

Village of Germantown Hills

Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2021 5:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance**-Jeff DeGroot 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
Jeff DeGroot-Village President	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Stephanie Chaon	Absent	-	-	-		
Denny Couri	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Bob Sutton	Absent	-	-	-		
Dan Mair	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Nathan Henricks	Absent	-	-	-		
Veronica Axelson	Absent	-	-	-		
Randy Nash	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Tom Eckstein	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Karl Figg	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Ann Sasso-Director	Present	Y	Y	Y		

Also, present:

Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works

Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

A motion was made by Randy Nash to approve the November 11, 2021 EDC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Karl Figg. **Motion passed #1.**

3. **Recommendation to the Village Board on a Business Community Improvement Grant**

Ann Sasso explained Darrell Gualandri has requested a business community improvement grant in order to replace his signs for his business along Jubilee Lane. The estimated cost is \$2,400.

A motion was made by Karl Figg to recommend to the village board a business community improvement grant to Darrell Gualandri up to a \$1,300 reimbursement. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein. **Motion passed #2.**

4. **EDC Chairman/Director/Village President Reports**-Ann Sasso reported that there's a company interested in constructing a cell tower in Germantown Hills in order to help with the signal in the community and region. They will need a special use permit and there will need to be some updates to the village code since the specifications have changed over the years. There will be meetings in January to discuss the special use and zoning code changes.

Ann noted the Planning Commission had a feather flag discussion in regards to the Liquor Shoppe wanting the flags up all year round. Currently a building with 2 or more businesses can have 6 permits a year with the flags up 20 days each time. The Planning Commission is going to discuss this further at their meeting in January.

The Germantown Crossing ground sign is on hold. The EDC had recommended the black curved design with the colored logos. The village board wants to explore the possibility of having one LED sign constructed. This would eliminate both existing signs. Alan from Ricky's stated their sign is broke and are waiting on getting plans for a new updated sign. Alan is going to let the village know when he has a proposal on a new sign. Ann noted there would need to be an agreement if the messages were going to be shared. We would also need to determine who would manage the messages.

Christmas banners have been ordered so hopefully they will be in soon and installed along Jubilee Lane.

Jeff DeGroot reported he would be appointing a new trustee next week so the village board will be full.

5. Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce update

There's no Chamber meeting in December. There will be a Chamber social in January.

6. School Updates and MTCO Update-Dan Mair stated he is looking to putting together a steering committee to discuss the MTCO Park. A resident in the community will be helping with the design engineering.

Dan Mair presented the data assessment of readiness district comparisons and results. Germantown Hills English results have gone up every year but the math was down last year relative to everyone else.

7. Germantown Hills Library Update-Ann Sasso stated she will be sending the update.

8. Business Round Table Updates

Randy Nash stated Willow Hill Methodist will have a live nativity on December 18th at 6:00 p.m.

Ann Sasso noted Santa Claus is coming to town as the fire department will be having Santa going through the village on December 19th. Time will be posted once we have the details.

9. Next meeting – January 13, 2022 5:00 p.m. The next EDC meeting is at 5:00 p.m. at the village hall.

10. Adjournment-A motion was made by Tom Eckstein to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Denny Couri. **Motion passed #3.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk