishing Tournament: The Youth Service Squad from Brighton Elementary put together the participant bags. Prizes are ready (about 65 prizes ranging in price from \$50 to several hundred). Bag pickup will be held on February 25 and February 26 in the Town Hall basement at 5:30pm. Volunteers will help with distribution. Fish sales and other fundraising has helped cover costs and build a surplus for future tournaments. Weigh-ins will be Saturday and Sunday, and volunteers are set. To distribute prizes more efficiently, winners will line up and wait. Volunteers will check their ticket on the list and another will retrieve the prize. Winners must have original ticket (no pictures).
4. Maple Fool's Discussion: The fun run will be held on April 4, 2026. The route is mapped out and does not require any road crossings. The event can be done with just a few volunteers and there will be prizes for 1st boy, 1st girl, 1st man, 1st woman (maple-themed baskets).
5. NEK Marathon: The committee agreed that hosting the NEK Marathon is not feasible this year. Mike Strait noted that there is no grant funding for other activities that could draw visitors during that weekend (e.g. concerts). The economic benefits to local businesses are unclear, and there would need to be a need for medical/EMT professionals that would be difficult to meet.
6. Summer Programs: Ideas for summer programming include full moon paddle, axe-throwing/archery, bike rides, etc. The committee will think of potential activities/events that appeal to younger teenagers (e.g. graffiti wall).
7. Other Business. None
8. Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.