

CommUnity Team

November 3rd 2021

City Hall – Council Chambers

Members Present: Joel Bruessel- City of Berlin Mayor; Ron Harke, Berlin Boat Club; Tim Ludolph, Planning & Development; Bobbie Erdmann, Berlin Historical Society; Sue Trampf, ABC Group & Lion's Club; Rebecca Bays: City of Berlin- Senior Center; Carl Cartwright, Berlin Schools; Chris Kalupa- Berlin Public Library; Jen Moen, Fortifi Bank.

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 a.m. by Tim Ludolph. Sue Trampf made a motion to approve the October 6th minutes, Harke 2nd the motion, which was carried by a voice vote.

Reports:

Sue Trampf reported that the ABC Group had tagged 116 trees the previous Saturday and all were sold by Sunday. There were additional needed to catch up with online orders. Harry brought fifteen more and forty were tagged on Friday off the trailer. Lights were put up the previous night of November Second and there were nice surprises including an iron angel in memory of Becky Kwindzinski with a lit star 20 feet up built by Harry Kwindzinski.

The parade updates included there were many entries and the event including Santa would begin about 6 p.m. The route was to be from Malchetski's to Nathan Strong Park. The response at that point had been good and there were slated to be a lunch wagon and a horse drawn carriage. Theda Care had put together a 30 foot tree with pink and white lights in memorial to all who have had a battle with cancer. Don Fink was scheduled to be the back-up Santa. The last challenge would be figuring out the route with uncertain construction and being on a State Highway.

After Elf Extravaganza, there would be find the soldiers project December First through Eighteenth. There will be two online contests including twenty soldiers scattered for kids to find and "adult beverage establishments number for adults to find. Prizes would be respectively 1st \$100, 2nd \$75, and 3rd \$50 for both contests. The prizes will be cash prizes. Entries for the Find the Soldier's will be available to pick up at the Library, Dandelion Farm, Shell, and one other place.

There were no updates for Advocap.

Ron Harke of the Berlin Boat Club read the following report:

BBC REPORT FOR COMMUNITY TEAM MEETING:

These Meeting are the First Wednesday each Month at 8AM, locations can vary, most are at City Hall or opening at a New Business in Town.

This is Not a City Government Meeting or functions, so City Counsel members, mayor, city works can attend in one room. But meeting are city wide meeting, anyone can attend. Most members are from a Non Profit group. A report from each organization is required, groups like the High School, Churches, Chamber, City Counsel, Banks and Events co-ordination members. Short Report also Ideas for future events, future community co-ordination, New Business's Welcome.

Location 11/03/21 City Hall 8AM

BBC REPORT;

The season 2021 went well, numbers of people and Lock-ages were down a little from past years NOTE: 10 years from reopening of the Lock after being close for 9 years by the Wisconsin DNR due to Lease agreement. People have asked about, why we do not do as in the Past, Well the Past is THAT PAST. Example before closing, BBC Membership and Board of Director had very little to do, NO Maintenance Of The Lock Property, the club had a Lock Tender or Family living at the Lock, and would report to the Board for Items needed, maintain the property, DNR paths, Road Work, painting and other general upkeep of Property. Board of Director, only planned family travels, club events, boating safety, Park/Fun projects, Lock projects and City Projects investments for improvement of Park System. NOW BBC Board is the maintenance crew for the Lock, co-ordination with DNR, Local Townships Board, County Boards with variance Park boards. Dealing with the Changing City of Berlin , new elected officials, appointments to Park Board Members, with NO Idea of how and why we have any parks?

How Non Profits groups and The Public rely on those resources, but rather, Charge them More, Put More Costly Fee's, Put old agreements (granted) as Old Dirt, to be buried? IF the City of Berlin is be reflected on by others, as Not A Welcoming Community, Just Bury it, put it Down and words are just that ... We have our Berlin Crematory (not Oakwood) should be growing? ! BBC is growing, bring people to Berlin ... Comments "OH it's Not Like the OLD BBC", comments should be buried also, all get there Chance at our Open BBC meeting First Thursday Night at 7 PM ... they do not attend ... but will take a pot-shot, if asked to join? \$25 a year, for a whole family. Agenda are emailed before Meeting, so new business can be brought to the meetings.

Well this is My Community Report. That is MY REPORT, after being on the BBC Board, looking at the History of the Club. By the way, our Facebook and Website will have more Pictures and stories of the Club and Historical Fox River, we are celebrating Aug 12th & 13th, 2022 as a club of more than 70 years old or more, and 10 years of the 2012 rebuild of the Eureka Lock, which is in good working shape.

Ron Harke

BBC past Commodore

Superintendent Cartwright reflected on the memorial to Scott Bartell the previous day and reported strategic 5 year plan is now on the School District website. Covid placed on hold with KCMG consultants- and new superintendent academy. The district has robust however obtainable goals- above state average elementary, middle, and High Schools for the Strategic Plan. Patch 11-16 rankings are to be officially determined but they were informally informed on 11-3 the school scores are up from bottom 5%, making Berlin a compelling pick over peer communities. Unfortunately, there is not enough interest to have teachers as parade float because they spread thin, involved with many other organizations.

Ashley Bartol of the Boys & Girls club had emailed the update to be presented: Both myself and Angie will miss the upcoming meeting due to an event meeting having to be rescheduled. Could you please share the following update with the group:

Holiday Telethon is Thursday Dec. 9th from 5-8PM. You can call in to 920-658-5225 during that time and one of our board members will answer your call to take your donation. We'll also be doing some fun videos leading up to and on the day of the event. Look for banners that will go up in town soon as well!

Rebecca Bays reported that the City of Berlin Senior Center's relevant updates include the approved senior meal and transportation programs at Committee of the Whole. 16th Budget hearing took place. Park Ave- delayed- issues- pushed back library soft November 12th.

Bobbie Erdmann had no update for the Historic Society though did pose the update on Downtown Businesses, for the group's interest, that a music store would be going into the triangle property. This store will be operated by Ted Slaton from Arts and Antiques, specializing in vintage instruments and audio equipment. Carl Cartwright expressed interest in utilizing this store for the school district, specifically instrument repair. Rebecca Bays reported that her husband Zach Bays will tentatively be opening a barber shop on December 15th.

There was no update for the GLCVB.

Chris Kalupa updated the status of the library was uncertain due to the construction though staff was trying to make the building accessible amidst construction. The Back door is open and century link has allowed parking making it feel limited as in the pandemic but remaining open. The most relevant current even was the previous month's Friend's of the Library book sale, successful income for the Library. This group is scheduled to meet Monday November 15th at 5:30 PM. Game night is coming up along with Game Week, the night will allow 6 people to participate with distancing Tuesday November 9th at 6 pm. A Staff Party is being scheduled and the community at-large will be invited. On November 2nd and 4th at 6:30 P.M. there will be two therapy dogs available to whomever registers. Storytime will resume Wednesdays at 10 AM and Early Literacy Storytime is on Friday November 5th at 10 AM. Karen Gibson will be presenting November 16th at 6pm.

Chris Kalupa of the Berlin Public Library distributed a schedule of November events at the library. The library will be sponsoring a winter read program at local businesses.

Sue Trampf reported that the Lions Club cheese sale was to commence November 7th. November 6th, pre-orders selling at elf extravaganza in front of Farmers and Merchants Bank and all Lion Members. Coupon books for sale the 27th of November. Ordering 300- sold all last year at \$20 each. School screenings for vision will be as performed requested.

Local Media- There was no-one present to report.

Rebecca Bays reported that parks and recreation .2 months have not a whole lot going on ordered adaptable ADA swings to be installed come spring. More parks ADA accessibility planned and summer recreation program planning to establish new normal. @730-430 she will be able to be reached at the senior center x5422 9-Noon meals taking off though carry out only. Indoor pool going well serving regulars.

For old business Sue and Ron discussed the parade schedule.

Bobbie Erdmann and Tim Ludolph discussed ribbon cuttings would be offered to Driftwood, Walker Agency, The Pet Puddle, and Hoot'nanny's with updates forthcoming as details are cemented.

Next meeting will be December 1st following the ribbon cutting at Walker Agency.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:10 a.m. by Bobbie Erdmann and seconded by Chris Kalupa. The motion carried by an affirmative voice vote.

Tim Ludolph