

Village of Germantown Hills

Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2016 - 5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Jeff DeGroot called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

EDC Committee	Roll Call	1	2	3	4	5
Jeff DeGroot-Village President	Present	Y	Y			
Marty Clinch-Chairman	Absent	-	-			
Amy Pace	Present	Y	Y			
Paul Herzog	Absent	-	-			
Bob Sutton	Present	Y	Y			
Eric McAllister	Present	Y	Y			
Amy DeFreitas	Absent	-	-			
Melissa Heil	Absent	-	-			
Veronica Axelson	Present	Y	Y			
Kendall Stevens	Present	Y	Y			
Ann Sasso-Director	Present	Y	Y			

Also in attendance:

Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works Julia Miller, Village Trustee
 Mike Hinrichsen, Woodford County Board Member

Jeff DeGroot introduced Kendall Stevens. He is taking the place of John Taylor who had to resign from the EDC. Kendall Stevens is on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

2. Approval of the February 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Bob Sutton to approve the February 11, 2016 EDC minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Amy Pace. **Motion passed #1.**

3. EDC Chairman/Director Reports

Ann Sasso reported the Village had received a thank you note from Jennifer Daly from the GPEDC for the Village's investment for this year. The Peoria Chiefs are going to have a Germantown Hills/Metamora night at the ball park on July 16. As soon as they get information on the event we will be sending it out in order to promote the event.

GPEDC is hiring a rural development person. Ann Sasso and Mike Hinrichsen were able to be a part of the interviewing process and the candidate seems to be a good fit. This person will be working with the smaller communities in order to help with the regional economic development.

We will be sending out information to all of the businesses in the Village on the Enterprise Zone, Business Community Improvement Grant and the lighting ordinance that needs to be in compliance by the end of the year.

Ann Sasso discussed the idea of checking to see what the Schools have in their programs when it comes to entrepreneurship and economic development. She had recently attended a workshop where communities use their economic development groups and Chambers to help in teaching kids the aspects of entrepreneurship and economic development at an earlier age.

4. School expansion & building updates

Eric McAllister reported the school had awarded the bid for the Middle School expansion project.

The MTHS school expansion is on the March 15th referendum.

5. Illinois Prairie District Public Library update

The library has started their building project and the footings have been poured. Ann Sasso indicated she had informed Grant Fredericksen that down the road if there are any needs in regards to landscaping or book donations there are groups in the area that may be able to assist if there are any needs.

6. Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce update

Veronica Axelson reported their Chamber lunch has been moved to March 24th at noon. Amerencilco will be the guest speaker to talk about energy efficiency and LED lighting.

Veronica stated they will be stuffing welcome bags with business information to hand out to new residents in our community. Chamber members will take turns delivering them to new residents.

7. Discussion on the street pole banner design

Ann Sasso discussed with the committee two potential designs that Cassandra Schlatter had put together for review. The committee had some suggested changes that will be incorporated into a new design for consideration.

8. Road infrastructure update

Rich Brecklin reported Anker Lane will start up again weather permitting. Jeff DeGroot asked about the roundabout. Rich noted we will be waiting until after Anker Lane is built and may update the traffic study first to see where we are at with the traffic flows.

The Germantown Crossing pylon sign is moving forward. Most all of the businesses within the shopping center are showing interest in advertising on the sign.

9. Business round table updates/public comments

Eric McAllister recommended as an idea to see if the school's graphic art design class would want to work on a design for the street pool banners.

Ann Sasso asked Bob Sutton if the Water Company has any plans on having the office open on Fridays because the Village has received several questions from people needing answers and not being able to get a hold of anyone at the Water Company until Monday. Bob said they have no plan at this time.

10. Next Meeting- April 14, 2016 5:00 p.m.-The next EDC meeting will be held at the Village hall at 5:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment-A motion was made by Eric McAllister to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 p.m. The motion was seconded by Amy Pace. **Motion passed #2.**

Ann Sasso
Village Clerk