

# Village of Germantown Hills

## Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2021 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			
Denny Couri	Present	Y	Y			
Bob Sutton	Present	Y	Y			
Dan Mair	Absent	-	-			
Nathan Henricks	Present	Y	Y			
Veronica Axelson	Present	Y	Y			
Randy Nash	Absent	-	-			
Tom Eckstein	Present	Y	Y			
Ann Sasso-Director	Present	Y	Y			

Also, present:

Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works

Jeff DeGroot

2. **Approval of the August 13, 2020 EDC meeting minutes**

A motion was made by Stephanie Chaon to approve the August 13, 2020 EDC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Nathan Henricks. **Motion passed #1.**

3. **New Member Introductions**

Tom Eckstein and Denny Couri introduced themselves as the new EDC members.

Marty Clinch explained how the EDC was formed years ago in order to be a more diverse group representing many interests within the community. Jeff DeGroot noted many of the great things that have happened over the last 8 years with the help of the EDC.

4. **Germantown Crossing Update**

Rich Brecklin updated the board on the Woodland Knolls Road sidewalk construction. He noted the next step is to work on the development of the Veterans Park in the area in front of First Build. This Park will represent all of the military branches. The board is still looking at designs to include granite monuments, benches, lighting, a flag and stamped concrete or exposed aggregate. The park committee will make a recommendation to the village board. Rich noted next steps would be to look at a sidewalk connecting to the existing sidewalk by the library and in and around the shopping center to increase the connectivity.

- 5. EDC Chairman/Director/Village President Reports-**Ann Sasso stated she has located someone that is available to do a Farmer's Market in Germantown Crossing but we are still working on the timing, dates and location. Paul Herzog has a vacancy in his building if anyone knows anyone looking for a space. Ann has reached out to the artist about bringing the sculptures to Germantown Hills but has not heard back yet.

Mike Hinrichsen noted with the America Rescue Plan there are funds available to the village. The Village has not received the details of how the funds can be spent but will share them once they are available.

**6. Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce update**

Veronica Axelson noted the next Chamber meeting is March 18<sup>th</sup> at noon in the new Monte Cristo Room, which has been remodeled. The Germantown Hills Chamber event is on May 1<sup>st</sup> which will include the pork chop sale, vendors, and garage sales.

**7. School Updates and Upcoming Events**

Dan Mair was not in attendance.

- 8. Germantown Hills Library Update-**The library update was sent by email from Joel Shoemaker.

**9. Business Round Table Updates**

Stephanie Chaon noted Community Banking Week is April 4-10.

Ann Sasso noted a Community Cleanup Day and landscape pickup days will be scheduled soon.

Bob Sutton stated the water company's ground storage tank is going to be painted and their PP loan was forgiven.

Veronica Axelson stated they have live music on Fridays from 6-8:00 p.m. in the Monte Cristo Room.

- 10. Next meeting – April 8, 2021 5:00 p.m.** The next EDC meeting is at 5:00 p.m. at the village hall.

- 11. Adjournment-**A motion was made by Stephanie Chaon to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 p.m. The motion was seconded by Nathan Henricks. **Motion passed #2.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk