



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

**Thursday, November 15, 2018
6:00PM**

**BERLIN TOWN HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10 WILLIAM STRET
BERLIN, MD 21811**

AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes—October 18, 2018 Meeting
2. Visit from Mike Wiley, Chair of Berlin Parks Commission
3. Project Coordinator Report
4. Subcommittee Update
5. YMCA Follow-up

****No Meeting in December. Next Meeting is January 17, 2019**

Berlin Falls Park Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2018

Present: Amy Field, Roger Fitzgerald, Councilmember Zackery Tyndall, Kate Patton, Joan Maloff, Amy Barra, Mayor Gee Williams, Robbie Gill (YMCA), Brian Twilley (YMCA)
Absent: Bruce Hyder, Councilmember Troy Purnell, Shaneka Nichols
Town of Berlin Staff: Laura Allen, David Deutsch, David Englehart

Minutes Submitted by: Jack Orris

Discussion

Approval of Minutes (7/19/18 meeting)

A. Field began meeting by welcoming Mayor Williams and the representatives from the YMCA to the meeting.

Project Coordinator Report

- D. Deutsch reported he is currently reviewing the requirements for a strategic demolition grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development.
- Pedestrian bridge discussion between BFP and the Senior Center is still ongoing with preliminary plans being prepared to submit to the county. After submission, David expects to have a follow up conversation within a few weeks.
- There will be a ribbon cutting for the new interpretive signs at BFP on 10/23 @ 5:30pm.
- Town of Berlin Public Works will begin constructing and placement of the turtle basking platforms later this year.
- D. Deutsch reported that a Land & Water Conservation Grant is a possibility for the future, offered through the state. Wicomico County received grant funding for their wharf project and David is looking at the paperwork.
- We will have no December meeting.

Presentation by Mr. Robbie Gill & Mr. Brian Twilley of the YMCA

- Mr. Gill & Mr. Twilley gave an overview of the funding and potential of a YMCA erected on the BFP property.

Action

Motion to approve minutes by R. Fitzgerald; second K. Patton– approved unanimously.

Discussion followed regarding the non-profit status of the YMCA, programming possibilities (ability to

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pay is a flexible factor in membership), contributions generally are the main funding source for building construction; however, there are possible partnerships available with the county.

Naming Policy-Mayor Gee Williams

- Mayor Williams discussed the various naming opportunities, such as naming things within the park and not the whole park at this time. Some individual items could be benches, trees, plaques, etc.
- A naming idea submitted for consideration by Mayor Williams was naming BFP “*Berlin Boulevard Park*” in a dual effort of helping to establish park identity and renaming of Old Ocean City Boulevard.

Sculpture Proposal- Committee Member Joan Maloff

- Joan distributed a handout (attached) and explained that she felt this is a good opportunity for events within the park using fire sculptures. Discussion would continue at the next meeting in November.

Additional Items

Per the results of the Doodle Poll, subcommittees were formed focused on individual topics (attached). Groups are encouraged to meet and discuss within the chosen topics and report to the full committee.

Motion to adjourn by Councilmember Tyndall; second R. Fitzgerald at approximately 7:47 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of Berlin Falls Park Advisory Committee will be Thursday, November 15th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

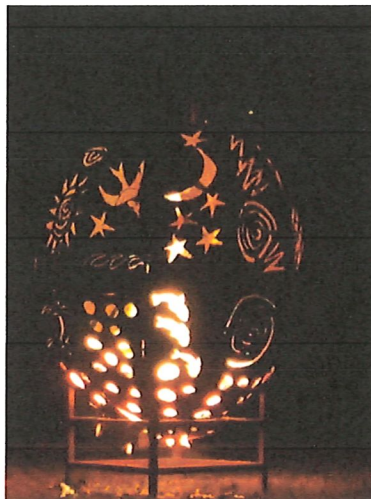
Proposal for Berlin Falls Park

Fire Sculptures

Introduction: At various times in our discussions of the park the idea of outdoor sculptures has been brought up. We have also discussed the ‘coolness factor’ of anything we add to the park. I would like to propose that we install fire sculptures by local artist Todd Peterson.

Details: Todd handcrafts the fire sculptures to order with various designs. (See photos below.) The sculptures are attractive even when they do not contain fires, and they require no maintenance. We envision a collection of 6 to 9 sculptures arranged in the field near the sledding hill. Twice a year (possibly at summer and winter solstice) there will be a Fire Festival (“Hot Fires for a Cool Town.”) The whole community will gather, young and old. The fire department will have a presence.

Cost: The sculptures cost approximately \$2,000 a piece. The town could apply for a Maryland State Arts Grant to purchase the sculptures, or individual donors could purchase a sculpture in their name for the park.



Poll "BFPAC Subcommittees"

<https://doodle.com/poll/twcw6upq5cgcgp6b>

	Physical (features and layout)	Plan (consistent, coherent approach)	Programs (activities)	Naming
Joan Maloof	OK		OK	
Roger Fitzgerald	OK			OK
Amy Barra		OK	OK	
Troy Purnell	OK			
Zackery Tyndall				OK
Kate Patton	OK	OK		
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