

**Village of Germantown Hills  
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**Park Committee Meeting Minutes**

**March 9, 2017 6:00 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Minutes Approval**

Chairperson Julia Miller called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm and roll call was taken.

<b>Village President/Trustee</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
Julia Miller – Chair	Present	Y	Y	Y			
Jeff DeGroot – President	Present	Y	Y	Y			
Amy Pace	Present	Y	Y	Y			
Marty Clinch	Present	Y	Y	Y			
Jim O’Laughlin	Present	Y	Y	Y			

Also Present:

Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works  
Mike Hinrichsen, Woodford County Board Member  
Scott DeSplinter, Village Engineer  
Veronica Axelson, EDC Member/Chamber President  
Bob Sutton, EDC Member  
Brian Wysocki, Village Trustee

**a. February 25, 2016 Minutes**

**A motion** was made by Marty Clinch to approve the February 25, 2016 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Amy Pace. **Motion passed #1.**

**2. Discussion and recommendation to the Village Board on the St. Jude 5K and Bags Event**

Katie McCallister was in attendance to discuss the St. Jude 5K and Bags Tournament. Katie noted their plans have changed since the last time she talked with the Village Board. They have decided they would like to have the event at the new Germantown Grille in the grassy area. They would fence the area off and start the event around 8:00 a.m. and end no later than 4:00 p.m. Katie has talked to all of the business owners and she has provided a list of those businesses that have given them permission to park in their lots or what their restrictions would be. There will be parking lot volunteers and they will provide phone numbers in case there is a problem. Metamora Shuttle has agreed to shuttle people from the north side of Rt. 116 over to the event location. They will let the neighboring residents know about the upcoming event and they plan on running west down Old Germantown Road for the 5K run. Katie is requesting to allow this event to see how it goes as they will be the first organization to have an event at the new Grille.

They discussed they may need a couple of portable toilets but will know more once it gets closer.

**A motion** was made by Marty Clinch to recommend approval to the Village Board on the St. Jude 5K and Bags event. The motion was seconded by Jeff DeGroot. **Motion passed #2.**

This will be on next week's board's agenda for final approval.

### **3. Discussion and update on the J.R. White Park Bike/Walkway Trail**

Scott DeSplinter updated the board on the J.R. White Park Bike/walkway trail. The trail will be an 8' asphalt path. Scott noted there are questions to check on in regards to the path.

Jeff DeGroot left at 6:27 p.m.

They include: Does the grant require asphalt or can it be concrete? Can there be any revision to the layout such as the loop being moved? Do we have to buy benches since the cost is now going to be higher? Ann will check on the grant requirements.

Scott DeSplinter noted their estimated cost initially was \$80,000 for the trail but it is now at \$95,000. Scott reported this will go out to bids on April 5th. We should have a June start date but will also want to coordinate with GHAA as they will be using the park and we may need to block out some dates for construction.

### **4. Discussion on the Community Center**

Rich Brecklin stated the community center is used by several groups. The building is not currently ADA compliant and it will be very expensive to bring the building into compliance. Rich is getting an estimate on demolition but he has not received a quote yet. He discussed this as a possibility to consider with using part of the lot as a parking area with a buffer to the resident's lot. This way the Village would keep half of the lot and allow the neighbor to use half. Julia Miller stated the question is whether or not to keep the building and bring it into compliance or demolish the building. This will be deferred until we have more information for discussion and consideration.

### **5. Adjournment**

**A motion** was made by Jim O'Laughlin to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. The motion was seconded by Amy Pace. **Motion passed #3.**

Ann Sasso  
Village Clerk