

**Village of Germantown Hills
Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes
May 9, 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			
Marty Clinch-Chairman	Present	Y	Y			
Amy Pace	Absent	-	-			
Paul Herzog	Present	Y	Y			
Bob Sutton	Absent	-	-			
Dan Mair	Absent	-	-			
Amy DeFreitas	Absent	-	-			
Melissa Heil	Absent	-	Y			
Veronica Axelson	Present	Y	Y			
Randy Nash	Present	Y	Y			
Ann Sasso-Director	Present	Y	Y			

Also, present:

Jim O’Laughlin, Village Trustee

Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works

2. **Approval of the March 14, 2019 EDC meeting minutes**-A motion was made by Mike Hinrichsen to approve the March 14, 2019 EDC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Randy Nash. **Motion passed #1.**

3. **Discussion on available commercial spaces within the Village and looking forward**

Ann Sasso explained the current available commercial spaces within the Village.

Melissa Heil arrived at 5:06 p.m.

Ann noted there has been an inquiry about the possibility of running the infrastructure east in order to bring on more properties for commercial and/or residential uses. Rich Brecklin stated he and the village engineer would need to explore the options and costs to bring sewer to the east. Ann Sasso noted the need to do this in order to annex and grow to the east.

A question was asked on how the trailer that is set up in Germantown Crossing is reporting sales tax. Ann Sasso will check on this. Ann noted a bakery is interested in setting up a small area for cake and cookie orders in the Village. Ann has connected the bakery owner to one local business but if that doesn’t work out another business may be interested.

4. **EDC Chairman/Director/Village President Reports**- Marty Clinch and Ann Sasso met with representatives from Peoria Heights to discuss their successes. Marty indicated we may look at inviting some of them to attend our meeting to discuss.

Marty Clinch stated that he and Ann Sasso had attended the Peoria Heights event on their ribbon cutting for the new hotel and some presentations with Chuck Marohn, the founder of the Strong Towns Movement. Marty noted Chuck talked about successes in small towns and the theory that you build within starting with small development. Marty summarized the events Peoria Heights had put together and the ways they are looking to bring more people into their community. They are incorporating music and art into their community to draw more people to the area.

Randy Nash noted development of the MTCO Park will be a draw for our community down the road with the sporting events.

Veronica Axelson stated the area sporting events has helped their business in being a destination for people to come to our community. The weekly music in the Monte Cristo Room has helped them and they are looking to add more nights of music.

Mike Hinrichsen stated the village continues to work on the vision with the engineer and are planning on showing it to the village board at the next meeting.

The village received great news that the village is receiving two grants that were applied for. One is \$75,000 for the sidewalk that was built from the daycare to the library last year. The \$25,000 grant was for the corner ATM lot development of flags, lighting and benches.

Mike Hinrichsen noted at the GPEDC Executive board meeting a presentation was given on CareerSpark and how they are planting seeds with area 8th graders on what they want to be when they grow up.

5. **Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce Update**-Veronica Axelson noted the Chamber lunch is on Thursday, May 16th at the Germantown Grille. The Chamber Spring Fling was a huge success. The Chamber is giving two scholarships to two Senior students at Metamora High School. The Chamber is working on a new magnet to be sent out along with a village newsletter.
6. **School Updates and upcoming events**-Melissa Heil stated the Metamora High School is getting ready to break ground on the new building along with a greenhouse and they have a new board member on their board.

Dan Mair had sent a report that Ann Sasso shared with the committee on all of the things happening at the school. Here are the updates for the School District from Dan Mair:

-8th Grade graduation will be May 23rd at 7:00 pm.

-On May 1st, we were honored to have Holocaust survivor, Mr. Steen Metz, visit our school and speak to our 5th - 8th graders as well as 5th - 8th graders from Riverview. His presentation was extremely powerful. Our students were very engaged and asked well-thought questions. These students will be the last generation to hear a from a Holocaust survivor, so we were exceptionally fortunate to have Mr. Metz visit.

-We are working with Great Oaks Community Church and our engineers to design a connecting lane from our property to the GOCC parking lot. This will allow for us to have a

single arrival/dismissal time (targeted for 2020-2021 school year) and allow church traffic on Sundays to exit through our parking lot to the stop light.

-We are having a dedication ceremony on Monday, May 13th prior to our Board meeting where we will name our media center the Stephen G. Nauman Media Center. This is to honor Steve's 24 years on the school board and his integral part in all of the expansion projects at 103 Warrior Way including the construction of the new media center.

-Last week, we had our Grandparents Days. We had a record number of grandparents attend this year with almost 2000 although many doubled up due to multiple grand kids.

-Our engineering company has arranged for a study next week on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd to get head counts of the number of students walking or riding their bikes to and from school. This data will be used in applying for grants for a pedestrian bridge.

7. Germantown Hills Library update-Ann Sasso stated Joel Shoemaker was out of town so she didn't have a library report this month.

8. Business round table updates/public comments/Agenda Ideas-None

9. Next meeting – June 13, 2019 5:00 p.m. Need to reschedule The next meeting on June 13th will need to be changed due to a conflict. The EDC agreed to move it to June 20th at 5:00 p.m. before the village board meeting if a meeting is needed.

10. Adjournment-A motion was made by Paul Herzog to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m. The motion was seconded by Melissa Heil. **Motion passed #2.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk