

Village of Germantown Hills
Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2015 - 5:00 p.m.

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

Marty Clinch called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also in attendance:

- Jim O'Laughlin, Village Trustee
- Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works
- Mike Hinrichsen, Woodford County Board Member
- Barry Logan, Woodford County Board Member

Paul Herzog arrived at 5:06 p.m.

2. Approval of the May 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes-June meeting was cancelled

A motion was made by Melissa Heil to approve the May 14, 2015 EDC minutes. The motion was seconded by Veronica Axelson. **Motion passed #1.**

3. EDC Chairman/Director Reports

Marty Clinch reported that he was at a Springbay Village board meeting and explained to them what Germantown Hills is doing with the formation of the EDC and how we are finding success.

Ann Sasso reported there was another Woodford County Mayor's meeting and Roanoke is very interested in being more involved and are forming their own EDC. Mike Hinrichsen noted we are planning on having the next Mayor's meeting at Camp Tapawingo in order to show case what they have to offer within the county. There is going to be a grand opening event on Friday, July 10th for Nena's Hardware at noon and Casey's is projected to open later this month.

The Greater Peoria Economic Development Council has some data sources we are able to utilize in looking at retail analysis and demographics for Germantown Hills.

Mike Hinrichsen noted another important thing that has happened for our region is the Greater Peoria Investing in Manufacturing Community Partnerships (IMCP) National Designation Application was one of 12 approved by the EDA. This is a major initiative and is really important to our region.

4. Illinois Prairie District Public Library Update

Ann Sasso reported from the Library District for the Germantown Hills site the board has appointed an interior decoration committee. A special meeting will be scheduled, tentatively on July 14, to speak with another construction manager. The library board heard the plans for Dewberry to present the design documents at the August 4 regular board meeting and construction documents should be ready by the October 6 board meeting if the schedule holds. Jeff DeGroot recommended we educate the community on how the library is going to fund the new building so that people don't think their taxes are going to go up.

5. Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce Update

Veronica Axelson noted the magnet is being printed and should go out in the next few weeks. Veronica reported they are accepting servant leadership award nominations and they are looking at dates for the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. It was noted Arnie Edwards is not doing well and he and Laura need our prayers.

6. Allstate Grant-EDC/Germantown Hills Chamber Project Idea

Ann Sasso reported in talking with Scott Leas from Allstate that we might want to utilize the grant funds to do a community guide that would be beneficial to the both the Chamber and the EDC. The committee discussed. Paul Herzog recommended using the \$1,000 grant towards the magnet cost. In addition Jeff DeGroot recommended having the Village split the remainder of the cost with the Chamber. This will be taken to the Village board for approval.

7. Discussion on The Character program and potential sponsorships

Ann Sasso explained the Character program and how it works. The committee discussed and agreed there was no interest at this time to participate.

8. Road Infrastructure Update

Rich Brecklin updated the committee on the Anker Lane roadway extension. IDOT had some comments and the Village is waiting to hear back. The Village is finalizing the right of way acquisitions and we are hoping to award the project soon.

9. Newsletter Update

Ann Sasso reported she is still waiting on some letters for the newsletter and we are hoping to have a draft for the committee to review.

Paul Herzog asked about the roundabout. The roundabout is planned to be constructed next year which will also give us time to look at other funding opportunities.

10. Business Round Table Updates/Public Comments

Paul Herzog asked about the progress of changing the Germantown Crossing pylon sign. Ann Sasso reported they have a proposed new design but are waiting to see how many trees are removed in order for there to be more visibility for the shopping center sign.

Bob Sutton stated the water board has an opening if anyone is interested.

Melissa Heil asked if we could put together a list of incentives that could be offered to businesses doing business in Germantown Hills such as façade improvement projects. Ann Sasso will get a listing together for review.

11. Next Meeting- August 13, 2015 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 Jeff DeGroot to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Melissa Heil. **Motion passed #2.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk