

## **CommUnity Team**

March 1st, 2017

Time: 8:00 a.m.

1<sup>st</sup> National Bank

**Members Present:** Krista Sobieski, Berlin Journal; Bobbie Erdmann, Berlin Area Historical Society; Ken Schmidt, HomeTown Broadcasting and GLCVB; Ron Harke, Berlin Boat Club; Lindsey Kemnitz, Berlin Community Development director; Tim Mentuis, Berlin Chamber; Sue Trampf, ABC Group and Lions Club. Bob Eidahl; Berlin School District, Laura Fultz; Berlin Public Library Director

Lindsey Kemnitz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. On motion by Mentuis and seconded by Harke to approve the agenda as presented. Erdmann made a motion to approve the minutes from February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting with the adding the group watching the video and seconded by Harke.

### **Business Welcome:**

Kemnitz presented the plaque to River's Edge Sporting Goods on behalf of the group. The owner's Michael and Francesca Pribnow gave the group an overview on what the store has to offer. They mainly sell fishing supplies including live bait. The owner previously operated a landscaping business from home and will have mulch and landscaping supplies for sale on the lot across the street. Grand opening for River's Edge Sporting Goods is March 25<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 1pm with raffles and food. As the owner has epilepsy he would like to plan a run/walk to benefit epilepsy.

### **EVENTS:**

Erdmann stated the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual quilt week is from March 13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> and can go vote for your favorite quilt.

Mentuis mentioned that Taste of Berlin is tomorrow. Tickets for chamber members are \$20, non-chamber members \$25 and at the door \$35.

### **REPORTS:**

Tim Mentuis reported that the chamber is looking for executive director and to identify benefits for the members.

Lindsey Kemnitz reported the City is working with the historic society on a downtown open house event May 13<sup>th</sup>. The event will consist of at least 5 unique or historic properties open to the public for free tours. We would like the downtown business owners to have special sales for the day to draw people to the downtown. Kemnitz mentioned Hanna from Boys and Girls Club could not attend, but to mention Wearin' and Sharing event coming up. Karen from the Senior Center gave Kemnitz the "Insight" for the month of March.

Bob Eidahl reported that school play is coming up, the dates and times are on the schools website. Statewide ATC testing is coming up.

Ken Schmidt stated that GLCVB selected Treehouse Creative for the marketing for the GLCVB. Treehouse Creative has created six buckets that they are focusing on. The six are exploring, dining, family activities, history, events, and shopping events.

Bobbie Erdmann reported that many private tours are being setup with them. April 9<sup>th</sup> the Wrights Mill has historic tours from noon to 3pm. April 29<sup>th</sup> is the grand opening for Violet and Company's new location. Bus tour is coming to Berlin May 22<sup>nd</sup> for historic tour, more details to come.

Ron Harke stated he brought a handout with all the events for 2017 for the Berlin Boat Club. Also if you have any old CD's or DVD's your looking to get rid of, the BBC will take them. The BBC is using them for thank you's to people who donate for corn roast. May 20<sup>th</sup> the locks are opening and August 11 and 12<sup>th</sup> is corn roast. Ron mentioned the Fox Valley Heritage is installing new navigation aids. They worked with the county and city to install them within the Fox River.

Laura Fultz mentioned Dr. Seuss birthday is March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3-4:30pm for the family. Friday John Mix is retiring and has a phone book for whoever wants to sign it. CommUNITY tree month is April and you can go to the library to put your favorite place in Berlin.

Sue Trampf announced the Fourth of July event by the ABC Group will be on July 1<sup>st</sup> at the Riverside Park. The theme is to celebrate Berlin becoming a corporation for 160 years. The event will have two live bands, food, crafts, and vintage items.

No reports were available at this time for Real Estate, Banking, UWEX, Downtown, Thedacare, and TREDC.

There were no Old or New Business discussed.

Next meeting date is Wednesday, April 5th.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m. on motion made by Erdmannr and seconded by Eidahl carried unanimously.

Lindsey Kemnitz, City of Berlin