

# Village of Germantown Hills

## Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2023, 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	Present	Y	Y			
Justin Nena	Absent	-	-			
Dan Mair	Absent	-	-			
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			

Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Approval of the December 8, 2022, EDC meeting minutes**

A motion was made by Tom Eckstein to approve the December 8, 2022, EDC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Randy Nash. **Motion passed #1.**

3. **Germantown Crossing & Farmers Market Updates**

Jeff DeGroot indicated the need to start thinking about ways we can make the farmers market even better this year.

Ann Sasso stated she would check with the owner of the ponies about coming to the farmers market this year as it was a great draw to the market, but it didn't start until late last year.

Jeff DeGroot noted the need to check on MadMacs in order to bring coffee to the farmers market. Ann will check to see if they will have the availability this year as last year they were just opening the business.

The committee discussed other possible draws such as a bouncy house, balloon guy, etc.

Ann noted someone had called recently about a food truck, which could be another possibility.

Jeff DeGroot stated the village would look to place a generator at the site if vendors need electricity.

Ann Sasso stated we need to think about what else needs to be done in the business district with the business district funds. The committee discussed the vacant lot and potential sidewalks. Ann will confirm the asking price for the vacant lot.

**4. Discussion on 2023 Goals & Promoting Village Businesses**

Jeff DeGroot noted with the athletic complex being developed the commercial properties in Germantown Hills will be more attractive and potentially have more opportunities. The properties include the village owned 4 acres by the State Police, and the Coventry Farm 17 acres of commercial property off Rt. 116. The EDC needs to be thinking about what types of businesses and services are needed in the community.

Ann Sasso noted a potential developer had reached out, so she will check to see the status of the inquiry. The committee recommended that a for sale sign should go up on the 4 acres if there's no interest from the developer at this time.

**5. EDC Chairman/Director/Village President Reports-Nothing new to report.**

**6. Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce Update-**Veronica Axelson was not in attendance. The Chamber lunch is Thursday at noon at Kouris.

**7. School Updates and Germantown Hills Athletic Complex Update-**Dan Mair was not in attendance.

**8. Germantown Hills Library Update-**No new report.

**9. Business Round Table Updates**

Ann Sasso noted there is a new business going into Jim McGath's ATC space. She is a life coach. Ann will check with Jim McGath to see if there's any interest in a different sign, since there are potential grant funds available.

**10. Next meeting – February 9, 2023, 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 5:37 p.m. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein. **Motion passed #2.**

Ann Sasso  
Village Clerk