

# Village of Germantown Hills

## Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2018 5:00 p.m.

Previously scheduled for January 11, 2018

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
Mike Hinrichsen-Village President	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Marty Clinch-Chairman	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Amy Pace	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Paul Herzog	Absent	-	-	-		
Bob Sutton	Absent	-	-	-		
Eric McAllister	Absent	Y	Y	Y		
Amy DeFreitas	Present	Y	Y	-		
Melissa Heil	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Veronica Axelson	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Randy Nash	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Ann Sasso-Director	Present	Y	Y	Y		

Also, present:

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

2. **Approval of the November 9, 2017 EDC meeting minutes**-A motion was made by Amy DeFreitas to approve the November 9, 2017 EDC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Randy Nash. **Motion passed #1.**
3. **Discussion and recommendation to the Village Board on authorizing the engineer to do a cost estimate for Phase 2 of the Germantown Crossing Village Square**

Mike Hinrichsen explained last time we had talked we thought we might be in a position to have some land for a band shell at Germantown Crossing. Since then the owner would like to see plans and funding in order to develop the land prior to them donating the property. In order to do this, we must first have a cost estimate so that we can look into funding opportunities. Many of the grants require ownership before you can make the request. Mike noted once we have a cost estimate then we can sit down with the owner to discuss the different options available.

A motion was made by Melissa Heil to recommend to the Village Board on authorizing the engineer to do a cost estimate for Phase 2 of the Germantown Crossing Village Square. The motion was seconded by Amy DeFreitas. **Motion passed #2.**

**4. Discussion and recommendation to the Village Board on how the Germantown Hills Vision should be presented on the Germantown Hills website**

Mike Hinrichsen noted after the property owner advised us of the need for the additional information part of the vision we want to share includes their property. Melissa Heil stated we may want to wait until we see if we get the ITEP grant before we put the vision out to the public. The committee agreed.

**5. EDC Chairman/Director/Village President Reports**

Marty Clinch and Mike Hinrichsen had attended the GPEDC open house at their new office location.

Mike noted GPEDC is on the same campus as the Chamber. Chris Setti as the new CEO is a great choice and everyone is excited about the change and Chris' connectiveness to the area. Diana Hall's term is up at the end of January when Mike will take over.

Ann Sasso reported that donations to the Village are tax deductible so if someone wants to donate to a specific project we need to keep track of it separately. This may play into the plans once we start developing Germantown Crossing.

Ann noted we still have funds available for the Business Community Improvement Grant if any businesses are interested in making façade improvements.

**6. Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce Update-**Veronica Axelson noted there was a Chamber meeting today that went very well. She thanked the Village for sponsoring it. The Chamber social is on January 24<sup>th</sup> and the pork chop event is scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting will be at the Germantown Hills library.

At the Chamber meeting today, they were brainstorming for 2018 on ideas and speakers. They discussed putting out another magnet or some type of brochure or magazine. They also discussed some banner ideas as they need to be replaced.

**7. School Updates and upcoming events-**

Amy DeFreitas reported their board meeting tonight is being held at the new library and MTHS is now on Facebook.

**8. Germantown Hills Library update**

Joel Shoemaker, Library Director sent an update on the programs and what's going on with the District.

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

Amy Pace noted there would be an option to rent a band shell at some point if needed.

Ann Sasso reported there is someone interested in putting a farmer's market at Germantown Crossing this next year.

Eric McAllister arrived at 5:39 p.m.

Mike Hinrichsen recognized Barry Logan, Woodford County Board Member was in attendance and represents District 2. He noted it is important and encouraged Village residents to be involved with the election for the County Board members as there are 5 individuals running for 3 seats. He noted there are some county board members that don't think they need to represent the municipalities so it's important to get involved.

Amy DeFreitas left the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Woodford County didn't fund either GPEDC or the Tri-County Planning Commission so several Mayor's are trying to get the municipalities on the Tri-County Board but this still hasn't happened. There were six Mayors that attended the County Board meeting in October to say how the two organizations are needed but they still didn't approve funding. Mike identified all the things the two organizations do and have done for Germantown Hills.

Eric McAllister stated the School Board had approved the District calendar.

Melissa Heil stated the county wide facility tax will be on the March Ballot. She noted the High School's perspective is to be able to use the funds to work on long standing needs.

Eric encouraged everyone to read up on it and be familiar with it.

Barry Logan stated it is the first time in years the community will have a voice with 5 people running for 3 positions. He noted Ancil Burdett and Chuck Nagel will both be good for the County and encouraged everyone to look at them. Barry stated he is running too and would love everyone's support.

**10. Next meeting-February 8, 2018 5:00 p.m.**-The next meeting will be on February 8, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

**11. Adjournment**-A motion was made by Melissa Heil to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 p.m. The motion was seconded by Randy Nash. **Motion passed #3.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk