

# Village of Germantown Hills

## Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes November 8, 2018 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			
Amy Pace	Present	Y	Y			
Paul Herzog	Absent	-	-			
Bob Sutton	Present	Y	Y			
Eric McAllister	Absent	-	-			
Amy DeFreitas	Present	Y	Y			
Melissa Heil	Present	Y	Y			
Veronica Axelson	Absent	-	-			
Randy Nash	Present	Y	Y			
Ann Sasso-Director	Present	Y	Y			

Also, present:  
Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works

- 2. Approval of the September 13, 2018 EDC meeting minutes-**A motion was made by Mike Hinrichsen to approve the September 13, 2018 EDC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Melissa Heil. **Motion passed #1.**
- 3. Update and Discussion on the timeline and next steps on the Germantown Crossing Village Square**

Mike Hinrichsen prepared a Village Vision timeline for discussion that he reviewed with the EDC. He noted we are waiting to hear on two potential grants and are hopeful we will know before the end of the year. The vision has been shared with many groups with positive and exciting feedback. The committee discussed what aspects might be brought back to the EDC and/or Village Board for feedback on decisions along the way. The committee discussed the importance in communicating with the public.

- 4. Discussion on the Lourdes Road Commercial Property and next steps Update**

This year the Village bought 4.4 acres of commercial property on the corner of Lourdes Road and Rt. 116. The committee discussed that once the MTCO Park gets developed this parcel will be a valuable piece of property and we will want to see what would be a good fit for the community.

- 5. EDC Chairman/Director/Village President Reports-** Ann Sasso noted GPEDC has been hosting some webinars on some economic development topics at their office that she has attended.

Mike Hinrichsen stated there are discussions about an innovation hub which would have great potential for the region.

- 6. Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce update-**Ann indicated the Chamber is encouraging businesses to put up white lights for the holidays and the Chamber Social is scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup> at Metamora Fields.

It was reported Halloween on the Hill went well. Melissa Heil stated she feels the kids loved the event and for the parents it begins to build awareness to the businesses in town.

- 7. School Updates and upcoming events-**Dan Mair reported they were notified by the Illinois School Board of Education that Germantown Hills Elementary has been designated as an “exemplary” school and Germantown Hills Middle has been designated a “commendable” school as defined by Illinois’ plan for compliance with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Dan noted they are once again having a Veteran’s Day assembly with 85 veterans plus guests at the School. In addition, on January 24<sup>th</sup> they will have their District State of the District dinner to share with the community where things are at with the school.

Dan indicated at their next School Board meeting he will be presenting a tentative levy and is proud to be able to offer several recommendations with a 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row drop in the rate. Dan explained the different alternatives they will be considering.

Dan reported in September the School Board agreed to enter into a contract to hire an engineering company to submit a proposal to IDOT in hopes they will fund 50% of the pedestrian crossing. They also entered into a contract for a formal design to be put together for MTCO Park. In October the MTCO Park steering committee discussed steps to proceed on the development. The group will meet again in December to discuss and finalize the plan in hopes to look at upcoming grant opportunities. The plan will need to be communicated to the community as this will have a beneficial long-term economic impact on the area. Dan indicated GHAA would sell the property to the School District for a dollar but the plan would be to collaborate with others on the development and maintenance of the park.

Amy DeFreitas reported MTHS has a Safety Resource officer and the track is complete.

- 8. Germantown Hills Library update-**Ann Sasso had sent the update provided by Joel Shoemaker to the EDC.

- 9. Business round table updates/public comments-**Deferred due to time.

- 10. Next meeting – December 6, 2018 5:00 p.m.** The committee agreed to cancel the EDC meeting scheduled for December.

- 11. Adjournment-**A motion was made by Mike Hinrichsen to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

The motion was seconded by Amy DeFreitas. **Motion passed #2.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk