

## CommUnity Team

August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022

Berlin Senior Center

Members Present: Bobbie Erdmann- City of Berlin; Sue Trampf- ABC Group and Lions; Ron Harke- Berlin Boat Club, Emmett Durtschi- Berlin Area School District, Rebecca Bays- City of Berlin, Luke Dretske- City of Berlin and Green Lake County, Barry Abbott- Downtown Property Owner and Berlin Boat Club , Jennifer Moen- Fortifi Bank

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 a.m. by Tim Ludolph. Bobbie Erdmann made a motion to approve the July 6<sup>th</sup> minutes. Luke Dretske seconded the motion, which was carried by a voice vote. Introductions occurred for the members present.

### Reports:

Sue Trampf reported the ABC Group's is in the thick of planning for the Holiday Parade after a meeting Monday August 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 P.M. As many already know, the theme will be Storybook Christmas and they are voting in the Grand Marshall, getting press releases prepared and communication out to have every participant know to line up at 5 P.M. They are also planning the proceeding Light the Park event and grappling with lower supplies of trees than past years. That event would start 4 P.M. There is some residual clean up from July 3<sup>rd</sup> and the hope is attendance of holiday events continues to match or surpass last year. They are still in conversation with the schools, musicians and bands for the November 17<sup>th</sup> event with posters coming soon.

Advocap did not have anyone attending though in emails it can be said they are tirelessly facing homeless/housing issues in the community and will probably have some proposals coming soon.

Jennifer Moen reported the Fortifi Bank would have a shred day occurring at the depot.

Timothy Ludolph reported that Berlin Community Development Corporation (BCDC) is actively entertaining some possible expansions to existing businesses in town. He explained to the group what the BCDC does, in short Business Retention and Expansion through gap financing-revolving loans.

Ron Harke updated the Berlin Boat Club was to have the corn roast the 12<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup> and had a flyer available. They are looking to do some dredging in the park and along the channel through the lock though the cost is pretty high and there are no corporate sponsors at the moment. He also explained the history to the dock off water street and some ambitions the group has for its use. Barry Abbott added about International Monetary Systems from Waukesha may be a viable source of assistance.

Below is the 2022 Club Calendar

The 2022 Berlin Boat Club Calendar

*(as of January 2022, the calendar is tentative and subject to change)*

August 6 – SandBar Bash – Lake Poygan

August 12 & 13 – 2022 Corn Roast – Annual Fundraiser (Lock will be open Friday Aug 12)

August 20 – Race the Fox – Fox Valley Paddlers  
September 10 – 12 – Last weekend for Lock operation seasonal shut down  
September 17 – 18 – Finalize Lock clean-up  
November Community Holiday Parade – Theme is “Storybook Christmas”  
Thanks  
Ron Harke

An update was given through discussion for the Berlin Conservation Club that there are Trap League Thursdays and the group would be holding a Gun Show on September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Club from 9 AM through 2 PM with an admission of \$4.

Dr. Emmett Durtschi, the new Berlin Area School District Superintendent, introduced himself and discussed getting acclimated. Durtschi served as the assistant superintendent of student services in the Verona Area School District, where he oversaw special education, pupil services, social-emotional wellness, district enrollment, and early learning. He stated there would be the training of new staff on August 15<sup>th</sup> then All Staff would return August 22<sup>nd</sup>. On September First, the school year will start and go through the Friday after Memorial Day Weekend. They are encountering the qualified staffing shortage, though not exceptionally to schools nationally, and are excited to get fall sports under way. If anyone has questions they can call 608-206-9034.

The previous month’s update was discussed as still largely relevant. Sue Trampf described the partnership in Operation Backpack to occur August 15<sup>th</sup> and stated volunteers were needed. If anyone has questions they should reach out to Ashley Bartol.

Bobbie Erdman reported the City had been discussing with the Berlin Riders about ATV/UTV policy in the August meetings. The commons were also discussed to bring back something like Maxwell Street and restoring the Fox River. A summary of National Night Out was also given, a great success in engaging the community with Public Safety organizations.

Luke Dretske updated the County was forming a multi-county consortium to work with Bug Tussel Wireless to provide broadband speed internet to the area and negotiate the contract. This will result in more towers, fiber optic lines, and more Berlin Coverage. They are also partnering with the City to plan an inclusive playground using ARPA funds and keeping the County Administrator position as it had previously stood for recruitment.

Tim Ludolph reported there will be a business welcome for Edward Jones and confirmed with David Stone this would be scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup> for their one-year anniversary at the location (8/21) (232 Broadway St). Also, an update for Paisanos Mexican Grill and other hopeful businesses could be forthcoming.

Tim Ludolph updated regarding GLCVB the current initiative is to utilize social media mediums to promote tourism in area communities. As of the last month, there has been some promotion of Berlin with a large quantity of views. Anyone who wants to have their business or event promoted by them should contact [tludolph@cityofberln.wi.gov](mailto:tludolph@cityofberln.wi.gov).

The Historic Society had nobody present to update. The monthly meeting is at the library's upstairs meeting room the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 P.M.. The group requested an update regarding the Ghost Tour committee.

There was nobody present to give a Kiwanis update.

The group discussed the Library updates are typically on their webpage in full <https://www.berlinlibrary.org/newsletter>. Jennifer Moen brought up the library was wrapping up the Summer Reading Program.

Sue Trampf reported the Lion's Club's activities were starting to pick up. Vision Screening is planned at All Saints in tandem with their groundbreaking. The Assistive Technology Fair at the Senior Center is scheduled for October 4<sup>th</sup>. The Club is working on vendors and speakers and also producing posters and flyers for the Fair. They are also planning the Cheese Box Sale and still contemplating adjustment of the supplier.

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

Rebecca Bays, on behalf of Parks and Recreation, updated the campgrounds, open through October 15<sup>th</sup>, were evaluating the embracing of online registration and tracking systems to streamline the process. They had found 85% of reservations came from outside the local address system with large quantities from Milwaukee and the Lakeshore. They also had a sizable snow bird population from further away. The Outdoor Pool would be closing by September 1<sup>st</sup> and the Indoor Pool looks to be in operation the week after Labor Day.

For the Senior Center, Rebecca Bays updated that, as many present could see, the activities picked up immediately after the 8:30 AM opening. The Wood Carvers are a consistently strong group. The Insight magazine for August would have all kinds of information to check out and she hopes many readers respond to the enclosed survey. There are hopes the Senior Center gets identified as more of an adult community center, a move from the current and past perception. The adapted Nathan Strong District Tour was brought up, with more information forthcoming.

Theda Care- There was no-one present to report. Jennifer Moen discussed the Emergency Room and Outdoor Garden were having a Grand Opening.

Veteran Groups- The Brat Fry will continue through the Middle of September, the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Others- The Traja Run/Walk was scheduled for August 20<sup>th</sup> at the North Shelter House

Similar to Cinco De Mayo, a Taco Fest is scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup> at the North Shelter House.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rebecca Bays and seconded by Luke Dretske. The motion carried by an affirmative voice vote at 9:36 A.M.

The Next Meeting will be at Riverside Park, weather willing, on Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup> at 8 A.M.

*-Respectively Tim Ludolph*