

CommUnity Team

September 6, 2017

Time: 8:00 a.m.

City Hall- 2nd floor conference room

Members Present: Tony Daley, Berlin Journal; Bobbie Erdmann, Berlin Area Historical Society; Ken Schmidt, HomeTown Broadcasting; Ron Harke, Berlin Boat Club; Lindsey Kemnitz, Berlin Community Development director; Laura Fultz; Berlin Public Library Director; Dick Schramer, Berlin Mayor; Kristina Boeck, Downtown Business; Shae Stangl, Berlin Chamber; Dr. Eidahl, Berlin School District.

Lindsey Kemnitz called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. Erdmann made a motion to approve the minutes from August 2nd meeting with the correction of adding the business name by Kristinia's update and seconded by Harke and motion carried by voice vote.

VISITOR GUIDES: Tony Daley from the Berlin Journal talked to the group about preparing for next year's Fun on the Fox and Discover US visitor guides. He stated the Lindsey is going to be the go to for getting the events for the visitor guides and any updates that organizations would like to make in the guides. Tony is helping Krista Sobieski out as the Fun on the Fox is a large publication.

EVENTS:

Bobbie Erdmann mentioned on October 14th starting at 6:30pm the Historic Society is having a Ghost Walk at Oakwood Cemetery. The theme is WWI as it is the 100th year anniversary. The Historic Society is looking for male actors.

Also three people have been chosen for the inspiration wall, but have not unveiled the names yet. This year will be the 5th year of inspiration wall.

Dr. Eidahl said that on Friday night, September 8th there will be an unveiling of a hall of fame wall in the school. At 4:30 will be the unveiling of the wall and 6:30 they will be introduced at the football game.

Ron Harke mentioned that Farmers Market is going until the end of September on every Tuesday.

Kemnitz mentioned the Lions Club is having a Sportsman Banquet on September 23rd and the tickets must be purchased ahead of time.

REPORTS:

Shae Stangl stated the Chamber is wrapping things up from the Fox Festival and finalizing details for the holiday parade. She is planning an open house to kick off the business after 5 events again. On September 12th Hometown Broadcasting is celebrating 60 years and is having a business after 5 at the Ripon location to celebrate their anniversary.

Lindsey Kemnitz reported that the BCDC has been busy lately. For the City, the seawall repair has started and is still planning on finishing the project this year. The pool is closed for the season.

Dr. Eidahl had the school calendars that many of the residents received in the mail recently. September 29th is homecoming. Musical is November 9, 10, and 11th. The school district received a federal grant to partnership with the Boys and Girls Club. It is an opportunity for teachers to go over and extend educational time for students. The grant is 5 years for \$145,000.

Shae Stangl stated that Green Lake Chamber pulled out of GLCVB. The county decided to provide \$10,000 to GLCVB for the funding of marketing. Many fall festivals are coming up in surrounding communities.

Bobbie Erdmann reported that there were some major repairs to the chimney in the large museum building. They are working on building exhibits for next year already. Bobbie also mentioned that two people visited over the summer looking for a family member's tombstone and they were able to help them find it. The family remembers him for a special saying and the tombstone had the same exact saying.

Hanna Meronk provided information to Lindsey to hand out for the Boys and Girls Club. Lindsey handed out the invite for the Duel on November 3rd at Royal Ridges in Ripon.

Tony Daley mentioned the visitor guides and how to get the information in as soon as possible.

Ron Harke mentioned that the Fox Heritage Park Way is running the tour boat from Green Bay to De Pere.

Ron stated that they ran out of corn at the roast and almost out of food. Lock numbers were down, but donations were up. It was the best fundraiser since 2012. The lock will be open only by appointment after September 9th.

Banking Kemnitz mentioned that Old National will be closing on November 11th.

Senior Center Kemnitz had the insight for the month of September and Karen mentioned to hand it out as the cover has school pictures of some of the seniors from the center.

Laura Fultz stated they had over 2,400 reading cards completed for the summer. On September 16th the new children's librarian will be starting. They had a solar eclipse party and over 150 people attended. On September 11th a "Berlin Rocks" program will be at the library.

Sue Trampf spoke about having a wrap up meeting regarding the 4th of July event. Planning next year's dates. Fourth of July is on a Wednesday and trying to decide when to have the event.

Kristina Boeck mentioned her hours at Baked: Cakes by Design have extended Wednesday 11-6, Thursday and Friday 9-6, and Saturday 8-2.

Sue Trampf reported ABC Group is having Lighting of the Park on November 16th; trees will be cut October 26, hauled to park on the 27th and put up on the 28th. There will be 100 trees. For the Lions Club, the Sportsman Banquet is September 23rd at City Inn and will be selling cheese boxes again this year starting in November and December until they are gone.

No reports were available at this time for ThedaCare, Real Estate, Banking, TRED, Park and Recreation, Radio and UWEX.

There was no new or old business.

Next meeting date is Wednesday, October 4th, 2017.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 a.m. by a motion by Dr. Eidahl and seconded by Tony, carried by voice vote.

Lindsey Kemnitz, City of Berlin