

# Village of Germantown Hills

## Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2024, 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	Absent	-	-	-		
Justin Nena	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Dan Mair	Absent	-	-	-		
Nathan Henricks	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Veronica Axelson	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Randy Nash	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Tom Eckstein	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Paige Patel	Present	Y	Y	Y		
Ann Doubet-Director	Present	Y	Y	Y		

Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Approval of November 16, 2023, EDC meeting minutes**

A motion was made by Randy Nash to approve the November 16, 2023, EDC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein. Motion passed #1.

3. **Discussion and Recommendation to the Village Board on participating with the Village of Metamora on an agreement with Discover Peoria**

Jeff DeGroot and Ann Doubet met with Discover Peoria last year about what Discover Peoria would be able to do for the community. We agreed the timing wasn't right. Recently A.J. Friedrich, President of the Rotary Club and Germantown Hills Chamber reached out to say that the Village of Metamora would be interested in doing an agreement with the Village of Germantown Hills to share the cost with an agreement with Discover Peoria. They would help in marketing the area, businesses and events.

A motion was made by Jeff DeGroot to recommend to the Village Board on participating with the Village of Metamora on an agreement with Discover Peoria. The motion was seconded by Paige Patel. Motion passed #2.

4. **Farmers Market Discussion**

Ann explained that the farmers market will start the first Saturday in June. The village already has had interested vendors reaching out to be a part of the events. Julia Miller updated the farmers market flyer for this year.

5. **EDC Chairman/Director/Village President Reports**-Ann Doubet updated the committee on the grants and stated the village's website has been updated.
6. **Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce Update**-Veronica Axelson noted the vendor and pork chop sale on May 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. They have 50 vendors this year plus 30+ garage sales. The chamber breakfast was today with a ribbon cutting after for Edwards Marketing.
7. **School Updates**-Dan Mair was not in attendance. Justin Nena stated the hope is that the complex will be done early June but may not be able to be used this year until the grass comes in next year.
8. **Germantown Hills Library Update**-There was no library update.
9. **Business Round Table Updates**-Justin Nena was congratulated on the new store opening in Washington.  
  
Veronica Axelson discussed the old Germantown Automotive property with the committee and potential improvements. The property was discussed as to the zoning and code requirements.
10. **Next meeting – May 16, 2024, 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 5:50 p.m. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein. Motion passed #3.

Ann Doubet  
Village Clerk