

Village of Germantown Hills
Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes

April 9, 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.

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

Also in attendance:

- Mike Hinrichsen, Woodford County Board Member
- Dan Mair, Superintendent, Germantown Hills School District
- Steve Nauman, Germantown Hills School Board President
- Don Cremeens, Woodford County Board Member
- Julia Miller, Village Trustee

2. Minutes Approval-March 12, 2015

A motion was made by Paul Herzog to approve the March 12, 2015 EDC minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Melissa Heil. **Motion passed #1.**

3. EDC Chairman/Director Reports

Ann Sasso is currently working on four applications to be filed for the CEDS application that the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council is accepting until April 30th. They include the Trail to Metamora, MTCO Park, the roundabout, and pedestrian overpass This will get the projects in the CEDS application to help with grant and funding opportunities.

Melissa Heil questioned if we should submit an application on the pedestrian overpass until there is a park to build the bridge to. Marty Clinch recommended the Village do the pedestrian

overpass application as it is an integral part of the trail to Metamora and the MTCO Park development.

John Taylor arrived at 5:06 p.m.

Nena Ace is planned to open April 20th and they are building an outdoor garden area on the east side of their building. Casey's is planned to open July 23rd. The old Ace is still available, along with two 800 square ft areas within Nena Ace.

Marty Clinch reported there will be a Mayor's meeting on April 13th at Woodford County. Aimee Ingalls from the University of Illinois Extension will be coordinating the meeting with all of the Woodford County Mayors.

4. Illinois Prairie District Public Library Update

The library board discussed fundraising opportunities and the hiring of a construction manager. At their next meeting they are going to look at a proposed floor plan with the staff recommendations. In June they should have a final floor plan.

5. Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce Update

The Chamber meeting is at 8:00 a.m. on April 16 at Germantown Grille. They are working on the magnet and are hoping to get it out in the next month. May 2nd is the St. Jude bags tournament at Germantown Crossing. May 9th is the annual chamber pork chop sale and vendor and garage sale.

6. Road Infrastructure Update

Jeff DeGroot explained that the Village is working on getting right of way for the right in/right out off of Anker Lane and the roundabout.

7. Newsletter Update

Ann Sasso presented a proposed business map to be included in the newsletter. The committee agreed to include a listing of all of the businesses with their contact information. The committee will review a draft of the newsletter at their May meeting.

8. Business Round Table Updates/Public Comments.

Dan Mair stated there was a meeting on the MTCO Park development. Some High School representatives explained at the meeting they are looking at constructing a field house for indoor sport activities and the possibility of an indoor swimming pool. Neither of these projects would be school funded but there is an individual that owns property adjacent to the MTCO Park property that is willing to donate 5 acres for a swimming pool facility. The group discussed the potential development of a swimming pool facility which would be adjacent to MTCO Park.

The group talked about the different initiatives to see how we can all work together. There was a discussion on possibly expanding the Metamora Park District. The Park District is looking at the process to do this. Dan explained GHAA is looking to level and grade the site for the MTCO Park this fall with donated equipment and labor. The Germantown Hills School District is hoping to be ready to go and confirm funding for the school expansion in August this year.

Dan Mair discussed a potential version of a welcome to Germantown Hills/MTCO Park sign. This will need to be discussed amongst the groups on design and funding.

Paul Herzog left at 5:30 p.m.

Bob Sutton reported Dick Diestelhorst has resigned from the water board. They will elect a new chairman in June.

Mike Hinrichsen stated the Greater Peoria EDC continues to support Woodford County and complimented Germantown Hills to continue to be the voice for the county.

Don Cremeens stated adding more properties into the Park District will make it a more sustainable funding mechanism for the Park District.

9. Next Meeting- May 14, 2015 5:00 p.m.

The next EDC meeting will be held at the Village hall at 5:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Melissa Heil to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by Jeff DeGroot. **Motion passed #2.**

Ann Sasso
Village Clerk