

Village of Germantown Hills

Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes August 11, 2016 - 5:30 p.m.

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance**-Marty Clinch called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also in attendance:

Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works Jim O'Laughlin, Village Trustee

- 2. Approval of the July 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes**-A motion was made by Paul Herzog to approve the July 14, 2016 EDC minutes. The motion was seconded by Kendall Stevens. **Motion passed #1.**
- 3. EDC Chairman/Director Reports**-Marty Clinch stated the library is going along well and is still on schedule. He noted the school project is moving along with their construction too. Paul Herzog noted concern about the parking and if there is going to be enough space at the school once everyone is moved over to that facility. The committee discussed.

Ann Sasso reported she had attended an ICSC event. The event provided information on companies and their specific requirements for their developments. The information will be useful in seeing what businesses might be a good fit for Germantown Hills.

Ann noted the CEDS document was recommended by the committee for approval in order for it to be submitted to the GPEDC Board of Directors for their approval. They will be looking for a call for projects later this year.

Ann reported the Village had received official notification that the IDNR RTP grant has been awarded in the amount of \$80,000 for the bike/walk path at J.R. White Park. The Safe Routes to School project has started on Fandel Road to complete the sidewalk to Wildflower.

- 4. School expansion & building updates**-This was already discussed.

- 5. Illinois Prairie District Public Library update-** Ann reported the library board's furnishings committee has chosen the signage style to use on the interior of the library. The computer company is coordinating with the electricians and the library staff is compiling what is known as an "opening day collection." This is a core collection of library materials that will be on the shelves when the library opens for the first time.
- 6. Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce update-**Veronica reported to Ann that the Community Prayer Breakfast is on October 5 and their next meeting will be with MABA next Thursday at noon at Snyder Village.
- 7. Road infrastructure update-**Rich Brecklin reported they are moving along on Anker Lane and we are hoping it will be completed in the next couple of weeks as they finish up with signage and striping.

8. Discussion on future community goals and objectives

MTCO Park- A small group has met on the MTCO Park and discussed ideas on getting the ground graded and seeded this year. The group is going to meet up again. Once there is a direction we will have a larger meeting on the property development.

Sidewalks-This was one of the other goals that the committee has been discussing. The Safe Routes to School sidewalk is under construction and the Holland Road sidewalk is nearing going out for bid. Rich explained the Village board will need to make some decisions on the location of the sidewalk in the right of way an easement from the property owner in order to help with the costs. The Village is still planning on this being done this construction season.

The committee recommended having the Planning commission prioritize the sidewalks as they have done in the past.

9. Business round table updates/public comments

Paul Herzog had to leave at 6:19 p.m.

Jeff DeGroot noted Germantown Crossing was full of cars and people for the event Nena Ace had for girls night out.

Amy DeFreitas asked about the water on the sidewalk along Fandel Road. Rich stated they have addressed the issue. Amy noted it would be good if the Village could help to encourage Bassett training for our businesses, as few business are sending their employees to the training.

Marty Clinch noted there has been some vandalism in the area in Whispering Oaks with cars being broke into and reminded residents to keep their cars locked.

- 10. Next Meeting- September 8, 2016 5:00 p.m.-**The next EDC meeting will be held at the Village hall at 5:00 p.m.

- 11. Adjournment-A motion** was made by Jeff DeGroot to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. The motion was seconded by Melissa Heil. **Motion passed #2.**
Ann Sasso, Village Clerk