



**TOWN OF BERLIN
BERLIN FALLS PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING**

**Thursday, January 25, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

**TOWN HALL
10 WILLIAM STREET
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

AGENDA

1. Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair
2. Review and approval of minutes – November 16, 2017
3. Berlin Falls Park tour – date selection
4. Coastal Bays Grant – interpretive signage
5. Committee goal setting
 - a. What would the committee like to accomplish?
 - i. Next 3 months
 - ii. Next 6 months
 - iii. Next 12 months
6. Next meeting

November 16, 2017

Berlin Falls Park Advisory Committee

6:30pm

Council Chambers, Berlin Town Hall

Present: Committee Members Barra, Field, Fitzgerald, Gaddis, Hyder, Nichols, Orris, Patton, and Councilmembers Purnell and Tyndall (via phone)

Absent: Maloof

Also: Mayor Gee Williams, Town Administrator Allen, Project Coordinator Deutsch

Mayor Williams welcomed the Committee, and briefly described his vision for Berlin Falls Park. He mentioned the long term nature of the Committee's work, stressing the tremendous asset for Berlin that exists with the 60-acre parcel of land that is Berlin Falls Park.

Town Administrator Allen urged the group to get to know each other, and to share their ideas about the Park. After the Committee "paired off", individual members reported back to the group about their counterpart. A discussion followed about various options for the Park.

Project Coordinator Deutsch reviewed the Mayor and Council Resolution establishing the Committee, including (1) assessing options for use of the property, (2) assure an active/passive balance, (3) to insure that the Park is inclusive of the entire community, and (4) to solicit community input.

In an open discussion Committee members mentioned a number of potential items for the park, including a YMCA, skateboarding, an amphitheater, dog waste receptacles, a visitors' center, a nature center, ecological studies, Eagle Scout projects, potential partnerships including seniors, lighting and safety issues, the condition of the driveway entrance to the facility, tennis, basketball, and the need for public relations.

The Committee agreed to tour the property, including the former Tysons plant, on Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 9:00.

The Committee adjourned at 8:00pm.

**Berlin Falls Park Advisory Committee Meeting
Brainstorming Session Notes
11/16/17**

Opportunities:

- Community Gardens
 - Rent space
 - Donate to foodbank
- Wellness
 - YMCA
 - Snow Hill Recreation Center
- Amphitheater/Concerts (Freeman)
- Make the park welcoming
 - Improve entrance
- Think of it as an extension of Downtown
 - Connect A&E and businesses to the BFPAC
- Connect the park to downtown
 - Multi-modal transportation
- Recreation
 - Paddle sports
 - Birding
 - Skatepark
- Visitors Center
- Ecological studies
- Tennis/Basketball courts
 - Multiuse facility

DO:

- America's Coolest Small Park
- Safety
 - Lighting
 - Communications device
 - Emergency call
 - SAM box with life ring
- Inclusive
 - Make sure everyone has a part that they can connect with or belong to
- Programming
- Open communication – share Info
- Poultry industry connection
 - Remember history/heritage
- Parking
- Grants
- Add dog waste pick up
- Sit and read spot
 - Little Free Library

- Make it kid friendly
- Partnerships
 - Scouts
 - Other
- Get the word out about activities
 - Reindeer Run – Ask Lisa to announce, “check out the park.”
 - Facebook Page – Like the page
- Mark the back trail around the ponds
- Finish the Bridge