

# CITY OF BERLIN PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES for WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7, 2024

4:30 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BERLIN CITY HALL, 2ND FLOOR

## 1. Call Order/ Roll Call:

Present: Commissioner: Victoria Hill, Secretary: Kayla Reeves, Tim Bending, Bruce Tetzke, Amy Reese; Council Liaison Catrina Burgess Staff: Rebecca Bays, Scott Zabel

## 2. General Public Comments:

None

## 3. Approval of June 5, 2024 Minutes:

On a motion made by B. Tetzke and a second by K. Reeves, the June 5, 2024 minutes were approved as amended with corrections.

## 4. & 5. Parks & Recreation Expenditures Report & Parks & Recreation Revenues Report

On a motion by K. Reeves to approve both the Expenditures and Revenues Report, and a second by V. Hill, the reports were approved.

## 6. Nathan Strong Park Fountain Discussion

Catrina Burgess from the Berlin Farmers and Artists Market spoke and requested a status update on the water fountain and offered opportunities of help by local community members/ schools/ business. S. Zabel stated that the fountain has been fixed (pump failure and electrical issues) however, C. Burgess explained that it did not appear to be working the evening before. S. Zabel stated that he would look into it.

Commission discussed (professional/ licensed) community offerings to help with upkeep and maintenance of the Nathan Strong Park water fountain. S. Zabel welcomed the possibility of community, professional help.

## 7. Friends of the Berlin Aquatic Center Update

-V. Hill updated the commission on end of season events and status.

On Saturday, June 8, 2024, Friends of the BAC is hosting a fundraising event to raise money for the Aquatic Center.

Friends of the BAC also spoke in front of Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, to provide a status update and share the importance of the pool, the efforts to raise funds, and positive feedback.

V. Hill also expressed the importance of the city also standing behind the efforts of saving the pool.

## 8. 2025 Budget – Discussion ONLY

The commission discussion discussed and shared potential items to add to the 2025 budget. Items of potential: softball diamonds, bathrooms at Nathan Strong Park, pool manager position duration & other pool staffing related items, porta-potty at campground

## 9. & 10. New & Old Business

- NONE

## 11. Adjourn

On a motion made by B. Tetzke and a second by T. Bending, the meeting was adjourned.

*-Respectfully submitted by K. Reeves*