

**Village of Germantown Hills  
Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes  
February 10, 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.

<b>EDC Committee</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Jeff DeGroot-Village President	Present	Y	Y			
Stephanie Chaon	Present	Y	Y			
Denny Couri	Absent	-	-			
Bob Sutton	Present	P	Y			
Dan Mair	Present	Y	Y			
Nathan Henricks	Absent	-	Y			
Veronica Axelson	Absent	-	-			
Randy Nash	Absent	-	-			
Tom Eckstein	Present	Y	Y			
Paige Patel	Present	Y	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 December 9, 2021 EDC meeting minutes**

A motion was made by Tom Eckstein to approve the December 9,2021 EDC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Dan Mair. **Motion passed #1.**

3. **Germantown Crossing Update & Farmer’s Market/Festival Discussion**

Jeff DeGroot noted that we had talked about doing a Farmer’s Market last year but the timing didn’t work out.

Ann Sasso noted she had reached out to her contact from last year and hadn’t heard back yet but once we can get a vendor with produce then we will reach out to get other types of vendors. Ann noted the liability waiver form is ready to go and she had checked with the owner of the Germantown Crossing property about using the back part of the parking lot. The owner stated he is willing to allow the use of the property. The committee discussed if Saturday morning doesn’t work, we could look at doing an evening time during the week. Ann will follow up with the produce vendor.

Nathan Henricks arrived at 5:10 p.m.

Jeff DeGroot stated we had also talked about the possibility of a festival in the fall. Rich Brecklin will check with the German Society to see how they might be able to help.

The committee discussed the need to talk about doing something on the vacant lots in Germantown Crossing. Ann Sasso will check on a contact for CEFCU.

**4. Discussion and Recommendation to the Village Board on the Germantown Crossing Shopping Center Sign**

Ann Sasso noted Ricky's is looking to redo their LED sign. They had proposed an LED with all of the business logos but the sign would be too high. Ann Sasso will get back to them about the possibility of two separate signs in order to stay at the 5' requirement.

**5. EDC Chairman/Director/Village President Reports-**Jeff DeGroot reported that the cell tower company needs approved minutes from the Planning Commission and Village Board in order to move forward. This will happen in February once both meetings take place.

Ann Sasso reported the Chamber breakfast is next week. She also noted the Monte Cristo Room is still interested in the possibility of a different type of liquor license that would allow customers to bring in their own alcohol. Veronica Axelson is going to get some provisions put together for the village board's consideration.

Ann Sasso reported that the village board is waiting to see what type of permanent sign the Liquor Shoppe puts up, so there has been no additional action in regards to the feather flags. Tamra was going to submit a Business Community Grant request but hasn't at this time.

**6. Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce Update-**Chamber breakfast is on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

**7. School Updates and MTCO Update-**Dan Mair stated the 7<sup>th</sup> grade basketball team is playing for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in state tonight. He also noted this week was the first week where masks were optional and it has been going very well. He stated it is amazing how great it is for everyone to be able to see each other's faces and smiles without masks and the kids look so happy. Dan noted he doesn't see anything changing even if the court decision is reversed concerning the mask mandate.

Dan Mair updated the members on the MTCO Park. Dan noted he on March 5<sup>th</sup> at their strategy planning meeting, he will get direction and share the plan. He is hopeful with the plan that we can get the MTCO Park built and lower the overall tax rate. Dan reviewed information showing the projection in regards to the bonds. Dan Mair met with Chris Tyra from Midwest Construction and they submitted a proposal. The school board has approved moving forward. Dan Mair will be looking to get a number of individuals on the MTCO Park steering committee.

**8. Germantown Hills Library Update-**Ann Sasso stated she will check on getting an update.

**9. Business Round Table Updates-None**

**10. Next meeting – March 10, 2022 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 Nathan Henricks to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Chaon. **Motion passed #2.**

Ann Sasso, Village Clerk