

**Village of Germantown Hills
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Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2014 - 5:00 p.m.

Meeting was started late due to lack of quorum

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Marty Clinch called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

EDC Committee	Roll Call	1	2	3
Jeff DeGroot-Village President	Absent	-	-	
Marty Clinch-Chairman	Present	Y	Y	
John Ford	Present	Y	Y	
Paul Herzog	Present	Y	Y	
John Taylor	Absent	-	-	
Bob Sutton	Present	Y	Y	
Eric McAllister	Present	Y	Y	
Mike Gaetz	Absent	-	-	
Tammy Heiden	Absent	-	-	
Melissa Heil	Absent	-	-	
Ann Sasso-Director	Present	Y	Y	

Also in attendance:

Jill Goforth, Tri-County Planning Commission
Katy Shackelford, Tri-County Planning Commission
Veronica Axelson, Chamber of Commerce President
Jim O’Laughlin, Village Trustee
Don Creemens, Woodford County Board Member
Julia Miller, Village Trustee
Amy DeFreitas, Village Resident/MTHS School Board Member
Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works

2. Minutes Approval-March 13, 2014

A motion was made by John Ford to approve the March 13, 2014 EDC minutes. The motion was seconded by Marty Clinch. **Motion passed #1.**

3. Discussion on Meeting Times for May and June EDC Meetings

Marty Clinch noted due to a couple of commitments coming up he would like to change the meeting time for the May & June EDC meetings to 5:30 p.m. if this works for the group. The council agreed.

4. Goals Revisions and Review

Katy Shackelford stated at the last meeting there was an error on the average household income for Germantown Hills that was reported. The number that was pulled from the census data ended up being Germantown, Illinois which was significantly lower than Germantown Hills' average income. Katy noted all the other housing statistics were correct as previously reported. Katy reviewed the numbers with the council.

Jill GoForth and Katy Shackelford reviewed the goal revisions that the council members had submitted. Each area of the plan was discussed and reviewed for additional changes.

5. Current and Future Lane Use Maps Review

The current and future land use maps were reviewed. The council agreed they would like to see more of the area going east on the future land use map since that is most likely the direction the village will grow in the future.

6. Disaster Mitigation Discussion

Defer for now.

7. Community Event Discussion

The Open House will be held at the Monte Cristo Room on May 1st from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Food and drinks will be served. The group agreed to get the word out at as much as possible with posting it on the website, Facebook and distributing flyers.

Don Creemens and Veronica Axelson left at 6:23 p.m.

Jill GoForth noted at the open house they will have display boards, demographic information, survey results, land use maps, goals and there will be a short presentation at the beginning and middle of the evening.

Amy DeFreitas stated she has a copy of the Metamora survey results and was going to look at how the information compares to the Germantown Hills results.

Jill noted they will have an updated future land use map for review before the open house.

8. Germantown Crossing Building/Property Owners Meeting Report

Marty Clinch reported there was a meeting with all of the Germantown Crossing building/property owners. The meeting was a good meeting to get everyone together so we

can work on improvements to the shopping center which will benefit the shopping center and the community. They discussed the possibility of changing Jubilee Lane to another name such as Main Street or Center Street. The owners will be polled on whether or not the name should change or remain the same. The lights along Jubilee Lane and the community event in July were discussed that will take place at Germantown Crossing.

The group discussed the Route 116 right in/right out that will connect to Anker Lane. IDOT approved the access years ago but funding has been the issue. Ann Sasso reported she will be attending a meeting next week on some funding possibilities. The pylon sign for the shopping center was also discussed. Once we know the owner of the corner property we will work with them to see if a new shopping center sign can be designed and constructed closer to the intersection. Rich Brecklin noted the lighting along Jubilee Lane will match the CEFCU LED lights. The council discussed checking with the post office about the name change process.

9. Public Comments-None.

10. Round the Table Updates

Due to time limitations we will do this at the next meeting.

11. Next Meeting- May 8, 2014 5:30 pm

The next meeting will be held at the fire house at 5:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Bob Sutton to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. The motion was seconded by John Ford. **Motion passed #2.**

Ann Sasso
Village Clerk