

Village of Germantown Hills

Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2016 - 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	Absent	-	-	-		
Marty Clinch-Chairman	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Amy Pace	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Paul Herzog	Absent	-	-	-		
Bob Sutton	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Eric McAllister	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Amy DeFreitas	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Melissa Heil	Absent	-	-	-		
Veronica Axelson	Absent	-	-	-		
Kendall Stevens	Absent	-	-	-		
Ann Sasso-Director	Present	Y	Y	Y		

Also in attendance:

Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works

Jim O'Laughlin, Village Trustee

2. Approval of the May 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes-A motion was made by Eric McAllister to approve the May 12, 2016 EDC minutes. The motion was seconded by Amy Pace. **Motion passed #1.**

3. EDC Chairman/Director Reports

Ann Sasso reported Holland Road sidewalk is scheduled to hopefully go out to bid in July with an August construction. She noted she is working on an ITEP Grant for a sidewalk to go from the sidewalk by the daycare over to meet up with the library and shopping center.

The Coventry Farm commercial property went on the market and there is already some interest. It is on the Village website and LOIS.

Ann noted GHAA is going to talk about the next steps on the MTCO Park at their meeting next week. Ann informed the GHAA President that we might want to do some joint meetings to try and collaborate on some ideas to get the development of the park moving forward.

Ann stated Brittany Brown, the GP rural development coordinator is willing to help us with specific support once we identify our top goals.

The Village board approved the Business Community Improvement Grant for Greg Harman.

Ann stated the chip clips with the Village logo were given to the Chamber and GPEDC for welcome bags to distribute to new residents in the community and regional area.

- 4. School expansion & building updates**-Eric McAllister discussed some proposed school timelines with the construction of the new building and intended use of the old building. Rich Brecklin asked about how the School is addressing the traffic at the Middle School once all of the kids are moved there. Eric noted they are working on some alternatives but they already have different start times set and are looking at possibly utilizing two entrances.
- 5. Illinois Prairie District Public Library update**-The library is still projected to be completed by December 1st. The library gave the Village a letter of support on the ITEP Grant application for the sidewalk down Holland and Woodland Knolls Road to the new library.
- 6. Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce update**-Veronica Axelson was not attendance.
- 7. Road infrastructure update**-Rich Brecklin reported the contractor will be working on the Anker Lane extension weather permitting. The project is supposed to be done in July.

Rich noted the new welcome signs should be here in a couple of weeks so the ground has been prepared at each location for the new signs.

8. Discussion on future community goals and objectives

The committee discussed all of the goals and agreed to the following as the top goals and objectives:

- 1) MTCO Park-work with GHAA to come up with ideas and a strategy plan for the development of MTCO Park
- 2) The addition of sidewalks to add in the connectivity within our community. The sidewalk connection from the park to the daycare is to be built this year and from the daycare to the library and shopping area is being submitted in the ITEP Grant application next week.
- 3) Grocery Store/Farmer's Market-this would also go along with development of Triangle Park as a possible location for a Farmer's Market
- 4) Build community identity (Art or Photo contest to get ideas)

The committee also agreed to check into what it would take to set up an endowment fund for our community.

9. Approval of a letter of support from the EDC on the submittal of an ITEP Grant for the construction of a sidewalk along Holland Road and Woodland Knolls Road to the library and shopping center

A motion was made by Amy Pace to approve a letter of support from the EDC on the submittal of an ITEP Grant for the construction of a sidewalk along Holland Road and Woodland Knolls Road to the library and shopping center. The motion was seconded by Amy DeFreitas. **Motion passed #2.**

10. Business round table updates/public comments

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

12. Adjournment-A motion was made by Eric McAllister to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m. The motion was seconded by Amy Pace. **Motion passed #3.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk