

Village of Germantown Hills

Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes

December 8, 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			
Stephanie Chaon	Absent	-	-			
Justin Nena	Present	Y	Y			
Dan Mair	Present	Y	Y			
Nathan Henricks	Present	Y	Y			
Veronica Axelson	Absent	-	-			
Randy Nash	Present	Y	Y			
Tom Eckstein	Present	Y	Y			
Paige Patel	Present	Y	Y			
Ann Sasso-Director	Present	Y	Y			

Also, present:

Heather Armistead, Village Trustee/Park Committee Chairperson

Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

A motion was made by Tom Eckstein to approve the March 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 did well especially for the first year. Ann Sasso noted the pony rides at the end of the season helped draw people and we will need to look at other things to bring more people out to the event. Jeff DeGroot stated if we don't have electricity next year that we may have a generator for those that need it.

4. **EDC Chairman/Director/Village President Reports**

Ann Sasso stated with the Athletic Complex being approved the village's 4-acre parcel that is nearby will be more apt to develop.

Jeff DeGroot noted the village purchased the 26-acre parcel along Fandel Road to develop a park.

Heather Armistead stated the park committee and village board will look at a multi-year plan along with grant opportunities.

5. Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce Update-Veronica Axelson was not in attendance.

6. School Updates and Germantown Hills Athletic Complex Update-Dan Mair stated they just finished the first trimester of the school year and things are going well. Dan reported on the school's report card. He noted the State of the District strategic planning meeting is coming up in January.

The Germantown Hills Athletic Complex referendum question passed. Dan noted they have met with the engineer and construction manager to get things started on the project. Dan reviewed the proposed timeline. The school board passed the resolution to issue bonds. They will close on the property on December 15th.

The School and Village purchased the Point's property across from the school where the pedestrian crossing is planned to be constructed. The school applied for an ITEP grant for the pedestrian crossing. The school should know if the grant was awarded in the spring. There should be a better chance to get funding this time around with the athletic complex being approved.

7. Germantown Hills Library Update-No new report.

8. Business Round Table Updates-None

9. Next meeting – January 12, 2023, 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 Nathan Henricks to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Randy Nash. **Motion passed #2.**

Ann Sasso
Village Clerk