

# Village of Germantown Hills

## Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes

April 8, 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	Y	Y	
Marty Clinch-Chairman	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Stephanie Chaon	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Denny Couri	Absent	-	Y	P	Y	
Bob Sutton	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Dan Mair	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Nathan Henricks	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Veronica Axelson	Absent	-	-	-	-	
Randy Nash	Absent	-	-	-	-	
Tom Eckstein	Absent	-	-	-	-	
Ann Sasso-Director	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	

Also, present:

Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works

Zack Hecht, Public Works

2. **Approval of the March 11, 2021 EDC meeting minutes**

A motion was made by Bob Sutton to approve the March 11, 2021 EDC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Nathan Henricks. **Motion passed #1.**

Denny Couri arrived at 5:03 p.m.

3. **Discussion and recommendation to the Village Board on a Business Community Improvement Grant**

Ann Sasso noted Julie Waldschmidt had requested a Business Community Improvement Grant for a window replacement, cigarette stand and a bench for The Liquor Shoppe in Germantown Crossing. Tamra Watts was in attendance to explain the request.

Mike Hinrichsen noted the need to make sure the benches look nice and it would be good if they matched with what the Village is already doing with the other parks.

The Committee agreed to ask the Village Board if Business District Funds could be used to purchase benches to match the ones at First Responders Park.

A motion was made by Marty Clinch to recommend to the Village Board the Business Community Improvement Grant for the window replacement at 509 Jubilee Lane in the amount

of \$323.05 to Julie Waldschmidt. The motion was seconded by Mike Hinrichsen. **Motion passed #2.**

Ann Sasso noted a second Business Community Improvement Grant request was submitted by Kouris for a new sign.

A motion was made by Mike Hinrichsen to recommend to the Village Board a Business Community Improvement Grant in the amount of \$1,619.50 for a new sign for Kouris. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Chaon. **Motion passed #3.**

#### **4. Germantown Crossing Update**

Rich Brecklin updated the board on the Woodland Knolls Road sidewalk construction. They are adding a pipe in the ditch because the slope is too steep and could create some safety concerns.

Rich Brecklin is getting prices on the improvements for the Veterans Park. This will be discussed at the park meeting. Rich noted he is getting estimates on the original plan that was discussed with the board, which will include lights, benches, flags, concrete, electrical and a sidewalk connection.

- 5. EDC Chairman/Director/Village President Reports-**Ann Sasso stated she is still waiting on information on a Farmer's Market in Germantown Crossing. There will be a meeting on a request for a Special Use Permit for a Mixed-Use on April 13<sup>th</sup> from Barb Primm for her building on Elizabeth Pointe Drive. Ann has reached out to the artist about bringing the sculptures to Germantown Hills but has not heard back yet. The Michael's Run for Life is scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup>. They are doing the same plans from last year that had to be cancelled. Ann stated we need to revisit the Germantown Crossing sign by Ricky's to see what can be done this year.

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

Ann Sasso noted the next Chamber meeting is April 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. at Kouris. 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 stated they are 30 days out to the end of the school year. They have been able to maintain in-person learning other than 4-5 weeks when they were short of staff. They are still getting out early with 5-6% doing remote learning. Dan noted it has been a long year but he is singing the praises of his staff. He noted in looking at the trend data the kids in Germantown have not suffered.

Dan noted we should be hearing on the ITEP Grant soon and feels very optimistic. Dan stated the maximum we can get is 90% funding of the total cost.

Dan Mair explained the tax levy abatement and they were able to save the tax payers money last year. The athletics are in full motion. The solar project is exceeding the savings from the 1<sup>st</sup> year. The golf outing is set for June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Bob Sutton asked if the remote learning has hurt the students. Dan noted the core content has not been diminished and they have taken the time to work with students if they have had any issues.

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

**9. Business Round Table Updates**

Nathan Henricks noted energy wise that the gas rates are going up 56% with Ameren.

Bob Sutton asked with the grants that are going to be available if the Village can look to see if any funds would be available to assist the water district. Ann Sasso noted we don't have the criteria yet to know what is going to be eligible or the process of what we will need to do to get the funds. Rich Brecklin noted the Village has several sewer projects in need.

**10. Next meeting – May 13, 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 Dan Mair to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 p.m. The motion was seconded by Nathan Henricks. **Motion passed #4.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk