

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

**July 9, 2020 4:00 p.m.**

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call/Minutes Approval**-Chairperson Dick Hartman called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm and roll call was taken.

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

Also, present:

Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works

- a. **August 26, 2019 Minutes-A motion** was made by Marty Clinch to approve the August 26, 2019 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Jim O’Laughlin. **Motion passed #1.**

2. **Discussion and recommendation to the Village Board on the utilization of the Business District Funds**

Ann Sasso provided the Business District account balance.

Dick Hartman stated there are several options on how to use the business district funds which include development of triangle park, sidewalks in and around the business district, and a sign on the welcome lot.

Rich Brecklin stated he was going to be meeting with a contractor to get a rough estimate for the sidewalk to go in front of State Farm to Rt. 116 in order to get an idea of the cost.

Jim O’Laughlin stated he feels the committee needs to prioritize the projects but in his mind the sidewalk by State Farm to Rt. 116 is high on his list.

Mike Hinrichsen noted that sidewalk was not on the list when the sidewalk priority list was put together and we would need to make sure it’s even in the business district boundaries.

Ann Sasso stated she has checked on the sidewalk being in the business district but will confirm the location again. We will also need to check with IDOT.

Jim O’Laughlin noted the sidewalk from the library to Paul Herzog’s building is another project to consider.

Marty Clinch indicated the sidewalk by State Farm wasn’t on the radar initially but due to the increased pedestrian traffic that it has become a safety issue and there needs to be a safer path to Rt. 116.

Mike Hinrichsen stated he doesn't disagree but the business district was created due to the blighted area and doesn't feel this project addresses that issue. The corner welcome lot is a great improvement and Mike feels triangle park should be developed.

Rich Brecklin stated doing the sidewalk to Rt. 116 and then running a sidewalk along Casey's, First Build and triangle park would direct the flow of pedestrian traffic safely to the shopping center.

Mike Hinrichsen stated he feels we need to show progress of the plan to show CEFCU we are moving forward. He noted that at the last EDC meeting we discussed having Doug Pinter help with some conversations with CEFCU for future property development in the shopping center.

The Germantown Crossing sign on Jubilee Lane was discussed and the need for it to be updated. Ann Sasso will check on an estimated cost.

The committee agreed to have Rich get some sidewalk estimates for the different areas that were discussed. Ann will confirm the business district boundaries.

### **3. Discussion and recommendation to the Village Board on the naming of the welcome lot and the flags**

Dick Hartman stated the naming of the corner lot has been discussed with the possible addition of other flags. A recommendation needs to be made to the village board.

Rich Brecklin had suggested earlier this year naming the area First Responder Park and flying the blue line flag, red line flag and the public works flag.

Ann Sasso shared that Todd Rice mentioned the idea of creating a village flag to be flown.

Rich Brecklin stated the village has received positive support since the blue line flags were erected 4 years ago. The committee discussed different options and concluded naming the area First Responder Park and flying the First Responder flags was the best choice.

A motion was made by Mike Hinrichsen to recommend to the village board to name the corner lot, First Responder Park and fly the First Responder flags, which include the blue line flag, red line flag and the public works flag. The motion was seconded by Dick Hartman. **Motion passed #2.**

### **4. Discussion and recommendation to the Village Board on future plans for the Community Center**

Dick Hartman noted this has been discussed multiple times and we need to confirm the decision of the board on what to do with the Community Center.

Ann Sasso stated she didn't think Deb Wernsman was interested in the Community Center lot at this time.

Mike Hinrichsen recommended waiting until closer to the end of the year to look at where our funds are before making a decision.

Jim O'Laughlin recommended using the potential grant funds the village will be receiving if possible, towards the cost to demolish the building.

The committee agreed to have Rich Brecklin get a cost estimate at the end of the year for the removal of the building with a spring timeline.

Dick Hartman noted at this point the building could be demolished and we could plant grass until a decision is made on what to do with the property.

#### **5. Discussion and recommendation to the Village Board on the Fandel Road Sidewalk Drainage**

Rich Brecklin explained what steps the village has taken to try to handle the water issue with the Fandel Road sidewalk. He noted the property owner's property is like a waterbed with springs all over. Rich talked with the engineer about alternatives. The water is coming over the sidewalk so they discussed installing a 2' gutter to let the water in and see if there's enough space to put a catch basin in. They would then install a curb to stop the water. Rich is having a contractor come out to look at the issue but will also talk with the property owner.

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

Dick Hartman noted the park equipment is open but the restrooms are not. The committee agreed to have a portable toilet delivered for the remainder of the summer in order to have some type of restroom facility at the park until public restrooms are allowed to be opened.

#### **7. Adjournment-A motion** was made by Mike Hinrichsen to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Jim O'Laughlin. **Motion passed #3.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk