

## CommUnity Team

May 1<sup>st</sup> 2024

AJ's Riverside

Members Present: Chris Kalupa, Sue Trampf, Bobbie Erdmann, Tim Ludolph, Marie Reilly, Jan Griedl, Kelly Drover and Emmett Durtschi

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 A.M. by Tim Ludolph.

The March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting notes were reviewed.

Ludolph presented some ideas the CommUnity team could be involved in including Buy Local campaigns and Strategic Planning. The group discussed some of the history of these initiatives.

Sue Trampf gave an update about the ABC Group's efforts to plan the July 3<sup>rd</sup> Let Freedom Ring. They have settled on the acts starting with the Del Rays, then Fork in the Road and concluding with Bad Habits. A major element of the planning is making sure to have kid and adult oriented activities. The ABC group had an appreciation party for Volunteers, a 6 PM program with drawings.

Jan Griedl gave an update about Advocap's programming including the scholarship opportunities available for those going into Nursing or the Trades with Moraine Park. Griedl will be on leave for June but offered up Advocap's facility for the next meeting.

Kelly Driver gave an update about Farmers & Merchants Bank. This institution is planning the community week to occur sometime after May, through the summer. They also are looking to provide some educational programming to help people build their credit.

Marie Reilly gave an update on Berlin Community Development Corporation activity with the news they have been busy helping commercial tenants find places to do business. There is expected to be an Olive Oil and Artisan Cheese shop to open next month as well as a Sporting Goods and Repair. For the Downtown, the City has offered a TID matching grant to help with facades and roofs downtown to work well with the BCDC Revolving Loan.

Emmett Durtschi gave an update about the Berlin Area School District's May activities including the anticipated finals and other activities in the upcoming months.

Tim Ludolph gave an update on the Green Lake Country Group's recent discussions with rebranding and strategic planning to take place. The Social Media endeavors continue and groups are encouraged to reach out to the new intern with events.

Bobbie Erdmann gave an update on the Berlin Area Historical Society. The screening at the Berlin Lodge was a major success, bringing interest to Berlin's history throughout the community. The Berlin Museum is open starting Memorial Day weekend and then the second and fourth Sundays in June, July and August from 1 to 4 p.m.

Tim Ludolph explained the Library [May 2024 Newsletter](#) will be included in the minutes.

Sue Trampf reported the Lion's Club Rose Sale is planned for Friday and Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> at the Farmer's and Merchant's Bank and the Berlin Oil Shell. They are exploring giving out scholarships. There may be a forthcoming Vision Screening event with details to be determined. With the help of the Van Dyne club, two pairs of glasses were distributed to children in need.

Tim Ludolph explained the Senior Center [May 2024 Insight Newsletter](#) will be included in the minutes.

The next meeting of the CommUnity Team is scheduled for Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup> 10 AM at Advocap- Berlin.

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 AM,