

**Village of Germantown Hills**  
**Park Committee Meeting Minutes**

**August 26, 2019 5:30 p.m.**

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call/Minutes Approval**-Chairperson Dick Hartman called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and roll call was taken.

Village President/Trustee	Roll Call	1	2	3	4	5	6
Dick Hartman – Chair	Present	Y	Y				
Mike Hinrichsen – President	Present	Y	Y				
Stephanie Chaon	Present	Y	Y				
Marty Clinch	Present	Y	Y				
Jim O’Laughlin	Absent	-	-				

Also, present:  
 Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works

- a. **March 5, 2019 Minutes-A motion** was made by Marty Clinch to approve the March 5, 2019 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mike Hinrichsen. **Motion passed #1.**

2. **Update on the Village Vision Phase 1**

Dick Hartman updated the committee on the Village Vision Phase 1 project that has been already approved. This includes the electrical, flag and decorative lighting, benches, concrete and brick pavers on the property on the corner of Holland Road and Woodland Knolls Road. The Village received a grant through the support of Senator Weaver for \$25,000 towards these improvements. The Business District Fund would pay for the balance of the expenses currently estimated at approximately \$23,000.

Rich Brecklin stated he is meeting with a landscaping company to discuss the concrete and paving work of the project. He has received a proposal from an electrical contractor for the lighting. Plus, we will also need electrical down the road for a welcome sign and the lighting of a potential evergreen tree.

Dick Hartman explained the funds for the first phase are in the budget for this year. Dick Hartman stated phase 2 of the welcome area includes a welcome sign, trees and additional landscaping.

Mike Hinrichsen stated the Village received a \$75,000 grant through the help of Ryan Spain to use towards the sidewalk the village previously constructed from the daycare to the library.

Mike explained there are some options on how to fund the next phase of the welcome area, which CMT had estimated costing approximately \$25,000. One option would be to utilize \$25,000 of the \$75,000 received from the grant in the general funds. The second option would be to utilize the Business District Funds. The Rotary Club is submitting a grant request for \$2,000 to be used to purchase an evergreen type of tree that could be lit up each year along with a sign recognizing the Rotary contribution. Mike noted his preference is to use \$25,000 from the grant funds out of the general fund.

Rich Brecklin explained currently there's no additional funds in the budget for this year other than the \$23,000 out of the Business District Funds. The board could wait until spring to put it in the next year's budget as an option. The funding of the improvements was tabled until the costs are determined.

The committee agreed to have Rich Brecklin meet with the landscaper and check on the best time to plant the trees along with the costs. Once we have the information Rich will get with Dick on scheduling another park committee meeting.

### **3. Discussion and recommendation to the Village Board on the Community Center**

Dick Hartman noted last year the committee had recommended having the Community Center demolished. Since it's not in the budget, the committee needs to determine if that's still the plan so it can be put in next year's budget. Ann Sasso will check with the adjacent property owner to see if she's still interested in the property in order to build a garage. If the building is going to be removed, we will need to let the groups that use it know so they can make alternate plans for the future. The committee will still need to make a recommendation on what to do with the property.

### **4. Old Business/New Business-None**

- 5. Adjournment-A motion** was made by Marty Clinch to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mike Hinrichsen. **Motion passed #2.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk