

Village of Germantown Hills Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2017 5:00 p.m.

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance-**Marty Clinch called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was delayed due to lack of quorum.

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	Absent	-	-	-		
Paul Herzog	Absent	-	-	-		
Bob Sutton	Absent	-	-	-		
Eric McAllister	Absent	-	-	-		
Amy DeFreitas	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Melissa Heil	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Veronica Axelson	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Randy Nash	Absent	-	-	-		
Ann Sasso-Director	Present	Y	Y	Y		

Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 2. Approval of the August 24, 2017 EDC meeting minutes-**A motion was made by Mike Hinrichsen to approve the August 24, 2017 EDC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Amy DeFreitas. **Motion passed #1.**
- 3. Discussion and recommendation to the Village Board on the approval of a Business Community Improvement Grant**

Ann Sasso explained there has been a request for a Business Community Improvement Grant from Dean Waldschmidt to paint the stucco and brick pillars on his portion of the building at Germantown Crossing. He has an estimate of \$8,500 to do the work. An application for the request has been completed.

A motion was made by Mike Hinrichsen to recommend to the Village Board the approval of a Business Community Improvement Grant for Dean Waldschmidt in the amount of \$4,250.00. The motion was seconded by Melissa Heil. **Motion passed #2.**

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

Ann Sasso attended the library board meeting and gave the committee an update. The following was discussed:

A Germantown Hills resident had stated the eclipse program was overbooked as they needed a bigger meeting room to accommodate the number of people in attendance. Joel Shoemaker noted they are already talking about a possible expansion. Ann indicated the two concerns that have been mentioned is the limited parking and the need for a bigger meeting room at the library otherwise everyone is so happy with the new facility.

The library board discussed the cost to remove the asbestos at the old library location. Jack Weddle is going to talk to Dan Mair about the possibility of splitting the cost of the removal with the School. The Library and School are working out the details for the sale of the property.

The Metamora library has a mold issue. The board approved the remediation for right under \$25,000. It was planned to be completed very soon.

John Meister gave the audit report and reviewed the fund balances. The audit was not approved but they will get us a copy once it is. John will get a list of CDs' to Joel Shoemaker of the maturity dates and what they can be used for. The Library had to pay Grant Frederickson a substantial amount of money for accrued vacation time upon his departure. Joel is working on the personnel policy so this doesn't happen in the future.

Joel noted the Germantown Hills branch is very successful.

Mike Hinrichsen met with Joel Shoemaker, the new library Director and the meeting went very well. Joel is working on new programs and is really excited about getting things done.

5. Update on the vision for Germantown Crossing

Mike Hinrichsen reported the Germantown Crossing vision had been presented to the Village Board and they were very pleased. The vision has been shown to one developer that has great interest in the Germantown Crossing shopping center.

6. Discussion on funding opportunities for the Germantown Crossing Vision

Mike noted the need to brainstorm some ideas for funding opportunities. He emphasized the need to get others to catch the vision and there is much more to do. There are certain people we need to start talking to in order to get the plan progressing forward. Mike reported there is one meeting scheduled towards the end of the month and then after that we will make plans to involve other individuals in the planning process.

7. EDC Chairman/Director Reports

Ann Sasso reported there was a meeting with area Chambers on a Branding Exploration for our region. The group is looking to mimic something Omaha Nebraska accomplished by coming up with a branding for the region that everyone now utilizes. There are going to be more meetings to go to the next step to work on moving the branding initiative forward. Once we get the buy in from all of the groups we will get the creative individuals together in order to come up with a regional brand that everyone can utilize.

Ann noted we are working on a vehicular hard surface ordinance for commercial properties which was recommended by the Planning Commission. There will be a grandfathered period for existing commercial parking lots to come into compliance with the new requirements.

There are a couple of developers interested in the Germantown Crossing shopping center.

There will be a Village Cleanup Day the week of October 16th.

Ann Sasso noted she is planning on attending the Illinois Enterprise Zone Conference in October.

Mike Hinrichsen noted the Tri-County Planning Commission received a grant in order to do planning for the Metamora to Germantown Hills Trail.

Mike stated the GPEDC is still looking for a new CEO. Denny Kief is the interim CEO.

- 8. Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce Update-**Veronica Axelson reported the Community Prayer Breakfast will be on September 20th at Metamora Fields and the Halloween on the Hill event is scheduled for October 28th. There will be roast for John Bearce on October 12th if anyone is interested in getting a ticket.
- 9. School Updates and upcoming events-**Amy DeFreitas reported they have an open spot on the School board that they will be filling soon and Homecoming is coming up on September 29th.
- 10. Business round table updates/public comments-None**
- 11. Next meeting-October 12, 2017 5:00 p.m.-**The next meeting will be on October 12, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.
- 12. Adjournment-**A motion was made by Amy DeFreitas to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m. The motion was seconded by Melissa Heil. **Motion passed #3.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk