

Village of Germantown Hills

Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2021 5:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance**-Jeff DeGroot called the meeting to order at 5:05 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			
Stephanie Chaon	Present	Y	Y			
Denny Couri	Present	Y	Y			
Bob Sutton	Absent	-	-			
Dan Mair	Present	Y	Y			
Nathan Henricks	Present	Y	Y			
Veronica Axelson	Absent	-	-			
Randy Nash	Absent	-	-			
Tom Eckstein	Absent	-	-			
Karl Figg	Absent	-	Y			
Ann Sasso-Director	Present	Y	Y			

Also, present:

Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works

Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Approval of the July 8, 2021 EDC meeting minutes**

A motion was made by Stephanie Chaon to approve the July 8, 2021 EDC meeting minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Nathan Henricks. **Motion passed #1.**

3. **Greater Peoria Economic Development Council-Don Forrest, Chair & Chris Setti, CEO**

Chris Setti and Don Forrest were in attendance to discuss what's going on with GPEDC and to have an opportunity to meet everyone as Germantown Hills has been a great partner with GPEDC.

Don Forrest noted he is thankful that Germantown Hills takes part in working with the GPEDC and the continued relationship.

Chris Setti discussed the goals of the CEDS document along with some of the strategies and the Big Table event. Chris explained the areas they are involved with including business assistance, workforce solutions, business attraction and rural development.

Karl Figg arrived at 5:25 p.m.

Ann Sasso stated the Village appreciates all of the help GPEDC has provided over the years with their resources and looks forward to the continued relationship.

4. Germantown Crossing Discussion and Update

This was deferred due to time.

5. EDC Chairman/Director/Village President Reports-Cell Tower Update-The Village is working on getting a cell tower in the area to help with the signal but we are still waiting to hear back on the timeline.

6. Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce update

This was deferred due to time.

7. School Updates and Upcoming Events-Dan Mair stated today was the first day of school and it went very well. Dan noted they are fortunate to have started the year fully staffed. The Warrior Invite for cross country is on September 14th.

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

9. Business Round Table Updates

This was deferred due to time.

10. Next meeting – September 9, 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 5:58 p.m. The motion was seconded by Dan Mair. **Motion passed #2.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk