

## **CommUnity Team**

June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Time: 8:00 a.m.

City Hall- 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room

**Members Present:** Ron Harke, Berlin Boat Club; Lindsey Kemnitz, Berlin Community Development Director; Krista Sobieski, Berlin Journal; Sue Trampf, ABC Group & Lions; Bobbie Erdmann, Berlin Historical Society; Rebecca Wenig, Farmers and Merchants; Mayor Schramer; Bob Eidahl, Berlin School District; Karen Neuman, Berlin Senior Center & Park& Rec; and Shae Stangl, Chamber of Commerce.

Kemnitz called the meeting to order at 8:02 am. Trampf made a motion to accept the minutes from May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. Harke seconded the motion, which was carried by a voice vote.

### **Events 2018:**

-Historical Society Museum opens May 27<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm. Open June, July, and August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays from 1-4pm. Ghost walk is on October 13<sup>th</sup> at Oakwood Cemetery. There will also be an event on September 20<sup>th</sup> at the Library with the Historical Society.

Lions Club has the Sportsman's Banquet coming up in September.

July 3<sup>rd</sup> Celebration at Riverside Park and has posters and reminder flyers to handout.

Farmers and Merchants Customer Appreciation Day is June 15<sup>th</sup> from 11-1pm at the 100 block of Pearl Street.

### **Hotel Update:**

Michelle Vander Vegte from IKWE Development gave an overview on the hotel project for the group. She stated there is an investor meeting Wednesday night at 5:30 at the Library. She mentioned if you know of someone who is interested but cannot attend, contact Michelle. She mentioned it is about a 60 to 90 day time period to get the investors for the hotel project. She is looking for 1.6 million for private investment for the project to go through. The investors can be people willing to put materials into the project for their investment such as concrete business. It may cost \$200,000 for concrete so the concrete business may get paid for \$100,000 and the other \$100,000 is an investment into the hotel.

### **Reports:**

Shae reported that the Chamber is working on getting flags for the downtown lights poles. They are going to try and work with the school district on getting ideas generated. Also working on getting workshops for the area. UWEX in Waushara County has multiple events like this planned and Chamber is looking to work with members on providing a benefit to the members and community.

The BCDC approved a loan for the Riverside Coffee LLC that will be located next to the bridge.

Kemnitz stated last night at COTW meeting, Council recommended the approval of a vacant building ordinance. Street projects will be starting soon for the summer.

Dr. Eidahl mentioned that last month there was a lot of events. The school district has 11 people retiring and is working on hiring for next school year. Summer school starts in the end of July for elementary students. Next year school starts on September 4<sup>th</sup>, which will push graduation to the weekend after Memorial Day.

GLCVB recently signed a new social media contract and has had more interaction with her than the previous consultant already. The board also voted to put the DiscoverUS episode on the Roku channel for 3 years.

Historical Society received approval from the Plan Commission for a monument to be placed on Market Square. The displays have been updated for the summer, go and check them out from Sundays from 1-4pm or by appointment. Koch's are having an open house of their Victorian home at 209 E. Park Ave. There is a \$5 suggested donation that will be going towards an organization. Bobbie also mentioned she is writing articles about the history of Berlin as it is the 170<sup>th</sup> year of

From local media Krista stated that are many events going on this summer.

Harke stated the Fox WI Heritage Parkway is starting tours in the Fox River. The Heritage Parkway has two locations in DePere and one in Appleton for public cruises with sun, fun, and refreshing cocktails.

The BBC is opened the locks on June 2<sup>nd</sup> for operation. Clean up crews, have it ready for tours, visits with newer updated bulletin board, it was more of the History of the Lock's. They are hoping for great boating season. Monthly meeting at N. Shelter house on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. They are looking for information to put in the bulletin board down by the locks.

The Berlin Senior Center 2018 Trip book is out; there are many great trips that the whole family can attend. Reminder the trips are not just for the seniors. The trips do fill up fast so call the Senior Center if you are interested in attending. The June Insight is out and has all the events for the month of June at the Senior Center. They are always looking for sponsors so the booklet can be printed monthly. There are new staff members for the senior center and park and rec. programs.

Chris could not attend the meeting but sent an update to Lindsey to provide. June is exiting time as we kick off our Summer Reading Program, Library Rock the week of June 4<sup>th</sup> for all ages. All ages may stop and pick up a reading card and turn them in for a chance to win prizes. They also have weekly family programs beginning June 14<sup>th</sup> with the StarLab, a portable planetarium; coming for programs at 1-4pm. Registration is required for this program. June 21 is a kids program, Messy musical Art at 1L00, and on June 28, Nature's Niche is coming with live animals. June 28 is also the date for our adult event, "On the Rocks: Make your own Mocktail" where adults mix up their own refreshment, non-alcoholic beverages at a "self-serve mocktail" bar.

ABC Group is finalizing the details for the July 3<sup>rd</sup> event from 4 to 11:30, there will be live music, beer garden, kid games, and the farmers market moved to Riverside Park.

Sue mentioned the Lions Club planted the trees by the school for the legacy project, this week they will be placing the monument signs by the trees. They are also awarding 7 scholarships, 5 to Berlin for \$500 each and 2 other surround areas.

Bobbie mentioned for the downtown business, Peg Vessly opened is downtown in her old building and having something similar to an indoor rummage sale. Klawitters purchased their mother's house and shop on Huron Street by the Berlin Historic School Apartments, currently just trying to sell the items that are inside.

No reports were available at this time for ThedaCare, Real Estate, UWEX, Boys & Girls Club, TREDC and Kiwanis.

No new or old business.

The group discussed moving the next meeting date to July 11<sup>th</sup> at 8am instead of July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Motion was made by Mayor to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 am and seconded by Sue, which carried by voice a vote.

Lindsey Kernnitz, City of Berlin