

# Village of Germantown Hills

## Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance**-Karl Figg called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

EDC Committee	Roll Call	1	2	3	4	5
Karl Figg-Village President/Chair	Present	Y	Y			
Elizabeth Cunningham	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 Doubet-Director	Present	Y	Y			

Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Public Comments on Agenda Items-None**

3. **Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items-None**

4. **Approval of the April 15, 2024, EDC meeting minutes (Should be April 18, 2024)**

A motion was made by Randy Nash to approve the April 18, 2024, EDC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Paige Patel. Motion passed #1.

5. **Farmers Market Discussion**

Ann Doubet stated the farmers' market went well this year, as we added some new vendors to the weekly event. Ann noted we have looked at ways to get the word out to increase the traffic each week with notices on Facebook, the village's website, text messages and a banner and signs within the community. Ann asked the EDC to think of additional ways to market the event for next year.

The EDC discussed whether or not there would be another location that would have better visibility. Paige Patel mentioned the possibility of Little Oaks Daycare property. Ann mentioned the idea of seeing what Cullinan would want for the vacant lot and put up some type of permanent structure that could house vendors and other activities throughout the year. The committee discussed the possibility of checking on the vacant CEFCU lot and its availability. Ann asked the EDC to think about other possibilities that will help for next year and to let her know.

**6. EDC Chairman/Director Reports**

Ann Doubet reported there is a new business in the old church off of Woodland Knolls Road. The business repairs currency counters. Ann asked the EDC if they have an interest in making a recommendation to the village board on selling the 4-acre lot the village owns since the MTCO Park is almost done. There may be interest from individuals in the development of the lot. EDC agreed to discuss it at the next meeting with a recommendation to the village board.

**7. Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce Update**

Ann Doubet updated the EDC on the dates for the Trunk and Treat, and the Community Prayer Breakfast. MABA and Great Oaks Church are collaborating on the Trunk and Treat this year with extra activities planned on the Metamora Village Square. The EDC committee discussed and recommended the Germantown Hills Chamber look to collaborate with them next year.

There is a Heart of Illinois CEO program that is looking for support. Ann Doubet noted Charlie Zimmerman was planning on coming to a village board meeting to discuss the program.

**8. School Updates**

Ann Doubet stated she had not received an update from the school, but that MTCO Park is almost completed, and the school is looking at doing a tunnel under Route 116 instead of a pedestrian bridge. Due to the need for a lift station for the drainage, there will need to be an intergovernmental agreement between the school and the village for maintenance of the lift station.

**9. Business Round Table Updates-None**

**10. Next meeting– November 21, 2024, 5:00 p.m.** Ann Doubet stated that since there have been some scheduling conflicts this past year, EDC may want to look at adjusting the EDC meeting schedule for 2025.

**11. Adjournment-**A motion was made by Nathan Henricks to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 p.m. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein. Motion passed #2.

Ann Doubet  
Village Clerk