

Village of Germantown Hills

Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes September 8, 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 |
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| Jeff DeGroot-Village President | Present | Y | Y | Y | | |
| Marty Clinch-Chairman | Present | Y | Y | Y | | |
| Amy Pace | Present | Y | Y | Y | | |
| Paul Herzog | Present | Y | Y | Y | | |
| Bob Sutton | Present | Y | Y | Y | | |
| Eric McAllister | Absent | - | - | - | | |
| Amy DeFreitas | Absent | - | - | - | | |
| Melissa Heil | Present | Y | Y | Y | | |
| Veronica Axelson | Present | Y | Y | Y | | |
| Kendall Stevens | Present | Y | Y | Y | | |
| Ann Sasso-Director | Present | Y | Y | Y | | |

Also in attendance:

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

- 2. Approval of the August 11, 2016 Meeting Minutes-**A motion was made by Jeff DeGroot to approve the August 11, 2016 EDC minutes. The motion was seconded by Paul Herzog.
Motion passed #1.
- 3. EDC Chairman/Director Reports-**Ann Sasso noted there will be a call for projects for the CDES document. The Village will need to submit the previous projects (Bike/walkway from Germantown Hills to Metamora, Pedestrian overpass and MTCO Park development) plus any new projects.

The State of Illinois, in partnership is introducing a new statewide business outreach and retention initiative called CORE, Creating Opportunities for Retention and Expansion. The first step is to provide in-depth training sessions. Several of us in the region will be attending the training.

Rich Brecklin noted the Anker Lane extension is complete other than some punch list items. The committee discussed the possibility of putting up a stop sign on the driveway into the shopping center. Rich will check on this.

4. Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce update-Veronica reported the Community Prayer Breakfast is on October 5th at Metamora Fields and the next Chamber meeting is on September 22 at the Grille at 8:00 a.m.

5. Discussion on ideas to assist our existing businesses

Ann Sasso noted the need to have on the agenda more discussions on how we can help our existing businesses. She noted Nena Ace had a ladies night out that seemed to bring out a large amount of people to the shopping center and wanted to discuss ideas that we could use and build on to encourage people to shop in Germantown Hills. The Committee discussed. The group agreed to think of ways to promote doing business in Germantown Hills and look at ways to partner with the Germantown Hills Chamber.

6. Discussion and recommendation to the Village board on the future sidewalk plan

Ann Sasso explained that the EDC had made adding more sidewalks to the community as one of their goals out of the Comprehensive Plan. The EDC had recommended the Planning Commission update the sidewalk plan they had put together years ago. The Planning Commission updated their sidewalk plan recommendation which the EDC reviewed and discussed. The EDC made two changes to the Planning Commission's sidewalk recommendation.

A motion was made by Jeff DeGroot to recommend to the Village board the revised sidewalk plan. The motion was seconded by Kendall Stevens. **Motion passed #2.**

7. Discussion on future Economic Development Council agenda items

Robert Sutton asked about the eastern bypass. Mike Hinrichsen explained the timetable from IDOT to start the project but funding is the big issue. The committee discussed.

In regards to the MTCO Park development Mike Hinrichsen stated he knows operators that are available to do the work but we need to find the equipment.

Veronica Axelson asked about a fall banner. Ann will check on the possibility before the Christmas banners go up.

Ann Sasso indicated looking at amending the time requirement for banners. There are a couple of businesses that utilize banners and one business shared that it is a great economic boost to the business when the banner is up. Ann will check on some requirements to see about a recommendation.

8. Business round table updates/public comments

9. Next Meeting- October 13, 2016 5:00 p.m.-The next EDC meeting will be held at the Village hall at 5:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment-A motion was made by Jeff DeGroot to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. The motion was seconded by Paul Herzog. **Motion passed #3.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk