

For some reason the info@berlinnh.gov address wasn't working this morning for Leane – so she sent this to me...she would like it to be shared with the Mayor & Council.

Thanks, Pam

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Date: August 26, 2016 at 9:44:05 AM EDT

To: info@berlinnh.gov

Subject: Jericho passes

Hello,

I'm writing regarding the recent article in the Berlin Daily Sun about the city implementing a pass system for Berlin residents at Jericho Lake Park.

Frankly, I am confused as to why this is even an issue. As a Berlin resident, I was told that the use of Jericho Lake would remain free of charge. I don't know the language that is in the deed but I do know what this pass system sounds like to me- a fee for use of Jericho Lake Park. The amount of the fee is not the point. The fact that the city would even entertain the discussion is. Normally, I go to the park office and show them my drivers license and they tell me the park rules and issue me a car pass for the season.

I don't see how this is a problem that needs fixing.

Are people causing trouble? I assume the park staff can call the police and/or revoke their parking tag.

Is the city looking for a new revenue stream? This is not the way to do it.

From my vantage point, the park appears to want to make it more difficult for Berlin residents to use the beach.

If the original deal was (as I understand it) for Berlin residents to have free use of Jericho Park then it should remain. Park staff ought to be able to discern residence by a state issued ID and call it good. It looks like they're inventing a problem that doesn't exist and trying to pass responsibility off to city hall.

Thanks for your time and feel free to contact me if you'd like to discuss this further.

Leane Rexford