

**Village of Germantown Hills
Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2026, 6:00 p.m.**

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call**-Jim Willerton called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and roll call was taken.

Commissioner	Roll Call	1	2	3	4	5	6
Jim Willerton - Chair	Present	Y	Y	Y			
John Taylor	Absent	-	-	-			
Steve Rudolph	Present	Y	Y	Y			
Kyle Perry	Present	Y	Y	Y			
Paige Patel	Present	Y	Y	Y			
Alan Getz	Present	Y	Y	Y			
Jason Heinekamp	Present	Y	Y	Y			

Also Present:

Adam Crutcher, Tri-County Planning Commission

Gavin Hunt, Tri-County Planning Commission

2. Planning Commission Minutes Approval

a. November 10, 2025

A motion was made by Jim Willerton to approve November 10, 2025, regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Paige Patel. Motion passed #1.

3. Public Hearing-Village of Germantown Hills Comprehensive Plan

Jim Willerton opened the public hearing. There was no public in attendance.

Jim Willerton closed the public hearing at 6:02 p.m.

4. Discussion on the Germantown Hills Active Transportation Plan

Adam Crutcher, with the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, reported that staff have been working with the Economic Development Council and Village staff on the Village's Active Transportation Plan. He explained that the plan will provide recommendations to improve the safety and convenience of walking, bicycling, and other forms of active transportation for residents and visitors. Adam noted that public engagement efforts have begun and will continue through additional outreach, including activities with the school district and a future public open house.

Adam presented maps identifying the Village's existing sidewalks and multi-use paths, as well as maps illustrating bicycle and pedestrian level of traffic stress throughout the community. He asked the Planning Commission members to identify areas where additional sidewalks, trails, or multi-use paths would improve connectivity and accessibility.

Ann Doubet reviewed the Village's current sidewalk and trail initiatives, including projects that are in the planning stages and those anticipated to be bid this year. Steve Rudolph and Jim Willerton noted that the Village developed a sidewalk master plan several years ago that identified desired sidewalk improvements throughout Germantown Hills.

Adam also discussed the varying levels of traffic stress associated with different roadways and how those conditions affect bicycle and pedestrian travel.

Jason Heinekamp shared his experiences bicycling within the community and identified areas where he has encountered higher levels of traffic stress.

Jim Willerton expressed concerns regarding the increasing use of E-bikes in the Village. The Village has received several complaints related to their operation.

Adam asked the Planning Commission members how many regularly bicycle, and some members indicated that they currently ride or have bicycled in the past.

Alan Getz stated that he and his wife enjoy bicycling throughout the world and are always interested in finding trail systems.

Steve Rudolph commented that he is also an avid cyclist but avoids taking his grandchildren on certain routes until safer connections are established.

Adam concluded by emphasizing that completing smaller trail and sidewalk connections throughout the Village can significantly improve the overall active transportation network by creating safer and more practical options for residents to walk and bicycle within the community.

5. Discussion and Recommendation to the Village Board on the Approval of the Village of Germantown Hills Comprehensive Plan

Steve Rudolph stated that the Comprehensive Plan is an excellent resource because it brings together the community's vision, demographic information, and other key data in one document. He noted that many residents are unaware of the Village's many strengths and assets, and the plan highlights the qualities that make Germantown Hills an attractive community.

Ann Doubet added that the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission and the Comprehensive Plan Committee invested considerable time and effort in developing the plan, resulting in a valuable resource and planning tool for both the Village and the community.

During discussion of the housing element, the Planning Commission noted the Village's relatively high median household income and discussed the importance of identifying ways to retain economic activity and spending within the Village rather than seeing those dollars leave the community.

A motion was made by Alan Getz to Recommend to the Village Board the Approval of the Village of Germantown Hills Comprehensive Plan. The motion was seconded by Jim Willerton. Motion passed #2.

6. Adjournment-A motion was made by Jim Willerton to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Steve Rudolph. Motion passed #3.

Ann Doubet, Village Clerk