

**Village of Germantown Hills**  
**Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes**

**March 12, 2015 - 5:00 p.m.**

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

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

<b>EDC Committee</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Jeff DeGroot-Village President	Present	Y	Y			
Marty Clinch-Chairman	Present	Y	Y			
John Ford	Present	Y	Y			
Paul Herzog	Absent	-	-			
John Taylor	Present	Y	Y			
Bob Sutton	Absent	-	-			
Eric McAllister	Present	Y	-			
Amy DeFreitas	Absent	-	-			
Melissa Heil	Present	Y	Y			
Veronica Axelson	Present	Y	Y			
Ann Sasso-Director	Present	Y	Y			

Also in attendance:

- Mike Hinrichsen, Woodford County Board Member
- Jim O'Laughlin, Village Trustee
- Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works
- Dan Mair, Superintendent, Germantown Hills School District
- Steve Nauman, Germantown Hills School Board President
- Barry Logan, Woodford County Board Member
- Aimee Ingalls, University of Illinois Extension

**2. Minutes Approval-February 12, 2015**

**A motion** was made by Melissa Heil to approve the February 12, 2015 EDC minutes. The motion was seconded by John Ford. **Motion passed #1.**

**3. Greater Peoria Economic Development Council-Jennifer Daly**

Jennifer Daly was in attendance to discuss the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council. She gave a history about herself and explained the FFCI and EDC.

Jennifer noted Marty Clinch and Ann Sasso are extremely involved in the regional economic development so this helps to know what is going on in Germantown Hills and share this information with other area economic developers.

Jennifer noted the first thing they did was to dissolve the FFCI entity and shift it to the name of the strategy. They wanted to market our area and needed ownership. For marketing purposes they changed the name to the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council. Jennifer passed out some information outlining who they are, what they are doing and how they are going to measure their outcomes. Jennifer explained the business development aspect of their strategy along with business attraction and workforce development. Jennifer stated they will be having quarterly updates on how things are going and sharing strategies.

Marty Clinch stated he appreciated Jennifer coming and sharing the information with the council so there is a better understanding of how the regional economic development is helping Germantown Hills and others.

Mike Hinrichsen stated with Caterpillar's announcement there are things Germantown Hills may need to get going on and recommended having Henry Vicary come talk about ways to fulfill some of the needs that may arise. Mike felt it will be critical for communities to get in on the front end of the needs.

#### **4. EDC Chairman/Director Reports**

Ann Sasso and Marty Clinch attended the Illinois Rural Community Economic Development Conference and discussed how the Germantown Hills Economic Development Council is set up and how it is working for Germantown Hills. They also attended the Government Purchasing Diversity event in Peoria to discuss how to do business with government agencies. Both events were great experiences to get the word out on Germantown Hills and potential leads for new business in the community.

Ann reported the demolition will start the week of March 23rd on the PNC bank building for the new Casey's.

#### **5. Illinois Prairie District Public Library Update**

On March 3, 2015, the library board approved the basic floor plan for the branch at 7,000 square feet. The next step was to examine a proposal for Dewberry to proceed with the schematic design phase. At a special meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, the board approved the proposal to move to the schematic design stage. This part includes: Preliminary Project schedule, preliminary construction cost estimate, program summary, architectural site plan, floor plan, reflected ceiling plan, roof plan, exterior elevations, systems narrative (which includes- outline specifications, structural narrative, mechanical system narrative, electrical narrative, and plumbing narrative). The next step is to sign the contract for the schematic design work.

The board's next meeting is a special meeting held at Metamora at 4pm on Tuesday, March 24, 2015. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the library's financial situation with their financial consultant.

#### **6. Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce Update**

Veronica Axelson reported the following: The benefit for Arnie Edwards raised \$6,400. The next Chamber meeting is on May 19th at noon at the Monte Cristo. The Chamber is working on a magnet with all of the Chamber members information. The annual pork chop event is on

May 9th with vendor and garage sales. Christ Church is allowing people to rent a space on their parking lot if anyone is interested in doing so. May 2nd there will be a St. Jude bags tournament, band and beer tent at Germantown Crossing.

## **7. Road Infrastructure Update**

Rich Brecklin explained the proposed right in/right out off of Anker Lane and the roundabout to be built this summer.

## **8. Discussion on Village Newsletter Ideas**

The committee discussed some newsletter ideas that included a calendar of events, a business map, storm water and road improvement information.

## **9. Business Round Table Updates/Public Comments.**

John Ford stated the Village budget looks good and he will be scheduling a finance committee meeting.

Ann Sasso reported on the commercial vacancies within the village.

Marty Clinch commented that there was a Mayor's meeting with the Woodford County Finance and Economic Development committee and he saw a lot of small towns in Woodford County that have the same interests that Germantown Hills does. The Mayor's talked about what the communities have to offer and what they need. A couple of County board members are not on board with economic development. Mike Hinrichsen and Barry Logan, County Board members were there and they understand what is needed. Marty noted the Mayor's are in agreement to move forward even if Woodford County doesn't take the lead.

Melissa Heil asked if the Allstate Grant was submitted. Ann Sasso reported the grant had been sent in. The grant will assist with economic development with the EDC and the Chamber. Melissa Heil asked about the comprehensive plan goal to look at annexing more land into the Village. Ann Sasso reported the Village has not discussed that item at this time.

Dan Mair stated the school board discussed the possibility of the School District rolling the cost of the MTCO Park development into the construction project but there needs to be further discussion on intergovernmental agreements and looking more at the long term commitment and maintenance of the park.

Steve Nauman had talked with Worth Township about their possible involvement with the development of MTCO Park. Steve noted with this being a community project everyone needs to be involved and on board. Dan Mair stated he will get the committee together to talk about the next steps.

Eric McAllister left at 6:05 p.m.

Barry Logan thanked those that came on Monday night to the Mayor's meeting. He apologized for some of the county board members that didn't understand the purpose of the meeting.

Aimee Ingalls stated the U of I Extension will be there to be supportive for all communities and work with John Krug and Mike Hinrichsen in moving forward with the community's goals and objectives in regards to economic development. They are looking at having the communities meet on a quarterly basis. Jennifer Daly stated they will be there to be supportive and it was encouraging that several communities heard what Germantown Hills is doing and wanted to know how to model and build on their local economic development. Marty Clinch agreed we need the community support.

Rich Brecklin reported they are starting the next phase to look at extending the sewer main to take on more capacity. With Caterpillar's announcement the infrastructure will need to be extended in order to accommodate the need for more housing.

#### **10. Next Meeting- April 9, 2015 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 Jeff DeGroot to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m. The motion was seconded by John Ford. **Motion passed #2.**

Ann Sasso  
Village Clerk