

**Village of Germantown Hills
Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2019 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
Mike Hinrichsen-Village President	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Marty Clinch-Chairman	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Amy Pace	Absent	-	-	-	-	
Paul Herzog	Absent	-	-	-	-	
Bob Sutton	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Dan Mair	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Amy DeFreitas	Absent	-	-	-	-	
Melissa Heil	Absent	-	-	-	-	
Veronica Axelson	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Randy Nash	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Ann Sasso-Director	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	

Also, present:

Jim O’Laughlin, Village Trustee

2. **Approval of the January 10, 2019 EDC meeting minutes**-A motion was made by Randy Nash to approve the January 10, 2019 EDC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Bob Sutton. **Motion passed #1.** The February meeting was cancelled.
3. **Discussion and recommendation to the Village Board on a Business Community Improvement Grant** -Ann Sasso reported Veronica Axelson and Dr. Kaufman are requesting a Business Community Improvement Grant to update the signs to LED, new doors and perimeter lights on the building. The estimate is \$10,226, which includes eligible items under the Business Community Improvement Grant.

A motion was made by Mike Hinrichsen to recommend to the Village Board the Business Community Improvement Grant to Veronica Axelson and Dr. Kaufman in the amount of \$5,000. The motion was seconded by Dan Mair. **Motion passed #2.**

Ann Sasso noted there’s been another request for a Business Community Improvement Grant from Tara Lintz for new signage, lighting, handicap ramp, planters, plants, and mulch. Tara is opening a gaming café, boutique, and photography studio in the ATC building. The estimate is for a total of \$10,731.25, which includes eligible items under the Business Community Improvement Grant.

A motion was made by Randy Nash to recommend to the Village Board the Business Community Improvement Grant to Tara Lintz in the amount of \$5,000. The motion was seconded by Mike Hinrichsen. **Motion passed #3.**

- 4. EDC Chairman/Director/Village President Reports-** Marty Clinch and Mike Hinrichsen met with representatives from Peoria Heights to discuss their successes. Marty noted he and Ann Sasso are looking into other communities and what others are doing to be successful. We may look at inviting some to attend our meetings to discuss.

Mike Hinrichsen stated he had put a 2018 update on the website and the Village is waiting on the two grants that were submitted to the State. We are supposed to know sometime in March. Mike indicated the Village is looking at developing the old ATM lot as phase 1 and the engineer is working on design ideas for phase 2.

Ann Sasso reported the Michaels Run for Life is scheduled for July 20th and they were able to get a great band that should bring in a lot more people to the event.

- 5. Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce Update-**Veronica Axelson noted the Chamber lunch is on Thursday, March 21st at the Monte Cristo Room. The Chamber event is scheduled for May 4th and they are looking to rename the event to the Germantown Hills Chamber Spring Fling with a vendor event, pork chop sale, plant and garage sales. Veronica stated they are exploring other ideas to add to the event.

- 6. School Updates and upcoming events-**Dan Mair reported there was a meeting on the MTCO Park with Core Construction to narrow the scope on the park. He also met with the construction manager and engineering company with a goal set for next fall fund raising and grant opportunities.

Dan Mair noted a question has come up of the possibility of a park district being created or additional park department of some sort to help with the maintenance of the park once it is developed. Ann Sasso stated there is a specific process for the creation of a Park District.

Dan stated there needs to be a clear understanding on the financing and maintenance of the MTCO Park. It will need to be clearly communicated to the community along with the huge economic impact for the area.

Dan reported the State will be coming on April 18th to provide bicycle safety training to the students and the school will be doing daily announcements reminding the students of walking and biking safety.

Dan Mair shared some tax rate information with the committee.

- 7. Germantown Hills Library update-**Ann Sasso had sent the library update provided by Joel Shoemaker to the EDC.

- 8. Business round table updates/public comments/Agenda Ideas-**Randy Nash reported the Fire Department had to get a new ambulance due to theirs being totaled in an accident. The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is on April 13th at 10:00 a.m.

Ann Sasso asked Bob Sutton if Caterpillar Trail had an emergency operation plan and if they could share it with the Village as we look to make sure the plan is in line with other entities in the area in the event of an emergency.

Rich Brecklin reported on the sewer project along Ten Mile Creek Road there will need to be a meeting with the business owners in the area about closing the road for some time for the construction but is hopeful there will be minimal impact. He will know more once he gets the construction schedule.

9. Next meeting – April 11, 2019 5:00 p.m. The next meeting is April 11th at 5:00 p.m. The June meeting date will need to be changed when it gets closer due to a conflict.

10. Adjournment-A motion was made by Dan Mair to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 p.m. The motion was seconded by Bob Sutton. **Motion passed #4.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk