

# Village of Germantown Hills Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes

**August 24, 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>
Mike Hinrichsen-Village President	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Marty Clinch-Chairman	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Amy Pace	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Paul Herzog	Absent	-	-	-		
Bob Sutton	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Eric McAllister	Absent	-	-	-		
Amy DeFreitas	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Melissa Heil	Absent	-	-	-		
Veronica Axelson	Absent	-	Y	Y		
Randy Nash	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Ann Sasso-Director	Present	Y	Y	Y		

Also in attendance: Jim O’Laughlin, Village Trustee

Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 2. Approval of the July 13, 2017 EDC meeting minutes-**A motion was made by Amy DeFreitas to approve the July 13, 2017 EDC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Amy Pace. **Motion passed #1.**

Veronica Axelson arrived at 5:01 p.m.

- 3. Discussion and update on the Germantown Hills Library-**Amy Pace was unable to attend the library board meeting but did attend the eclipse program at the new library. She said there were approximately 110 people but they only had about 30 chairs set up so it was standing room only. Amy noted she felt this was a big indication of the importance of the library to our community. Mike Hinrichsen will be meeting with the new library director in the morning.

Mike Hinrichsen reported he thinks the School and Library are working on an agreement for the School to purchase the old library property.

- 4. Discussion and recommendation to the Village Board on the vision for Germantown Crossing-**Mike Hinrichsen indicated there have been several meetings where we have discussed the Germantown Crossing vision and the aspects of what needed to be included in the overall development. He noted the importance of having a place for the community to gather, a town square, a place to create a sense of community, attract the right businesses, outdoor dining, landscaping and streetscape features.

Mike noted with businesses like Nena's it is obvious that our community will support businesses with great quality and service. Mike stated we have a lot of work to do and he has created a list of what needs to happen next. The Village owns two of the lots that are part of the vision that will be the front door to the Germantown Crossing vision.

Mike went through the Germantown Crossing Vision that InVision Studios had created.

Jim O'Laughlin noted as priorities he feels the need to do a sidewalk on Somerset and a connection from Elizabeth Pointe to Old Germantown Road.

Ann Sasso indicated the need for the Village to do something on the lots they own to show ownership in order to get other property owners to do something too.

Mike Hinrichsen reported that Tri-County had received some planning funds through IDOT in order to start working on the proposed trail from Germantown Hills to Metamora. Bob Sutton asked about the roundabout and had previously talked to Rich about it needing to be bigger. Ann Sasso noted there may be some other options the Village may consider at the intersection.

A motion was made by Amy Pace to recommend to the Village Board the vision for Germantown Crossing. The motion was seconded by Randy Nash. **Motion passed #2.**

- 5. EDC Chairman/Director Reports-**Ann Sasso reported she will be attending the ICSC Deal Making event in September again with the other ED regional partners.

A new person is moving into the space by Sonshine Studio. It is called Laser Solutions and it is an acupuncture and laser therapy business.

- 6. Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce Update-**Veronica Axelson reported the Germantown Hills Chamber had a joint meeting with MABA and it was a great meeting. The Community Prayer Breakfast will be on September 20<sup>th</sup> at Metamora Fields and the next Chamber meeting is on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. at Kouri's. The Halloween on the Hill is scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Veronica showed a restaurant brochure they will giving out to the schools for any upcoming school events. The brochure notes restaurants in Germantown Hills that have seating for visitors to the area.

- 7. School Updates and upcoming events-**Amy DeFreitas explained to the committee the reason behind there being only 3 home football games this year and some upcoming events at the School.

- 8. Business round table updates/public comments**

- 9. Next meeting-September 14, 2017 5:00 p.m.-**The next meeting will be on September 14, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

- 10. Adjournment-**A motion was made by Amy Pace to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Randy Nash. **Motion passed #3.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk