

# Village of Germantown Hills Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes

**April 13, 2017 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.

<b>EDC Committee</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Jeff DeGroot-Village President	Absent	-	-	-		
Marty Clinch-Chairman	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Amy Pace	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Paul Herzog	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Bob Sutton	Absent	-	-	-		
Eric McAllister	Absent	-	-	-		
Amy DeFreitas	Absent	-	-	-		
Melissa Heil	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Veronica Axelson	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Kendall Stevens	Absent	-	-	-		
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

Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 2. Approval of the March 7, 2017 Special Village Board & EDC Meeting Minutes -**A motion was made by Paul Herzog to approve the March 7, 2017 Special EDC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Amy Pace. **Motion passed #1.**

**Approval of the March 9, 2017 EDC Meeting Minutes-** A motion was made by Melissa Heil to approve the March 9, 2017 EDC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Paul Herzog. **Motion passed #2.**

Ann Sasso noted the April 4, 2017 Special EDC meeting minutes would be approved at the next meeting.

- 3. Discussion and update on the Germantown Hills Library**

Several members of the EDC attended the library board meeting. The committee discussed some of the discussions from the library board meeting. Mike Hinrichsen had asked the library board how they would measure the success of the Germantown Hills library. Ann Sasso noted there have been some negative comments from the employees of the library and was confused since they should want the Germantown Hills branch to be successful. Ann also asked how they were going to get the word out about the new hours. It was stated they had put the new hours in several newspapers. Ann stated the Village has put the information out

on Facebook, the Village's website, flyers and an email blast. Melissa Heil stated it is frustrating that the library board wouldn't want to do everything they can to get the word out in order to make the new library successful. Veronica also questioned why we are answering to the library employee's since as tax payers the library board is in charge of how the funds are utilized. Mike Hinrichsen stated he is not sure going to the library board gives the Village the proper place for a dialogue and is limited to being able to have a meaningful conversation. He noted until you have books and programs it would be unfair to measure the success of the Germantown Hills branch library.

Mike stated another aspect is there are 6 branches and the library board needs to look to see if they can all be viable with the income the library district receives or if they need to look at a different strategy in order to best serve the communities. The committee discussed the populations served and feels the library board needs to evaluate each library to see what they need and if their needs can be accommodated.

The committee discussed the information that was put in the MTCO flyer on the sponsorship of a book by the Jr. Women's Club. The information noted annual limited funds when the financial information shows the library has sufficient funds to purchase books.

Amy Pace stated she had received a thank you card from a local resident thanking everyone for the community support as she had been rehired by the library district.

#### **4. Discussion on the Germantown Crossing Shopping Center Vision and Plan**

Mike Hinrichsen had put together some information on the Germantown Crossing shopping center for a vision and plan. Mike reviewed and discussed the information in regards to his vision, what makes Germantown Hills special and Germantown Hills' character. The committee discussed different ideas for businesses that might be a good fit and how a Village square and activities would create a sense of community and be attractive to our residents and new residents looking for a place to live.

Mike noted this vision could then be incorporated into the comprehensive plan. The committee discussed putting together a visual concept. Mike noted this would allow the Village to have something when talking to potential new businesses. Mike asked for feedback and then we could get someone to put together a vision for the shopping center.

#### **5. EDC Chairman/Director Reports**

Marty Clinch informed the members GPEDC is having a meet up on May 10th if anyone is interested in attending.

#### **6. Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce update**

#### **7. Business round table updates/public comments-Deferred due to time.**

#### **8. Next meeting-May 11, 2017 5:00 p.m.-The next meeting will be at the Village hall on May 11th at 5:00 p.m.**

#### **9. Adjournment-A motion was made by Paul Herzog to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. The motion was seconded by Amy Pace. **Motion passed #3.****

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk