

**Village of Germantown Hills
Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes
August 27, 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			
Stephanie Chaon	Present	Y	Y			
Paul Herzog	Absent	-	-			
Bob Sutton	Present	Y	Y			
Dan Mair	Present	Y	Y			
Nathan Henricks	Present	Y	Y			
Melissa Heil	Absent	-	-			
Veronica Axelson	Absent	-	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 May 9, 2019 EDC meeting minutes**-A motion was made by Randy Nash to approve the May 9, 2019 EDC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Dan Mair.
Motion passed #1.

3. **Update on the Village Vision**

Mike Hinrichsen stated he and Marty Clinch had met with the property owner for the proposed band shell and things are not moving forward as fast as they had hoped. Phase 1 of the corner lot is in the process as the village received a \$25,000 grant to do the electrical, lighting, flags, benches and brick pavers. The Village’s Business District Fund will pay the balance of those improvements. Phase 2 of this area will be landscaping, trees and signage. Mike noted depending on the availability and timing will determine if this is done this year. Mike Hinrichsen discussed the different funding options.

Mike explained the next phases, which would include all the things we can do prior to building a band shell. This includes different possibilities for triangle park along with constructing the walkway from the library to the shopping center. In addition, there would be new signage and landscaping at the intersection of Jubilee Lane and Woodland Knolls Road. Mike noted this will be discussed with the full board in order to take steps to move forward.

4. **EDC Chairman/Director/Village President Reports**-Marty Clinch noted he, Mike Hinrichsen and Ann Sasso had met with Mike Bailey a consultant with Peoria Heights to talk about what is going on in that area to see if there is anything that could help Germantown Hills.

Ann Sasso noted she had attended the Midwest CDI, which GPEDC had made possible with a sponsorship of the institute registration fee. The institute included sessions on community assessments and development practices, asset mapping, team building and identifying leaders and volunteers. Ann stated TWG has been working on the SWOT analysis of the CEDS document and Anytime Fitness is planning on opening up in the Germantown Crossing shopping center November 1st.

5. **Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce Update**-Ann Sasso reported the Chamber breakfast is on Thursday, September 19th at Kouri's. The Chamber is working on a new magnet to be sent out along with a village newsletter. The Community Prayer breakfast will take place on October 2nd at Metamora Fields. Senator Chuck Weaver is the key note speaker.
6. **School Updates and upcoming events**-Dan Mair gave the school enrollment information and the school assessment data update. He noted the school is getting a solar system installed on their roof and are also now contracting with Woodford County for a School Resource Officer, which is working out great. Dan noted it is far exceeding their expectations with having an officer present but it has evolved into a great social/emotional team fit. The school has also created a school nurse position.
7. **Germantown Hills Library update**-Ann Sasso stated Joel Shoemaker had sent out a library update, which was sent out to the members.

8. **Business round table updates/public comments/Agenda Ideas**

Stephanie Chaon indicated Germantown Hills School now as the Best Buddies program.

Randy Nash stated the Germantown Hills Fire Department is looking to replace their parking lot with concrete over a two-year period.

Nathan Henricks introduced himself as the new EDC member.

Bob Sutton stated the water company would look to extend the water line further towards Metamora once there are additional users.

Rich Brecklin stated he is working on getting costs for the improvements on the old ATM lot.

Veronica Axelson stated there was an open house at Mended Hearts this evening.

Ann Sasso reported there has been a discussion to have our local police personnel attend one of the Chamber meetings to talk about some security issues when it works out with the schedule.

9. **Next meeting – September 12, 2019 5:00 p.m.** September 12th is the next meeting at 5:00 p.m.
10. **Adjournment**-A motion was made by Bob Sutton to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m. The motion was seconded by Dan Mair. **Motion passed #2.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk