

**Village of Germantown Hills
Park Committee Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2023, 5:30 p.m.**

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call/Minutes Approval**-Chairperson Heather Armistead called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and roll call was taken.

Village President/Trustee	Roll Call	1	2	3	4	5	6
Heather Armistead – Chair	Present	Y	Y	Y			
Jeff DeGroot – President	Present	Y	Y	Y			
Stephanie Chaon	Present	Y	Y	Y			
Nathan Henricks	Present	Y	Y	Y			
Karl Figg	Present	Y	Y	Y			

Also, present:

Rich Brecklin, Director of Public Works

Zack Hecht, Public Works

Tom Eckstein, Village Trustee

Scott DeSplinter, Village Engineer

- a. **November 17, 2022, Minutes-A motion** was made by Jeff DeGroot to approve the November 17, 2022, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Chaon.
Motion passed #1.

2. **Discussion and Recommendation to the Village Board on the development of the 26-acre park and the submittal of a grant application to the IDNR for the Recreational Trails Program Grant.**

Heather Armistead explained to the committee the proposed recreational trail concept that Scott DeSplinter had put together for the property. It is a 10' trail around the perimeter of the property with an estimated cost of \$530,000.00. Heather noted we would look to request a grant to do half of the trail along with a parking lot area.

Ann Doubet noted the grant is an 80% grant up to a maximum of \$200,000.00 reimbursement. The Village was able to get a recreational trails program grant in order to build the trail at J.R. White Park years ago and this would be similar to that. The grant has different requirements that include the need for a public hearing to gather input from the community.

Heather Armistead stated she had reached out to the Metamora Park District to set up a meeting so that we can discuss what its like to maintain a large park and some lessons learned from them.

Stephanie Chaon noted she has a friend that was going to attend that is willing to help with guidance on what types of native grasses can help with drainage and erosion on the property and enhance the natural beauty of the property.

The committee agreed to set up a public hearing on March 2nd to gather ideas and input. Heather had put together an additional notice that we will use for Facebook and the website.

A motion was made by Nathan Henricks to recommend to the Village Board on the development of the 26-acre park and the submittal of a grant application to the IDNR for the Recreational Trails Program Grant for a recreational trail. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Chaon. **Motion passed #2.**

3. **Adjournment-A motion** was made by Jeff DeGroot to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 p.m. The motion was seconded by Heather Armistead. **Motion passed #3.**
Ann Doubet, Village Clerk