

Village of Germantown Hills Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes

May 11, 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.

EDC Committee	Roll Call	1	2	3	4	5
Jeff DeGroot-Village President	Absent	-	-	-		
Marty Clinch-Chairman	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Amy Pace	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Paul Herzog	Absent	-	-	-	-	-
Bob Sutton	Present	P	P	Y	Y	Y
Eric McAllister	Absent	-	-	-	-	-
Amy DeFreitas	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Melissa Heil	Absent	-	-	-	-	-
Veronica Axelson	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Vacant						
Ann Sasso-Director	Present	Y	Y	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 April 4, 2017 Special Village Board & EDC Meeting Minutes** -A motion was made by Amy Pace to approve the April 4, 2017 Special EDC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Amy DeFreitas. **Motion passed #1.**

Approval of the April 13, 2017 EDC Meeting Minutes- A motion was made by Amy DeFreitas to approve the April 13, 2017 EDC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Amy Pace. **Motion passed #2.**

Approval of the May 2, 2017 Special Village Board & EDC Meeting Minutes -A motion was made by Bob Sutton to approve the May 2, 2017 Special EDC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Amy Pace. **Motion passed #3.**

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

Mike Hinrichsen noted we may want to think about having one individual attend the library board meetings as a contact person. It's hard to have a relationship with the library board with so many members attending the meetings. Mike felt Amy Pace would be a good contact to have attend the meetings for the Village as she is on EDC and the Village Board. Mike stated we have three items (hours, programs and books) we want to stay on track with as the library

is an important part of building our community. As the new Director comes in we want to keep good communications in order to keep things moving forward. Ann Sasso noted we are trying to keep the communication going by sending out flyers, emails and posting on Facebook and the Village website. We don't want to duplicate efforts but we want the library to be successful. The committee discussed communication efforts and the measuring of success for the Germantown Hills library. Amy Pace agreed to be the liaison.

4. Discussion and recommendation to the Village Board on the preparation of drawings for 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. He talked about the vision and the next logical step would be to get Village Board approval to look into having a visualization completed of Germantown Crossing. He discussed the power of having a vision to share so that others can catch the dream as we start to look for other businesses that can be a good fit for the Village. Mike stated he has some names we can reach out to get cost estimates or potential grants for the work to be completed. The committee discussed potential ways to get the vision put together. Mike noted we have a great collection of great neighborhoods but we need to create a great community place where our residents can come together.

A motion was made by Bob Sutton to recommend to the Village Board on the preparation of drawings for the Germantown Crossing shopping center vision and plan. The motion was seconded by Amy DeFreitas. **Motion passed #4.**

Boy Scouts, Ryan Jones and Tyler Jones were in attendance for their merit badges.

5. EDC Chairman/Director Reports

Marty Clinch stated he has met with the Mayors from Bartonville and Peoria Heights about getting more involved with GPEDC like Germantown Hills has. Marty Clinch felt it is important to have another business round table with business owners in Germantown Crossing in order to find out what is going on.

Ann Sasso reported the GPEDC meetup event was a huge success.

Mike Hinrichsen noted Jennifer Daly has announced her resignation. We are sad that she is leaving but she has developed a great team under her leadership. Mike noted the board is looking for an Interim Director until her replacement is found. Jennifer has created a wonderful culture and it is relevant to keep the culture intact as it is important to the team and the regional partners.

Mike explained the Key Start event that was held at the Metamora Fields. There were five people that pitched ideas with the winner getting \$10,000.

Ann Sasso stated she had attended the Enterprise Zone conference getting updated on reporting procedures and processes. Ann noted Kendall Stevens resigned from the EDC and ZBA so Randy Nash is interested in serving on the EDC as Dan Mair has an interest in serving on the ZBA.

Ann reported the Planning Commission will be discussing feather flags/teardrop flags and vehicular hard surfaces at their meeting this month.

Ann stated the Metamora-Germantown Hills Rotary will be having their annual pork chop event on June 2nd & 3rd at the Metamora IGA.

6. Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce update

Veronica Axelson stated the Germantown Hills Chamber Pork chop event was very successful.

This month's Chamber event is on May 18th at noon at Sonshine Studio. The Chamber sent out an email seeing if there is enough interest in an UPS drop box that Paul Herzog is trying to get located in Germantown Hills.

7. Business round table updates/public comments

Amy DeFreitas stated the Metamora Township School Board approved the dedication and naming of the north gym to Randall Toepke.

Amy noted she had heard there is talk on closing part of Somerset and asked if traffic slowing measures could be looked at instead.

Rich Brecklin reported the park bids have been received and the work will start after July 4th for the new trail at J.R. White Park.

Rich noted the Village was up for a sewer award and got 4th in the State.

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

9. Adjournment-A motion was made by Amy Pace to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Amy DeFreitas. **Motion passed #5.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk