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Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2014 - 5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Marty Clinch called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

EDC Committee	Roll Call	1	2	3
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	Absent	-	Y	
Mike Gaetz	Absent	-	-	
Tammy Heiden	Present	Y	Y	
Melissa Heil	Present	Y	Y	
Ann Sasso-Director	Present	Y	Y	

Also in attendance:

Jill Goforth, 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, MTHS School Board Member
Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works
Mike Hinrichsen, Woodford County Board Member

2. Minutes Approval-April 10, 2014

A motion was made by John Ford to approve the April 10, 2014 EDC minutes. The motion was seconded by John Taylor. **Motion passed #1.**

3. Open House Comments

Jill GoForth stated there were 70 people that attended the Community Open House on May 1st at the Monte Cristo Room. Metamora had an attendance of around 40 at their open house. Marty Clinch noted we received really good feedback at the open house. Jill reviewed the results of the comments from the community and will incorporate some of the information into the comprehensive plan.

Eric McAllister arrived at 5:40 p.m.

Melissa Heil asked if some of the areas for future annexation could be included on the future land use map.

Veronica Axelson arrived at 5:42 p.m.

Rich Brecklin indicated that currently in order to be annexed they have to be on the sewer system. Melissa noted the village may want to change the ordinance to allow for annexations without the sewer.

4. Disaster Mitigation Discussion

Jill GoForth explained as a part of the Hurricane Ike Grant requirement the comprehensive plan has to include a disaster mitigation plan. Jill checked the National records for any significant storms and found the area to have had storms, hail, tornados and flash floods in 2003, 2008, and 2014.

Jill reviewed the critical facilities within the community including the schools, utilities, sewer plant, Caterpillar Trail Water, churches and fire department. Jeff DeGroot has previously asked the fire chief to put together a disaster plan and wants to make sure it meets the standard.

Julia Miller arrived at 5:50 p.m.

Ann Sasso noted the village hall has been set up as an information center for Peoria County but will get the official information to Jill for review. Jill questioned if there are any Red Cross locations in Germantown Hills?

Jeff DeGroot noted the need to get information from the Fire Chief on the disaster plan so we can make sure there are emergency response teams and a chain of command in place in the event of an emergency. Jill GoForth will meet with the Fire Chief to get the additional information.

5. Public Comments/Updates

Marty Clinch thanked Veronica Axelson for having the Community Open House at the Monte Cristo Room. Veronica stated they are looking to start having some dance classes at the Monte Cristo Room.

Don Creemens questioned how the village will be able to accomplish adding sidewalks to the existing subdivisions as noted in the survey results from residents. Ann Sasso noted any new subdivisions will have sidewalks. Marty Clinch indicated there are key areas we can still add sidewalks to but we realize there are areas that it won't be feasible. Rich Brecklin explained we have a better storm water drainage ordinance in place to manage the drainage in a subdivision. Amy DeFreitas mentioned the Safe Kids Grant that is also available for sidewalks to schools and noted Metamora High School is designated as a Red Cross Center.

Mike Hinrichsen reported next Monday Woodford County will be looking at the CEDS document and will be bringing back the Woodford County Economic Development strategy team. He noted they would also like to replicate in Metamora some of the things Germantown Hills is doing. Marty Clinch noted Germantown Hills will be a part of whatever is needed to help out.

Jeff DeGroot reported Bill Bowald the owner of the Village Ace has passed away.

Rich Brecklin indicated there are people that want sidewalks and some residents want to fill in their ditches. The village doesn't allow it unless there are extreme circumstances. Rich will be meeting with Jill GoForth from Tri-County to review the storm water drainage and I & I in the village.

Melissa Heil asked about the time line for the completion of the comprehensive plan. Jill noted the draft plan will be ready for approval next month.

Ann Sasso reported she will be attending an Enterprise Zone meeting next Thursday with the other Peoria Metro members and the consultant to start the application process. The consultant will be doing most of the application but there will be a portion that we will have to put together.

The website is up and running and we have received a lot of compliments. We sent out our first email blast to those individuals that have signed up for the village updates. Ann noted the Germantown Crossing building owners are planning on having their parking lots repaired, seal coated and striped and will check on the time frame of when this going to take place.

Veronica Axelson noted there will be a ribbon cutting for the cleaners after the Chamber meeting on Thursday, May 15. Hillside Kleaners has moved over to the Germantown Crossing space.

6. Next Meeting- June 12, 2014 5:30 pm

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

A motion was made by John Ford to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m. The motion was seconded by Jeff DeGroot. **Motion passed #2.**

Ann Sasso
Village Clerk