

CITY OF BERLIN COMMITTEE ON AGING
Tuesday March 26, 2024 10:00 AM
Berlin Senior Center

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Hanan at 10:00 AM

Roll Call:

Present: Paul Hanan, Chairman, Secretary (2026)
Jimmy Jodarski, Vice Chair (2024)
Richard Trochinski (2025)
Mary Hess (2024)
Susan Jungenberg (2026)
Rebecca Bays, Senior Center Director

Excused: Keith Hess (2025)

Public comments: N/A

The minutes of the February 27, 2023 meeting were amended upon the recommendation of K Hess. Replacement verbiage contained the following: Line 2, strike the word “figures”, and replace with “expenses”. Line 7 shall include “in revenues” following the word “shortfall”. Line 12, strike the word “attendance”, and replace with “in house meal attendance”. The revised minutes were approved on a motion by Trochinski/Jungenberg, & unanimously passed by voice vote.

Bays commented that there is no new revenue and expense report presented on the agenda, as the city of Berlin is still implementing a new accounting system. Bays stated, “Hopefully next month”.

The next item up for discussion was the Berlin Senior Center “Fall Policy”. At this time, Bays presented the current “Code of Conduct”. She also stated that the Fall Policy is currently under review and not included within the Code of Conduct. There was a great deal of discussion regarding the “No Lift” policy. Trochinski recommended that all employees of the Senior Center be certified in “First Aid”. Trochinski stated that he is not in favor of the current policy & would not vote to approve the current declaration. Bays stated that she is “First-aid Certified” and has conducted extensive research into this No Lift issue. Trochinski explained that his main concern was “Liability”. Jungenberg added that there is also a possibility of the individuals rendering aid sustaining injuries during a “Lift”. All committee members agreed that each individual occurrence will need to be assessed on a case-by-

case basis. A motion to table this issue was made by Jodarski/Jungenburg and carried by unanimous voice vote of all committee members.

Jungenburg exited the meeting at 10:26 AM

Continuing with the agenda, the next item up for discussion was the Friends of the Berlin Senior Center “Memorial Garden”. Bays gave a brief verbal description of the new intended plans, & recommended the committee view the proposed area right then. At this time the entire committee relocated to the proposed garden area for a first-hand observation. Hanan commented that the FoBSC would provide some rough sketches for the committee to review. Bays recommended that the committee preliminarily approve the new location for the Memorial Garden. A motion was made by Jodarski, and seconded by Trochinski to approve the preliminary plans, with further updates from the FoBSC as they occur. The motion was carried by all with a unanimous voice vote.

New Business: Hanan recommended that the committee recite the Pledge of Allegiance prior to each monthly meeting. Hanan also requested that Trochinski be given a permanent slot on the agenda to provide updates from the county on their meetings pertaining to subjects we cover in our conversations. Trochinski gave updates on Green Way Cottages senior bike trail, the upcoming wellness fair in Green Lake, the new meal site manager in Princeton, F.R.I. is now managing the meal site in Markesan, upcoming Senior Care/Medicare Senior Center site visits & the meal site donation increase inquiries with cost breakdowns. Trochinski recommended that the meal site donation box be placed at the meal pickup location. This was restated by Jodarski.

Old business: N/A

On a motion by Hanan/Jodarski the meeting was adjourned by chairman Hanan at 10:53.

The next scheduled meeting for the Committee on Aging is scheduled for April 23, 2024

**Submitted by
Paul Hanan, COA Secretary**