

Village of Germantown Hills
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2018 6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call/Minutes Approval**-Chairman Jim Willerton called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and roll call was taken.

Commissioner	Roll Call	1	2	3	4	5	6
Jim Willerton - Chair	Present	Y	Y				
John Taylor	Present	Y	Y				
Bill Waters	Present	Y	Y				
Steve Rudolph	Present	Y	Y				
Scott Kramer	Absent	-	-				
Sean Mullins	Present	Y	Y				
Ken Beschorner	Present	Y	Y				

Also in attendance:

Mike Hinrichsen, Village President
 Jim O’Laughlin, Village Trustee
 Marty Clinch, Village Trustee
 Ansel Burditt, Candidate for Woodford County Board

John Taylor arrived at 6:02 p.m.

2. Minutes Approval

- a. **October 23, 2017 Minutes**-A motion was made by Steve Rudolph to approve the October 23, 2017 meeting minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Sean Mullins. **Motion passed #1.**

3. Discussion and recommendation to the Village Board on a Solar Ordinance

Ann Sasso explained several other communities are adopting solar ordinances. She received several ordinances from those communities to look at in order to put together a draft ordinance for discussion. Ann noted she recently issued a permit for a ground mount solar system but without a solar ordinance permitted it as an accessory structure.

Marty Clinch discussed some solar system requirements.

Steve Rudolph questioned if we would want to allow ground mounted panels because of where technology is going.

Mike Hinrichsen noted he has some individuals that have some information that may be useful for the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission agreed to defer this until the next meeting when Mike will get some individuals to come in and Ann Sasso will get the proposed language on what Washington is doing with their final language on ground mounted systems.

4. Discussion and recommendation to the Village Board on a Screening Ordinance

Ann Sasso noted the need to put together a screening ordinance for areas where commercial zoning is adjacent to residential zoning. The Planning Commission reviewed the screening ordinance and made some proposed changes. It was suggested that since Coventry Farm doesn't allow screened fences that a fence should not be a screening option.

Ann noted this would be put in proper form and then it will come back to the Planning Commission for a recommendation to the ZBA. The ZBA will make a recommendation to the Village board for approval.

5. Presentation of the Germantown Crossing Vision

Mike Hinrichsen presented the Germantown Crossing vision to the Planning Commission.

6. Public Comments/Village Updates and Discussion

Ansel Burditt, Woodford County Board candidate was in attendance to explain his goals if elected to the County board.

Mike Hinrichsen reported the Village is working with Metamora and the Tri-County Planning Commission on a planning grant to build a trail from Germantown Hills to Metamora in order to connect the two parks in the two communities.

Mike noted the Woodford County Board elected to not fund GPEDC or Tri-County Planning Commission so 6 Mayors came together and went to a meeting to explain how these two organizations are helping the communities. As a result, they are now paying to be on the Tri-County Planning Commission Board.

Mike noted regional collaboration is very important. In January he became chairman of the GPEDC. Being at the table is very important in having relationships with the legislatures and to be involved in the region. Our relationship with the County has to be healthy and have people that want to represent us because our voice is important.

Ann Sasso noted the Village will find out in April if we receive the ITEP Grant and there's going to be a new business called Daisy Mays Gaming Café in the ATC Insulation building.

The Planning Commission talked about the bike plan and the need to possibly update it.

7. Adjournment-A motion was made by Steve Rudolph to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. The motion was seconded by Jim Willerton. **Motion passed #2.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk