

Village of Germantown Hills Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes

July 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.

EDC Committee	Roll Call	1	2	3	4	5
Mike Hinrichsen-Village President	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Marty Clinch-Chairman	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Amy Pace	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Paul Herzog	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Bob Sutton	Absent	-	-	-		
Eric McAllister	Present	-	Y	Y		
Amy DeFreitas	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Melissa Heil	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Veronica Axelson	Present	-	Y	Y		
Randy Nash	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Ann Sasso-Director	Present	Y	Y	Y		

Also in attendance:

Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works

Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 2. Approval of the May 11, 2017 EDC meeting minutes**

A motion was made by Paul Herzog to approve the May 11, 2017 EDC meeting minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Melissa Heil. **Motion passed #1.**

Veronica Axelson arrived at 5:01 p.m.

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

Amy Pace attended the library board meeting in order to give the EDC committee an update. Amy noted the new director is Joel Shoemaker. He seems very lively and engaged. The staff seems excited and the new President is Annie Hicks. The School submitted an informal offer to the library board on the purchase of the old library building.

Mike Hinrichsen stated the need to have a conversation with the new Director on how important the library is and the success of it plays a big part of our economic development success. Mike will meet set up a meeting with the Director.

4. Discussion and recommendation to the Village Board on authorizing the Village President to enter into an agreement with inVISION Studios to do a streetscape design for Germantown Crossing not to exceed \$5,000

Mike Hinrichsen had previously put together some information on the Germantown Crossing shopping center for a vision and plan. Since our last meeting Village representatives met with CMT and a drone survey of the area was completed. The benefit of the survey is to have an accurate representation of where we are today. Mike reported we had met with a consultant to do a streetscape design. Tom with inVision Studios has been involved in other major projects in the Peoria area. Tom understands the vision and will work to put it together. Mike noted the importance of having a visual streetscape design put together in order to share our vision with potential businesses. We would plan on having something completed before the next board meeting for review.

Eric McCallister arrived at 5:18 p.m.

The committee discussed the plan and the process. Eric noted the need to make sure it is presented as a plan and not a promise. We need to be consistent and clarify who is doing the plan. Ann Sasso noted the lots owned by the Village would be the Village's responsibility but development of the other lots would be by the property owners.

A motion was made by Amy Pace to recommend to the Village Board on authorizing the Village President to enter into an agreement with inVISION Studios to do a streetscape design for Germantown Crossing not to exceed \$5,000. The motion was seconded by Randy Nash.
Motion passed #2.

5. EDC Chairman/Director Reports

Ann reported on the Halloween on the Hill event scheduled for October 28th. There's a committee working on getting things set up and coordinating with the Fire Department. The plan is set up that besides having a game board there will be an app too and we will see how well it goes. We are looking for those businesses that want to be on the game board and gathering gifts for baskets.

Ann explained there are some opportunities in solar energy development. The Illinois State legislature passed the future energy jobs bill. The bill was designed to update the states renewable portfolio standard by ensuring funding for the creation of renewable energy projects.

There is a Power Football event at Kouris on Saturday and the Michael's 5K Run for Life is scheduled for July 22nd. They are doing the route the same as last year and will be blocking off the driveway onto Anker Lane. The police and fire department are aware and ready.

6. Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce update

Veronica Axelson stated she is working on getting the Community Prayer Breakfast organized in terms of a speaker and a date. The next Chamber meeting is with MABA in August.

7. School Updates and upcoming events

Eric McCallister stated they want to ensure letting the business community know when there are large sporting events in Germantown Hills. This way the businesses can be prepared for more people in the community. Melissa Heil recommended providing a list of restaurants to the attendees of the events. A list will be prepared showing Metamora and Germantown Hills restaurants with hours and availability of seating.

7. Business round table updates/public comments

Eric McCallister wanted to thank the community for all of their warm welcome wishes for the new principal. The first day of school is August 17th.

Amy DeFreitas provided dates of some events at the high school.

Marty Clinch welcomed new EDC member Randy Nash. Randy Nash introduced himself and stated he is the President of the Germantown Fire District Board of Trustees and Zoning Board of Appeals. He stated he looks forward to working with everyone and to help bring more businesses to the community.

Veronica Axelson questioned if putting a petition together would help with a grocery store coming to Germantown Hills.

Paul Herzog asked about the surveying that is going on along Rt. 116 but so far no one is able to determine what is going on. Rich is going to talk with someone from IDOT hoping some of the trees can be removed.

8. Next meeting-August 10, 2017 5:00 p.m.-The committee discussed changing the next meeting to August 24th before the Village Board meeting at 5:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

9. Adjournment-A motion was made by Paul Herzog to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Amy Pace. **Motion passed #3.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk