

**Minutes  
CITY OF BERLIN**  
**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING WEDNESDAY, June 7th. 2023 4:30 PM**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BERLIN CITY HALL, 2ND FLOOR**  
**MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC & CITY HALL IS HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE**

**1. Call to Order/ Roll Call**

**Committee Members:**

ZEB PIRKEY – Here  
BRUCE TETZKE – Here  
DANIEL LADWIG – Here  
VICTORIA HILL – Here  
KAYLA REEVES – Here  
ASHLEY NIGBOR – Here  
BOBBIE ERDMANN – Here  
JOSH NIGBOR – Here

**Public Speakers**

Megan Draeger  
Josh Maurigrano  
Rebecca Bays  
Chief Pulvermacher  
Scott Zabel

**2. General Public Comments.**

**3. Approval of Minutes. RECOMMENDATION: Approve minutes from May 3dr 2023 meeting**

Motion made by: Bobbie Erdmann  
a. 2nd: KAYLA REEVES  
Motion Carries

**4. Parks & Recreation Expenditures Report. RECOMMENDATION: Approve May 2023 Parks & Recreation Expenditures Report as presented.**

Motion made by: Ashley Nigbor  
a. 2nd: BRUCE TETZKE  
Motion Carries

**5. Parks & Recreation Revenues Report. RECOMMENDATION: Approve the May 2023 Parks & Recreation Revenues Report as presented.**

Motion to approve: Bruce Tetzke  
a. 2nd: KAYLA REEVES  
Motion Carries

**6. All Saints Church to have a Petting Zoo at the All Saints Church Picnic on June 24".**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve All Saints Church's request to have a petting zoo at the All Saints

Motion to approve: ASHLEY NIGBOR

a. 2nd: BRUCE TETZKE

Motion Carries

**Speaking:** Megan Draeger to speak

Church Picnic on June 24th

Rebecca included a waiver of liability in the packet

Date Change Sunday, June 25th, Petting Zoo and animals are just there Sunday for the picnic

**7. Campground Policy. RECOMMENDATION: Listen to the presentation and act accordingly**

Motion to accept campground policy as presented and effective as the vote is taken:

BOBBIE ERDMANN

a. 2nd: BRUCE TETZKE

**Speaking: Sara Rutkowski**

In the past, visitors have abused the campground due to breaking policy. Sara would like campground visitors who abuse & break rules to be removed for the rest of the season by law enforcement.

**Bobby Erdman:** Asks questions pertaining to the Nurse visiting the campground and the changes, therefore, concerns around the varying rules.

**Sara Rutkowski:** The nurse is not staying. Caution against granting approval for campground visitors to stay longer

**Bobby Erdman:** If approval is granted for special cases, with the statement, people can't argue with adjustments (longer stay requests). Also, spelling mistakes were found in the copy of the campground policies.

**Sara Rutkowski:** Will make those adjustments.

**Victoria Hill:** can we include "with board approval" for stays longer than what is allowed?

**Sara Rutkowski:** That is currently the case, found in city bi-laws. Campground visitors are staying past their allowed time (2 weeks).

**Kayla Reeves:** Do we ask for payment before the stay?

**Sara Rutkowsk:** Payment is made at the end of the visit. It's hard to track visitors who are staying for additional days. Current payments are made via cash or check.

**Kayla Reeves:** is there a signed contract?

**Sara Rutkowski:** campers must abide by campground policies, posted at the campground, campers are not forced to review or sign. No city employees are available for weekend stays.

**Bobby Erdman:** Who enforces policies

**Sara Rutkowski:** Law enforcement + city employees

**Bruce Tetzke:** Are people parking and leaving?

**Sara Rutkowski:** Cameras are present to tack payment

**Bruce Tetzke:** is the dumpsite being abused

**Sara Rutkowski:** no, the dumpsite is free for overnight campers

**Bobby Erdman:** Due to abuse of the campsite, i'm happy with the sentence to include in our rules

**Kayla Reeves:** are unruly campers there now

**Rebecca Bays:** one is there now

**Sara Rutkowski:** New rules would apply on July 1st

**Victoria Hill:** Would like to give discretion to staff on the grey area (time) to enforce the new policies

**Sara Rutkowski:** will post new campground policies

**Kayla Reeves:** if there is a disturbance in the meantime, will the new policies apply?

**Sara Rutkowski:** people in the campground will not be beholden to new policies. If they leave and come back they will

**8. Park Ordinance. RECOMMENDATION: Listen to the presentation and act accordingly**

Motion to recommend to approve as presented and amended: BOBBIE ERDMANN

a. 2nd: Bruce Tetzke

**Sara:** due to youth breaking rules at the park, would like the authority to ban them from the park for an amount of time.

**Kayla Reeves:** how is that enforced?

**Sara Rutkowski:** cameras

**Daniel Ladwig:** what is the consequence

**Sara Rutkowski:** citations, criminal charges, or ban. With the new policy, the opportunity to choose one of the three.

**Victoria Hill:** would like to include graffiti in the ordinance as a punishable offense.

**Sara Rutkowski:** graffiti is included in state ordinances

**Victoria Hill:** would like to see graffiti specifically included

**Sara Rutkowski:** we can include that in the parks

**Victoria Hill:** we would like to see that

**Chief Pulvermacher:** we can write a municipal ticket for \$315

**Victoria Hill:** that is appropriate

**Sara Rutkowski:** (reading ordinance) Yes we can add that

**9. Save the Pool. RECOMMENDATION: Listen to the presentation and act accordingly**

**Motion:**

**Josh Maurigrano:** know's not been economical to run the pool, with times changing, I don't think it should fall on residents to cover the costs. If there isn't a good plan to manage the pool + make it economical, would recommend demolishing and building a splash pad. Doesn't believe residents should be swimming in the pool. Want's to be more involved. Want's to save the pool, would love to see it work, and would also love to see funds come into the city to cover the cost, but not as an expenditure.

**Victoria Hill:** sharing subcommittee information on time and what's been reviewed prior.

**Victoria Hill:** a new manager has been hired and will most likely become one of the community members.

**Josh Maurigrano:** Thank you for hearing me. We do want to use the pool!

**Victoria Hill:** Updates on what's been going on within the Save the Pool subcommittee  
( notes coming )

**Kayla Reeves:** Sharing specifics.

**Victoria Hill:** goals have been set online, inquired with staff - not able to set up a separate bank account, funds must be earmarked to save the pool. I spoke With Allie Boreman, she thought about creating a save the pool party but has no funds, Reach out to Katrina who runs the Farmers Market, and will assist in finding ways to advertise at the market.

**Kayla Reeves:** created a flyer, posted it on Facebook, printing them tomorrow to hand out to local businesses to get the word out!

**Victoria Hill:** final peace, trying to locate a thermometer on US HWY 91. Want's community to visualize the effort going on, inspire research, and jump on the bandwagon if the desire exists. Expectations: 1 - 2 year project to hit the goal of 2 million, momentum starting in the next two weeks.

**Daniel Ladwig:** approached the car club to set up a booth to exhibit at the club car event. Approval was granted. Going to set up a booth at the event! Wants to show the condition of the pool (pictures) to inspire an emotional response. Thinking through ideas to promote sponsors. Because the referendum did not pass, we won't have funds, want's to show people how bad things really are. Doesn't know if the community understands how bad things really are. Talked at the tourism commission about the farmer's market. ABC groups July 3rd event for promotion. Talked to Jen Moen at Fortifi about raising awareness.

**Victoria Hill:** savethepoolberlinwisconsin Facebook page, shared an invitation to join the page with the committee

**Rebecca Bays:** asked to be tagged in notes coming from the subcommittee

## **10. New Business**

- a. no new business

## **11. Old Business**

- a. The nurse is no longer going to stay at the campground
- b. Berlin youth baseball shed is going to be delivered this week

**Zeb Pirkey:** can we have a portapotty for those youth baseball sports

**Kayla Reeves:** have the bathrooms been vandalized?

**Scott Zabel:** oh ya!

**12. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn: ASHLEY NIGBOR

a. 2nd: KAYLA REEVES