

MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BRIGHTON
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2016 AT THE BRIGHTON CITY HALL
200 N. 1ST STREET, BRIGHTON, MICHIGAN

STUDY SESSION

The Council conducted a Study Session at 6:30 p.m.

Present were Mayor Muzzin, Mayor Pro-Tem Pipoly, Councilmembers Bohn, Pettengill, Tobbe, Gardner, Emaus, and staff: City Manager Geinzer, Management Assistant Reed, Utilities Director Krugh, DPW Director Blackmar, Chief Wightman, Clerk Stewart, Attorney Burns and an audience of 4.

DISCUSSION ON NEIGHBORHOOD GARDEN PROPOSAL: KISSANE PARK

Councilmember Pettengill discussed how FlexTech High School had approached her to collaborate on community projects. Joe Lieberman, English and Humanities teacher at FlexTech High School, talked about how the school had many projects already in place such as small libraries, solar power, and raised gardens. Kissane Park would be a great new potential project to teach the kids to plant, tend, and harvest food and create good relationships in the community.

Some residence of the neighborhood had concerns about use of space, standing water, unknown kids in their neighborhood. Another citizen mentioned how the program would create not unknown kids but good community citizens and there were design changes that could address standing water and compost piles.

Mayor Muzzin stated there were still a lot of questions.

Councilmember Emaus talked about the potential cost and summer maintenance. Councilmember Gardner mentioned that there were potential other locations that could be used. Manager Geinzer mentioned that if this project went well it could potentially expand.

Council directed Manager Geinzer to report back with more information.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember Emaus and seconded by Gardener to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.

Pamela Stewart, City Clerk

James Muzzin, Mayor