

PARKS COMMISSION AGENDA

**October 7, 2014, 5:30 PM
Berlin Town Hall Conference Room**

1. Approval of Minutes of September 2, 2014
2. Old Business
 - a) Stephen Decatur Park
 - i) Tot Lot Fence
 - b) Henry Park
 - i) Bleachers
3. New Business
 - a) Just Walk Berlin – November 8, 2014 (rain date November 15), 9-10 AM
 - b) Mural Ribbon-Cutting November 8, 2014 at 11 AM
4. Berlin Youth Program Update
5. Other

MINUTES – PARKS COMMISSION
September 2, 2014

A meeting of the Berlin Parks Commission was held on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 5:30 PM. Board members Loretta Briddell, Patricia Dufendach, Sarah Hooper, Bruce Hyder and Mike Wiley were present as well as Deputy Town Administrator Mary Bohlen. Councilmember Lisa Hall was also present.

The Commission reviewed the Minutes of June 3, 2014. Ms. Hooper moved to approve the Minutes as written and approval was unanimous.

Ms. Bohlen reported that the wall surrounding the landscaping at the entrance to William Henry Park had been replaced. A brief discussion regarding National Night Out followed. Commission members indicated that the event had been very successful. Ms. Bohlen noted that she had volunteered Commission members to assist the Police Department at next year's event. Ms. Bohlen also noted that the bushes along the sidewalk at Henry Park had been removed. Discussion about whether or not to replace them with another planting followed. It was decided to see what feedback the community had before making a decision. Discussion of replacing the water fountain with another style followed. It was noted that the current fountain was turned off because dirt and other items kept being placed in the fountain causing the drain to become clogged. Additional discussion regarding the need for access to water for landscaping purposes followed.

Ms. Bohlen also noted that she was still waiting for final word from the muralist regarding whether or not the mural was fully complete. Once complete a ribbon-cutting would be scheduled. Ms. Bohlen suggested that perhaps the ribbon cutting could be done the same day as the "Just Walk Berlin" event, which was to be discussed later in the meeting.

Ms. Bohlen also noted that the tot-lot fence in Stephen Decatur Park was being replaced and that the Community Parks and Playgrounds application for the replacement of the tennis courts had been resubmitted.

Ms. Bohlen also indicated that she had met with the Worcester County Health Department and a date of November 8th, (rain date Nov. 15th) had been set. Alternate/additional routes were being discussed as well as a change in the time frame.

Discussion regarding a "movie in the park" followed. This idea was still under consideration.

Ms. Dufendach initiated a discussion of the status of the Commodore Street property. Ms. Bohlen was directed to seek clarification of the status and determination of whether or not the remainder of the property could be used in stormwater management.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Mary T. Bohlen
Deputy Town Administrator
Liaison to the Parks Commission

3rd Annual

Just Walk Berlin!

November 8, 2014

(rain date November 15)

Stephen Decatur Park

Registration starts at 9 AM

Warm-Up: 9:30-9:45

Walk: 9:45-10:00 AM

Join us for a walk around Stephen Decatur Park to promote walking for exercise and fun!

Mural Ribbon Cutting to follow at 11 AM!



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