

Village of Germantown Hills
Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes

July 14, 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			
Amy Pace	Present	Y	Y			
Paul Herzog	Present	Y	Y			
Bob Sutton	Present	Y	Y			
Eric McAllister	Absent	-	-			
Amy DeFreitas	Present	Y	Y			
Melissa Heil	Present	Y	Y			
Veronica Axelson	Absent	-	Y			
Kendall Stevens	Present	Y	Y			
Ann Sasso-Director	Present	Y	Y			

Also in attendance:

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

Veronica Axelson arrived at 5:01 p.m.

2. Approval of the June 9, 2016 Meeting Minutes-A motion was made by Paul Herzog to approve the June 9, 2016 EDC minutes. The motion was seconded by Bob Sutton. **Motion passed #1.**

3. EDC Chairman/Director Reports

Ann Sasso reminded everyone about the Germantown Hills/Metamora Family night at the Peoria Chiefs on July 16th.

Ann noted she had attended the Woodford County finance and economic development meeting in Woodford County. Marty Clinch and Jim O'Laughlin also attended the meeting. The meeting was to discuss economic development in Woodford County and ways Woodford County can assist businesses with business growth and development. The committee discussed different aspects of the meeting.

Marty Clinch noted there are a couple of County board members that don't want to support economic development but that GPEDC has helped Germantown Hills with different tools and resources.

Mike Hinrichsen explained there were business owners in attendance that spoke of how beneficial GPEDC has been to them. GPEDC will be giving an update to the County board at their next meeting. Mike noted Metamora and Germantown Hills just need to keep doing what we are doing.

- 4. School expansion & building updates**-Rich Brecklin noted they had received the sewer plans for the School and are in the process of reviewing the design.
- 5. Illinois Prairie District Public Library update**-The library is moving along and is still projected to be completed by December 1st.
- 6. Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce update**-Veronica Axelson noted there is no July meeting. They are going to be handing out more welcome bags to new residents. The Chamber is preparing for the Community Prayer Breakfast. The key note speaker is going to be Representative Darin LaHood and the Kramer family will be providing the music again this year.
- 7. Road infrastructure update**-Rich Brecklin reported they are moving along on Anker Lane but the weather has contributed to some delays. They are hoping for completion by the end of July or first part of August. Amy DeFreitas asked about the roundabout. The Village is planning on seeing how Anker Lane helps with the traffic and then possibly updating the traffic study in order to determine the necessary road improvements.
- 8. Discussion on future community goals and objectives**

MTCO Park- A small group met on the MTCO Park and discussed ideas on getting the ground graded and seeded this year. There were some items everyone was checking on and will meet up again. Once there is a direction we will have a larger meeting on the property development.

Sidewalks-Rich Brecklin stated the Village should be taking bids soon on a portion of sidewalk from J.R.White Park to the daycare. The ITEP grant if approved would provide for a sidewalk to continue on to Woodland Knolls Road and the new library with a pedestrian crossing to the shopping center.

Rich noted there is going to be a pre-construction meeting on the Safe Routes to School project that will construct a sidewalk from Windsor to Wildflower Avenue.

The committee discussed the need to evaluate where there are other areas in the community to add sidewalks. Ann will send out the sidewalk plan that was put together years ago by the Planning Commission for review.

- 9. Business round table updates/public comments**

Jim O'Laughlin noted he was embarrassed by the actions of some of the County board members at the Woodford County Finance and Economic Development meeting and felt bad for the GPEDC members that were in attendance. He noted those type of actions do not represent Woodford County.

Rich Brecklin informed the committee that Randall Phillips from the cleaners has been sweeping the Germantown Crossing parking lot and feels he should be recognized for his help. The committee discussed putting something in the next newsletter recognizing his contribution.

Kendall Stevens stated he is glad to hear there is some progress with MTCO Park development.

Paul Herzog complimented the Village on the new welcome signs.

Veronica Axelson asked about a commercial vacancy and the proposed new subdivision. Rich Brecklin reported the Village is working on getting easements in order to extend the sewer for the new subdivision.

Amy DeFreitas recommended doing an addendum to the Comprehensive Plan since there have been some changes since it was adopted. Amy DeFreitas noted the video board is going up at the School and it was funded with all donated funds.

Melissa Heil asked if the next EDC meeting could be moved to 5:30 p.m. due to a conflict with a School function. The committee agreed.

10. Next Meeting- August 11, 2016 5:30 p.m.-The next EDC meeting will be held at the Village hall at 5:30 p.m.

11. Adjournment-A motion was made by Paul Herzog to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 p.m. The motion was seconded by Melissa Heil. **Motion passed #2.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk