

Village of Germantown Hills

Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2022, 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.

EDC Committee	Roll Call	1	2	3	4	5
Jeff DeGroot-Village President/Chair	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Stephanie Chaon	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Denny Couri	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Dan Mair	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Nathan Henricks	Absent	-	-	Y		
Veronica Axelson	Absent	-	-	-		
Randy Nash	Absent	-	-	-		
Tom Eckstein	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Paige Patel	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Ann Sasso-Director	Present	Y	Y	Y		

Also, present:

Rich Brecklin, Superintendent of Public Works

Jeff DeGroot held a moment of silence. Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Approval of the February 10, 2022 EDC meeting minutes**

A motion was made by Tom Eckstein to approve the February 10, 2022 EDC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Dan Mair. **Motion passed #1.**

3. **Germantown Crossing Update & Farmers Market/Festival Discussion**

Jeff DeGroot noted the Farmers Market is getting set up to start in June in the Germantown Crossing shopping center.

Ann Sasso indicated three different businesses offered to allow the vendors to use their restrooms so that we don't have to rent a portable toilet. Ann noted the need to get the word out to get some vendors lined up.

There was nothing to new to report on the festival at this time.

4. **Discussion and Recommendation to the Village Board on a Business Community Improvement Grant**

Ann Sasso explained that Tamra Watts, from the Liquor Shoppe has requested a Business Community Improvement Grant for a new sign for the Liquor Shoppe and her video gaming business. The total cost for the sign is \$8,900. The grant would be for \$4,450.

A motion was made by Jeff DeGroot to recommend to the Village Board a Business Community Improvement Grant in the amount of \$4,450 for the new Liquor Shoppe sign. The motion was seconded by Dan Mair. **Motion passed #2.**

5. EDC Chairman/Director/Village President Reports

Ann Sasso shared a proposed Germantown Crossing sign design that Martin Sign put together. It is a black font without any logos. The EDC agreed to recommend this to the board. Ann noted we are still working on banner ideas along Jubilee Lane.

6. Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce Update-The Chamber breakfast will be on March 24th.

7. School Updates and MTCO Update-Dan Mair stated the school board held their strategic planning meeting and there was clear direction to move forward. On Monday Dan should get formal direction from the school board to put the question on the November referendum. Dan noted the timeline is that we can hopefully have things completed by the end of 2023. The steering committee is going to meet on Wednesday, March 16th at 6:00 p.m.

Rich Brecklin noted the sewer will need to be brought to the property along with some detention areas for runoff.

Dan Mair stated post COVID things are going well at the school and the 7th grade volleyball team is playing for the regional championship.

Nathan Henricks arrived at 5:31 p.m.

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

9. Business Round Table Updates-There will be an ESDA meeting on March 24th.

10. Next meeting – April 14, 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 5:34 p.m. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Chaon. **Motion passed #3.**

Ann Sasso
Village Clerk