

Village of Germantown Hills
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

April 16, 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	Absent	-	-				
Bill Waters	Present	Y	Y				
Steve Rudolph	Present	Y	Y				
Scott Kramer	Present	Y	Y				
Sean Mullins	Present	Y	Y				
Ken Beschorner	Present	Y	Y				

Also in attendance:

Mike Hinrichsen, Village President
Marty Clinch, Village Trustee
Jason Hawksworth, Hawk Energy Solutions
Ann Schreifels, Resident

2. Minutes Approval

- a. **March 19, 2018 Minutes**-A motion was made by Steve Rudolph to approve the March 19, 2018 meeting minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Bill Waters.
Motion passed #1.

3. Discussion and recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals on a Solar Ordinance

Ann Sasso explained the draft solar ordinance includes comments from a couple individuals and additions from another community's ordinance.

Jason Hawksworth with Hawk Energy Solutions was in attendance to discuss his experience with solar systems.

Ann Schreifels was in attendance to discuss her home solar system. She explained her system and the expected payback. She hopes the Village ordinance will encourage people to utilize a solar system.

Ann Sasso asked the members about the permit fees. The Planning Commission recommended something that would cover the Village costs but not much more would be needed. They discussed adding a \$25.00 fee but if additional inspections were needed to add something to cover those costs.

The Planning Commission discussed whether or not to allow ground mounted systems at all, height of the systems and any other parameters.

Steve Rudolph recommended allowing ground mounted systems on a minimum 1-acre parcel, the systems could not exceed 10 feet in height, and require a setback of 30 feet from the property line. They noted if the requirements couldn't be met then the property owner would have to apply for a special use.

Ann Sasso will send a new draft ordinance for the May meeting for review.

4. Discussion and recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals on a Screening Ordinance

The Planning Commission discussed the screening ordinance and decided to add the fence back in as an allowable screening measure.

Ann Sasso will send a new draft ordinance for review for the May meeting.

5. Public Comments/Village Updates and Discussion

Marty Clinch reported there will be press conference at the Germantown Grille on their new solar system on April 19th at 10:00 a.m.

Mike Hinrichsen reported the Village should hear in April on the ITEP grant.

Ann Sasso reported we had our first meeting on the Germantown Hills to Metamora Trail. Tri-County Planning Commission received a planning grant for the proposed project.

6. Adjournment-A motion was made by Jim Willerton to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Steve Rudolph. **Motion passed #2.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk