

CommUnity Team

May 3rd, 2017

Time: 8:00 a.m.

City Hall- 2nd floor conference room

Members Present: Mayor Richard Schramer, 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; Bob Eidahl; Berlin School District, Laura Fultz; Berlin Public Library Director, Tammy Bending; ThedaCare of Berlin.

Lindsey Kemnitz called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. On motion by Erdmann and seconded by Fultz to approve the agenda as presented. Harke made a motion to approve the minutes from April 5th meeting and seconded by Erdmann.

EVENTS:

Bending mentioned the Run/Walk on May 20th, registration is from 8-9:30.

Kemnitz talked about the downtown open house event on May 13th from 10am to 4pm. There are six properties open for tour and multiple other stores having sales during that time. Check out the posters throughout town.

Kemnitz mentioned also a job fair on May 23rd from 2:30 to 6:30pm at the Berlin High School.

REPORTS:

Mayor Schramer reported the BCDC sold 133 Enterprise to Aurora Manufacturing and is putting an addition of 20,000 square feet. Wilson Hurd/Nelson Miller Plate is putting a 5,000 square foot addition and adding 100 new jobs. Hotel is moving forward. The City just approved more funding for the seawall down by Riverside Park. Tonight May 3rd the park and rec will have the grand opening of the showers in the campground.

Tammy Bending reporting the run/ walk on May 20th. Potential three new doctors will be hired at the Berlin/ Green Lake location.

Bob Eidahl reported May 27th is the alumni banquet and May 28th is graduation. For additional information check out the school district website.

Ken Schmidt stated that GLCVB had a meeting with Greg Smith from Discover WI. Mid-April was the last airing for the GLCVB area and showed the benefits of it. He also talked about future plans for the area.

Bobbie Erdmann reported that they are working on story boards for the May 13th event downtown. The story boards will feature past and present pictures with a short description of the property. This year's theme at the historic society's museum is tools. Some of the tools are from the creation of Mt. Rushmore.

Krista Sobieski mentioned that May 13th is a triangular baseball tournament, so there will be out of town people looking for things to do.

Ron Harke stated Fox Heritage Parkway is offering 2 hour cruises onboard River Tyme. One of the tours consist of the lock house and multiple historic homes. Special sales on Monday, Wednesday and Friday's cruises. Call 920-422-6300 for more details. Berlin boat club is opening the locks on May 20th, also canoe for cause is on the 20th to help clean up the area from Berlin to Omro.

Karen Neuman the color personality class is occurring at the library on June 8th and 26th from 4:30 to 7:30pm, signup sheets are available. In June pickelball is starting up for adults on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 TO 7:00PM and cost is \$20.

Laura Fultz mentioned Friends of the Library book sale is Thursday 5pm to 7:30pm, Friday 9am to 5:30pm, and Saturday 9am to noon. Prices range from 10 cents to 50 cents for the books. May 4th is the Starwars party from 4pm to 6pm and anyone can stop by whenever. May 15th is Mother's & Daughter's spa day at 6pm, must register for event.

Kemnitz talked about some changing within the downtown. The call of the prairie opened up, which has vintage and herbs. Dandelion Farms is opening May 13th, that sells goat milk soap and lotion. Violet and Company had their re-grand opening last weekend and have very good turnout. A new photography studio opened up next to Mike's Bike Shop as well.

No reports were available at this time for Real Estate, Banking, UWEX, and TREDC, ABC Group, Lions Club, Chamber, Boys and Girls Club.

There was no old business.

For new business, Kemnitz asked when a good time was on Friday for commUNITY welcome to the call of the prairie. The group decided on 10am on Friday May 5th.

Next meeting date is Wednesday, June 7th, 2017.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 a.m. by a motion by Erdmann and seconded by Harke.

Lindsey Kemnitz, City of Berlin