

PARKS COMMISSION AGENDA

May 1, 2018, 5:30 PM
Berlin Town Hall Conference Room

1. Approval of Minutes of April 3, 2018
2. New Business:
 - a) Bee City Proposal – Green Team
3. Updates on Projects/Activities:
 - a) Henry Park Permanent Restrooms
 - b) Tennis Courts
 - c) April 21 – Clean-Up Day
4. Upcoming Events:
 - a) May 5 – Spring Just Walk
5. Berlin Falls Park – Bruce Hyder
6. Berlin Youth Program
7. Other

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 5th at 5:30 PM.

Save-the-Date

May 5 – Spring Just Walk

Summer 2018 Movie Nights, June 30, July 14, July 28 & August 11

June 30: Sing

July 14: Beauty & the Beast (1991, animated)

July 28: Lion King

Aug. 11: Lilo & Stitch

August 7 – National Night Out

MINUTES – PARKS COMMISSION
April 3, 2018

The meeting of the Parks Commission for Tuesday, April 3, 2018 was called to order at 5:30 PM. Parks Commission members present were Chair Mike Wiley, Bruce Hyder and Sarah Hooper as well as Administrative Services Director Mary Bohlen. Youth Program Coordinator Austin Piccarreta was also present. Commission members Loretta Brown-Bridgell and Patricia Dufendach were absent.

Mr. Wiley moved to approve the minutes of March 6, 2018 as written. Approval was unanimous.

Ms. Bohlen provided an update on the Henry Park Restrooms and Stephen Decatur Park Tennis Courts projects. The restrooms would likely be open with the week, with the exception of the water fountains, which needed to be replaced. The fence had been removed around the tennis courts and work had begun to install the lighting. Milling was expected to begin by the end of the week.

Ms. Bohlen reminded the Commission of the upcoming Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 21st and Spring Just Walk on May 5th. She indicated that, because of the tennis courts construction, sign-up at Stephen Decatur Park may occur in the Nature Trail parking lot, with volunteers encouraged to work on that side of the park.

Mr. Hyder provided an update on the Berlin Falls Park Advisory Committee. He indicated that many ideas were under discussion and noted that the ponds were very unsafe for swimming – both for people and dogs. Ms. Bohlen indicated that she believed that “No Swimming” signs had been posted.

Ms. Bohlen noted that the annual National Recreation and Parks Association “Meet Me at the Park” contest was underway; reminders were being posted to social media and emailed. She provided copies of the Parks budget year-to-date, as well as the proposed FY19 budget and reminded the Commission that the budget would be discussed at the Mayor and Council worksession on Monday, April 16, 2018 beginning at 5:30 PM. She also noted that part of the development agreement for Ocean’s East had been to set aside land for a small park and that, pending FY19 budget approval, the Parks Commission would be asked to make recommendations for the land.

Ms. Piccarreta provided an update on the recent and upcoming activities of the youth program as well as the SAGES and SABRES programs.

Ms. Bohlen noted that Ms. Dufendach was interested in establishing a "Friends of the Berlin Parks" non-profit.

Mr. Wiley indicated that he and Ms. Dufendach had marked the areas for mowing and items for preservation at the Nature Trail Meadow.

Ms. Bohlen reviewed other upcoming event dates including Movie Nights and National Night Out. She noted that there were five clear winners during the Facebook voting for movies to be

shown. One selection, "Aladdin" was unavailable until October, so Lilo & Stitch was substituted as the next highest vote.

Mr. Wiley moved to adjourn the meeting and approval was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary T. Bohlen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mary T. Bohlen
Administrative Services Director
Liaison to the Parks Commission

What is required to be a Bee City?

1. Complete the application form and resolution template
 - a. "Review Bee City USA's Resolution template and Application form with community stakeholders. If there is support to move forward, complete drafts of the application form and resolution"
 - b. Template downloads available on website
 2. Assign facilitation to a local government body or non-profit organization
"Assign facilitation of the Bee City USA program to a (new or existing) committee. This committee may be based in local government or with a non-profit organization. It may be a newly formed subcommittee of an existing committee. Whatever its structure, it should be devoted to your community's pollinator conservation agenda."
 3. Designate a local government department as a sponsor
"Designate a local government department as the Bee City USA program and committee sponsor and an employee from that department as the "liaison" with Bee City USA."
 4. Draft your Bee City USA Resolution and review with Bee City USA Headquarters
"When both the resolution and application forms have been drafted, share your initial drafts with Bee City USA headquarters for feedback and final approval, and mail your application fee to Bee City USA. (Fees are on sliding scale based on population, and listed in application.)"
- a. *Important: The resolution must be Bee City-USA approved prior to the municipal county adopting it
5. Submit Application and Resolution to local government for approval
"Present your Bee City USA application and resolution to local government for formal approval and adoption."
 6. Finalize your Bee City USA designation by sending your adopted resolution to Bee City USA headquarters and "signing" the initial application form
"Email a scanned copy of the adopted resolution to beecityusa@gmail.com. Within one week or less, Bee City USA will notify the contacts indicated on the application of their designation and listing on the Bee City USA website, as well as instructions for publicizing the news and ongoing use of logo and responsibilities."

**As part of the certification, the city is asked to:

- Annually celebrate being a Bee City USA community with a Proclamation and public awareness activities
- Publicly acknowledge your commitment through signage, web links and Facebook page
- Following the Renewal Application guidelines and paying an annual renewal fee, proudly share your achievements with Bee City USA to renew your designation

Community Benefits

- Participate in conference calls and webinars that promote collaboration and sharing
- Bee City USA disseminates information regarding funding opportunities, pollinator research and habitat enhancement through email, e-newsletters, the website and the Facebook page.

- Bee City USA shares resources for program promotion – press release templates, brochure templates, T-shirt designs, bee decals, pollinator garden signs, etc.
- Ensure survival of a vital species that plays a crucial role in the planet's food web
- Improve local food production - raise awareness of how our food grows and improve local food production through expanded pollination.
- Improve local plant nursery markets by increasing demand for native, pollinator friendly plants
- Mobilize community to remove non-native invasive plants to make way for locally native plants
- Raise community awareness of the least toxic ways to deal with home and garden pest problems
- Raise community awareness of the local environment's seasonality as understanding grows about pollinators' reliance on blooming plants and trees
- Support growth of niche business - pollinator friendly landscaping, beekeeping suppliers, chemical-free lawn care, native seed suppliers

Bee Habitat Links:

[Audubon Society](#)

[Bee City Guidelines](#)

[Xerces Pollinator Plants](#)

[Pollinator.org Regional Guide](#)

[USDA Native Plants Database](#)

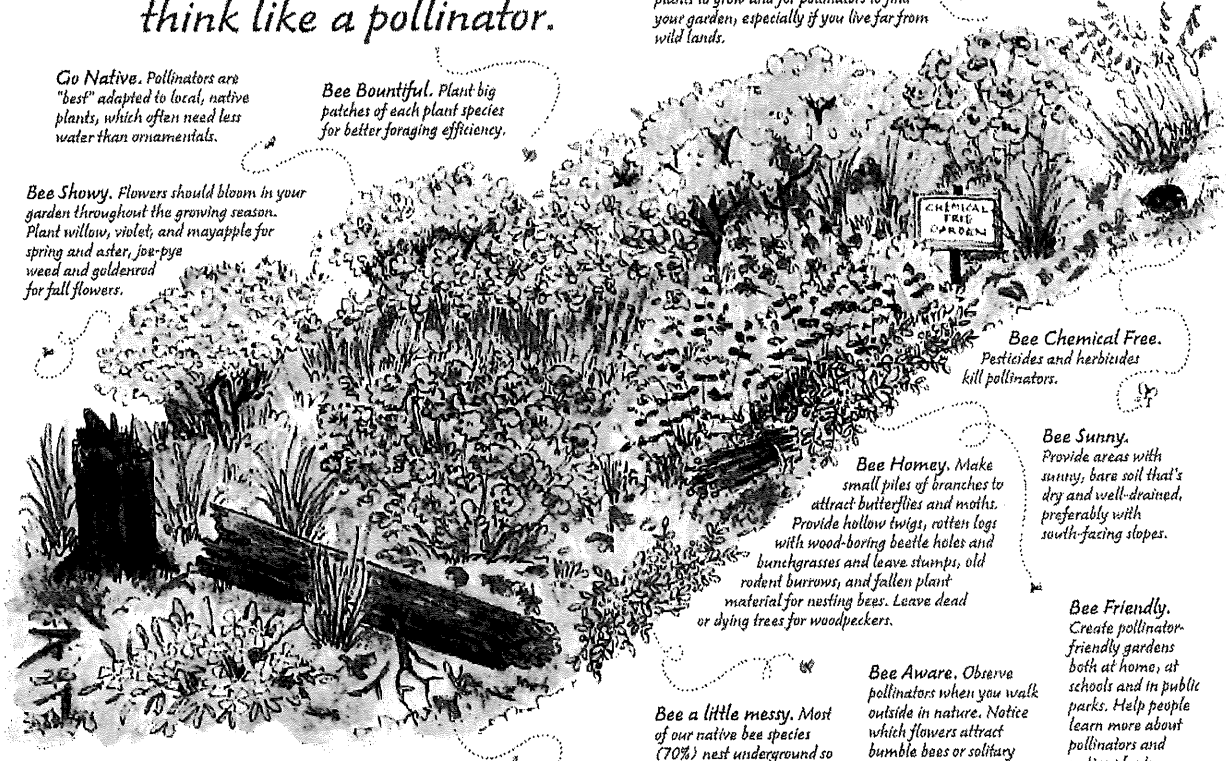
- Important tips for garden design (<https://pollinatorgardens.org/2016/01/12/design-ideas-for-gardeners/>):
 - Include native plants, make them 70-80% of the garden
 - Diversify bloom times -early in the spring and late in the fall
 - Plant a variety of flower shapes and sizes
 - Bees are often attracted to purples, yellows, and whites
 - Plant in masses: bee pollinators like to collect from a single species during each foraging outing → group a minimum of 5-7 plants of the same species together
 - Enhance nesting opportunities:
 - Preserve bare areas of well-drained soil in sunny locations
 - Minimize the use of mulch
 - Consider nesting boxes
 - Birdbath as a water source
- Potential native plants and other good information for Berlin's Ecoregion
 - **** <http://www.pollinator.org/PDFs/OuterCoastal.rx5.pdf> ****

Planning your garden — think like a pollinator.

Go Native. Pollinators are "best" adapted to local, native plants, which often need less water than ornamentals.

Bee Bountiful. Plant big patches of each plant species for better foraging efficiency.

Bee Showy. Flowers should bloom in your garden throughout the growing season. Plant willow, violet, and mayapple for spring and aster, joe-pye weed and goldenrod for fall flowers.



Bee Patient. It takes time for native plants to grow and for pollinators to find your garden, especially if you live far from wild lands.

Bee Gentle. Most bees will avoid stinging and use that behavior only in self-defense. Male bees do not sting.

Bee Chemical Free. Pesticides and herbicides kill pollinators.

Bee Homey. Make small piles of branches to attract butterflies and moths. Provide hollow twigs, rotten logs with wood-boring beetle holes and bunchgrasses and leave stumps, old rodent burrows, and fallen plant material for nesting bees. Leave dead or dying trees for woodpeckers.

Bee Sunny. Provide areas with sunny, bare soil that's dry and well-drained, preferably with south-facing slopes.

Bee Friendly. Create pollinator-friendly gardens both at home, at schools and in public parks. Help people learn more about pollinators and native plants.

Bee a little messy. Most of our native bee species (70%) nest underground so avoid using weed cloth or heavy mulch.

Bee Aware. Observe pollinators when you walk outside in nature. Notice which flowers attract bumble bees or solitary bees, and which attract butterflies.

Bee Diverse. Plant a diversity of flowering species with abundant pollen and nectar and specific plants for feeding butterfly and moth caterpillars.

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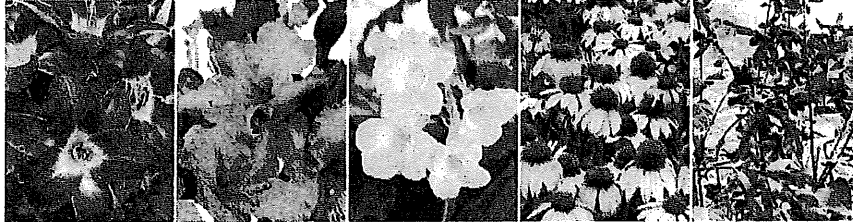
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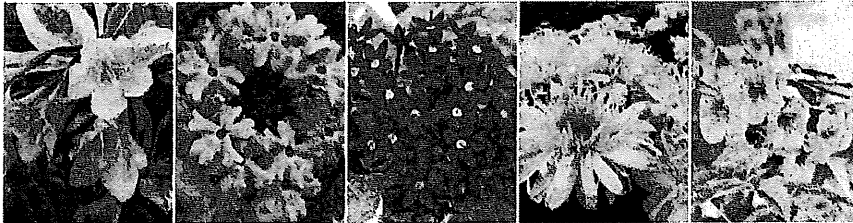
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