

**Village of Germantown Hills
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Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2014 - 5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

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

Also in attendance:

Jim O’Laughlin, Village Trustee
Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works
Dan Mair, Superintendent, Germantown Hills

2. Public Hearing-Public Comments on the Draft Comprehensive Plan

A motion was made by Jeff DeGroot to go into the public hearing at 5:31 p.m. to discuss the draft comprehensive plan. The motion was seconded by Melissa Heil. **Motion passed #1.**

Mike Hinrichsen stated he felt the document was really good. His only concern is that the document really doesn't portray what Metamora and Germantown Hills are going to look like in 30 years and felt this should be reflected. Marty Clinch noted he had attended the Metamora Comprehensive Plan Open House and had several discussions with the Mayor, business owners and residents. Metamora has similar interests that Germantown Hills has with some of the same growing pains. They discussed how Germantown Hills and Metamora can combine

efforts. Ann Sasso noted since Tri-County is working on both the Metamora and Germantown Hills comprehensive plans we should be able to show the combined efforts and goals. Melissa Heil recommended in the intergovernmental relationships section to make it stronger in the communities working together. Jeff DeGroot suggested having regular meetings with representatives from the communities to see what each community is doing and coordinate efforts that might be possible. The committee agreed this should be included as a recommendation in the plan.

Dan Mair noted the school board has asked that the administrative redundancies statement be eliminated on page 38 and also page 66 of the document.

Ann Sasso noted there is a typo on a committee member's name and the date on the front page will need to be changed. Amy DeFreitas asked to see if the font could be made darker.

Mike Hinrichsen recommended a letter be sent on the eastern bypass corridor selection since some of the issues the village is facing cannot be addressed until that decision is made.

A motion was made by Jeff DeGroot to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by John Ford. **Motion passed #2.**

3. Minutes Approval-June 12, 2014

A motion was made by John Ford to approve the June 12, 2014 EDC minutes. The motion was seconded by Melissa Heil. **Motion passed #3.**

4. Discussion on Corrections to the Comprehensive Plan

Melissa Heil recommended pictures be added to the plan showing what the future development of the village could look like, which would be an addendum to the plan.

Amy DeFreitas stated she has some changes to the High School information that she will pass along to Tri-County. Ann Sasso noted Amy has information on the possibility of constructing a path from Metamora to Germantown Hills and Tri-County has stated they can dedicate some hours to help with a grant. Ann Sasso noted the dividing line was approved years ago at Hickory Point Road so that if each community could apply for a grant the bike/walk path could meet up at this location.

5. Recommendation to the Planning Commission and Village Board on the Approval of the Comprehensive Plan

A motion was made by Melissa Heil to recommend to the Planning Commission and Village Board on the Approval of the Comprehensive Plan with the additions and corrections as stated. The motion was seconded by Amy DeFreitas. **Motion passed #4.**

There will be a public hearing in front of the Planning Commission on the comprehensive plan on July 21st and will go the village board on July 24th for final approval.

6. Round Table Updates

Dan Mair updated the committee on the school construction project. He noted they met with the architect to get the costs down as much as possible so they are still on the timeline but this might be adjusted depending on the costs.

7. Recommendation on Future Agenda Items

The committee discussed possible future agenda item including requesting an update from the Library District, discussion on how to collaborate better with Metamora, Germantown Crossing accesses, and a potential roundabout.

Ann Sasso updated the committee on the enterprise zone status. Marty Clinch reported meeting with Elmwood EDC on their success with the ITEP grant and how this will help Germantown Hills. Marty Clinch indicated we will be scheduling another Germantown Crossing property owner's round table discussion.

8. Next Meeting- August 14, 2014 5:30 pm

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

A motion was made by Jeff DeGroot to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m. The motion was seconded by Melissa Heil. **Motion passed #5.**

Ann Sasso
Village Clerk