

Village of Germantown Hills

Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance**-Karl Figg called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

EDC Committee	Roll Call	1	2	3	4	5
Karl Figg-Village President/Chair	Present	Y	Y			
Elizabeth (Betsy) Cunningham	Present	Y	Y			
Justin Nena	Present	Y	Y			
Justin Krager	Absent	-	-			
Nathan Henricks	Present	Y	Y			
Veronica Axelson	Present	Y	Y			
Randy Nash	Absent	-	-			
Tom Eckstein	Absent	-	-			
Paige Patel	Absent	-	-			
Adam Brumbaugh	Present	Y	Y			
Ann Doubet-Director	Present	Y	Y			

Also present:

Zack Hecht, Superintendent of Public Works

Adam Crutcher, Tri-County Planning Commission

Gavin Hunt, Tri-County Planning Commission

Everyone stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

3. **Approval of February 19, 2026, EDC meeting minutes**

A motion was made by Justin Nena to approve February 19, 2026, EDC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Cunningham. Motion passed #1.

4. **Review of the Germantown Hills Active Transportation Plan Existing Conditions**

Adam Crutcher and Gavin Hunt from Tri-County Planning Commission were in attendance to discuss the Active Transportation Plan's existing conditions, along with benefits of an Active Transportation Plan.

Adam discussed each section of the plan. The functional classifications of streets in the Village were discussed as most streets in the Village are collector streets. Rt. 116 is an arterial road. The average daily traffic counts were reviewed along with the existing sidewalks in the Village where people feel comfortable walking and biking.

Germantown Hills doesn't have dedicated bike lanes, so residents must ride on the street. The levels of stress with walking and biking in the Village were discussed along with looking at existing walking and biking activity in the Village via data from an app.

Adam discussed the crash history along the roadways, the land use map (with most being residential single-family homes) and the pedestrian access to area parks and schools.

Adam noted the key takeaways as being:

- Route 116 presents major safety and connectivity concerns- Many of Germantown Hills' restaurants and the middle school are located on the southern side of IL-116 while a majority of the residents within the Village live on the northern side.

- Most non-residential roadways are not comfortable to bike or walk on- While most of the residential roadways within the Village have a low stress level for walking and biking, the roadways that residents or visitors must cross or travel upon to reach destinations such as parks, businesses, or institutions (churches, libraries, or schools) are higher in stress level.

Adam discussed that they have regional information from other plans that will be noted in the Village's plan.

Ann Doubet stated that IDOT is aware of the Germantown Hills to Metamora Trail as well as the pedestrian bridge projects. The ITEP funding will open up in August this year.

Adam noted there will be public engagement opportunities as a part of this project with an online survey and open house. Tri-County will be going to the school in May to engage in discussions with students about active transportation. There will be a bike walk audit done later this spring to evaluate the stress levels of walking and biking in Germantown Hills.

5. EDC Chairman/Director Reports

Ann Doubet noted at the chamber meeting the following was reported:

- Chamber is looking for applications to award two \$500 scholarships to two graduates.
- Annual pork chop sale/vendor event-May 2nd
- Easter Egg hunt at Christ Church-they are partnering with the Germantown Hills Fire Department for the community event.

Comprehensive Plan Committee will meet on Tuesday. The draft document will go to the Planning Commission and Village Board in April for approval.

The Village submitted a Community Project Funding Grant for the Germantown Hills to Metamora Trail.

6. Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce Update-Veronica Axelson stated the next Chamber meeting is on April 16th. The Chamber is looking to purchase a grill for their pork chop event on May 2nd.

7. School Updates-Adam Brumbaugh stated there are less than 40 days of school left and the State Assessment is this week. The winter sports are over so track will be starting. MTCO Park will be opening the first weekend in April with games starting.

Veronica Axelson asked if they could get a schedule so that area restaurants could be prepared to know the events schedule and could plan accordingly.

8. Business Round Table Updates-None

9. Next meeting– April 16, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment-A motion was made by Betsy Cunningham to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 p.m. The motion was seconded by Nathan Henricks. Motion passed #2.

Ann Doubet, Village Clerk