

CommUnity Team

July 11th, 2018

Time: 8:00 a.m.

City Hall- 2nd 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; Bob Eidahl, Berlin School District; Kristina Boeck, downtown businesses and Shae Stangl, Chamber of Commerce.

Kemnitz called the meeting to order at 8:04 am. Harke made a motion to accept the minutes from June 6th, 2018 with the corrections from Erdmann. Eidahl seconded the motion, which was carried by a voice vote.

Events 2018:

-Historical Society Museum is partnering with the Berlin Library on an event on September 20th called “Completely Different exactly the same” about the Indian lifestyle.

Lions Club has the Sportsman’s Banquet coming up in September 22 at City Inn.

August 12th is the Street Cruzers car show at Riverside Park from 8-4pm.

August 10th and 11th is the Berlin Boat Club Event at Riverside Park.

ThedaCare’s gift shop is having a sale the week of July 16th and the profits go towards special projects for volunteers.

Reports:

Lindsey mentioned the Chamber is working on the flags for the light posts. Shae said the Chamber is looking for events for 2019 as they are starting to work on the guides. Please send her the info.

The BCDC has been working with a couple of applicants on potential funding for their businesses through the USDA RLF. Currently the BCDC is not able to review and recommend the Common Council any RLF applications, as the State reviewing and recommending changes to the program.

Kemnitz stated that City has an adhoc committee put together to review the ATV/UTV for the City of Berlin. The meetings are every other Monday at 6pm in the Council Chambers. The next meeting is July 23rd. Monthly water bills were sent out and yearly public fire protection bills. The public fire protection bills are supposed to be June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2019. Council approved the vacant building ordinance this past month and staff is working on notifications to the property owners.

Dr. Eidahl had extra school calendars that have all the events for the school district. The school is working on repairing their driveways. August is orientation night for the schools; the dates are in the calendar. September 1st is the first day of school.

GLCVB has been working with the new social media consultant and have had very good feedback from the communities. GLCVB will have two Wi-Fi and charging locations at the Green Lake County Fair this year.

Historical Society is working in finalizing the sign at Market Square that the City approved. Koch's made over \$1,000 on the open house of their Victorian home at 209 E. Park Ave. Reminder the Historical Museum is open the 2nd and 4th Sunday from 1-4pm or by appointment. The Historical Society also worked with an organization that has bandstands in WI website and Bobbie has been working with the organization to put the Nathan Strong Band Stand on the website.

Ashley could not attend the meeting, but gave Lindsey an update. The Kings of Court will take place on August 2nd. It is a kickball tournament this year and will be starting at 5:30pm at Riverside Park. Teams of all guys, all girls, or coed welcome. Prize for best uniform. Entry fee is a school supply donation; it's a fundraiser for our operation backpack. There will be concessions and a dj.

Lindsey gave an update from TREDC that the RLF will be going away and currently they cannot issue loans either. The program is the same that the City offers. The three Counties are also reviewing the TREDC contract.

From local media Krista mentioned the newspaper is starting to work on the guides for 2019. The paper is requesting hard copy of type for the event info. Either email or drop something off at the newspaper. She will be on vacation on 20th to 29th, email the paper if you need something.

Harke had no update for the Fox River Heritage Parkway.

The Berlin Boat Club has their event on August 10 and 11th. Raffle tickets are for sale \$1 each or 6 for \$5. There is over \$3,000 worth in prizes. If you buy a ticket, the other end has a stub to sample the chicken wings or a pontoon ride.

Becca from Farmers and Merchants bank mentioned they are working on organizing some seminars with Mass Mutual for the public.

Chris from the Library said there are three weeks left of the summer reading program. Kids can earn raffle tickets and the prizes were donated by local businesses and friends of the library. They are also having a program if kids or parents read in the library for 20 minutes they can enjoy an afternoon bowling. July 25th is Family Book Club from 6 to 7, the Berlin PD will be there handing out free helmets. Must sign up at the library to participate in the family book club. Also there will be a brat fry July 31st at Crossroads to support the library. Friends of the library meeting July 16th at 6pm. Green Lake County is trying to plan a County wide read and the first one is going to be in Markesan on October 6th.

Chris is part of Green Lake County Home and Community Education and their "Our Day" is on October 3 at Green Lake Conference Center. The day will include keynote presentation and wide variety of stimulating courses that are appealing to men and women of all ages. Registration deadline is August 31, 2018.

ABC Group had a great turn out, people were happy with the event. This year instead of a discount after buying a certain amount of beverages, they gave a poker chip and that would be for a free hotdog or popcorn. The group is starting to plan for Holiday Parade and Lighting of the Park on November 15th.

Kristina mentioned a new coffee shop going on the downtown by the bridge. She met him and is very excited for his shop to open up. Also the Dandelion Farm, Violet & Company, and Baked: Cakes by Design will be having WFRV-5 coming to do an interview with the businesses on July 17th.

Sue mentioned the Lions Club is having their Sportsman Banquet on Sept. 22. Doors open at 3pm and dinner is at 5pm.

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

No old business. Under new business, Bobbie Erdmann suggested to reach out to other organizations to build up the group. Anyone is welcomed to the meetings.

Motion was made by Bobbie to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 am and seconded by Sue, which carried by voice a vote.

Lindsey Kemnitz, City of Berlin