

Village of Germantown Hills

Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes

November 16, 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	Y	Y	Y
Stephanie Chaon	Present	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Justin Nena	Absent	-	-	-	-	-
Dan Mair	Absent	-	-	-	-	-
Nathan Henricks	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Veronica Axelson	Absent	-	-	-	-	-
Randy Nash	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tom Eckstein	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Paige Patel	Present	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
Ann Doubet-Director	Present	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Approval of the September 21, 2023, EDC meeting minutes**

A motion was made by Stephanie Chaon to approve the September 21, 2023, EDC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein. **Motion passed #1.**

3. **Discussion and Recommendation to the Village Board on a Business Community Improvement Grant**

Blue Margaritas has requested a Business Community Improvement Grant for two signs on their building. The request would be for the full \$5,000 match.

A motion was made by Stephanie Chaon to recommend to the Village Board a Business Community Improvement Grant in the amount of \$5,000 to Blue Margaritas for two attached signs. The motion was seconded by Tom Eckstein. **Motion passed #2.**

4. **Discussion on Ideas in Promoting the MTCO Park Athletic Complex**

Jeff DeGroot noted with the MTCO Park development this is a good opportunity to promote the new complex within our community.

Ann noted with all of the groups that will be using the complex the development will already be heavily promoted within the recreational industry. Discover Peoria is looking to promote the recreational complex once it is closer to completion. Plus, with our enterprise zone the commercial areas should be more attractive to developers.

Randy Nash stated the Coventry Farm commercial property should also be more valuable once the complex is completed.

Jeff DeGroot noted we will look at the flow of people and any potential traffic concerns in the community, which will be addressed as needed.

- 5. EDC Chairman/Director/Village President Reports-**Ann Doubet stated the old automotive station had the old soil removed and a new asphalt surface put down. The owner hasn't stated what he is doing with the property yet.

The old autobody place has a new owner and he may be interested in annexing the property.

Ann reported Blue Margaritas may be opening December 1st.

- 6. Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce Update-**There was a chamber breakfast today. The Chamber is asking for a liquor license in order to have events with alcohol for the chamber and Art Korner.
- 7. School Updates and Germantown Hills Athletic Complex Update-**Dan Mair was not in attendance.
- 8. Germantown Hills Library Update-**There was no library update.
- 9. Business Round Table Updates-None**
- 10. Next meeting – December 14, 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 5:46 p.m. The motion was seconded by Jeff DeGroot. **Motion passed #3.**

Ann Doubet
Village Clerk