

**Village of Germantown Hills
Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2026, 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 (Betsy) Cunningham	Present	Y	Y			
Justin Nena	Absent	-	-			
Justin Krager	Absent	-	-			
Nathan Henricks	Present	Y	Y			
Veronica Axelson	Present	Y	Y			
Randy Nash	Present	Y	Y			
Tom Eckstein	Present	Y	Y			
Paige Patel	Present	Y	Y			
Adam Brumbaugh	Absent	-	-			
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 March 19, 2026, EDC meeting minutes**

A motion was made by Elizabeth Cunningham to approve March 19, 2026, EDC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Nathan Henricks. Motion passed #1.

- 4. Discussion and Recommendation to the Village Board on Food Trucks in the Village of Germantown Hills**

Karl Figg informed the committee that Nena Ace Hardware had allowed a food truck to be on their property on Saturday, which coincided with the Chamber's annual pork chop and vendor sale.

Veronica Axelson expressed concern that the Chamber's sales were down 25–30% that day. As a local business owner, she noted that food trucks can draw potential sales away from established businesses that must cover overhead costs, employee wages, and other expenses.

Ann Doubet shared some information on permit requirements in other communities. The committee then discussed the pros and cons of allowing food trucks.

Karl Figg stated that he supports permitting food trucks to address unintended consequences. He noted that the area in question is within the business district, where local businesses are required to pay an additional 1% in sales tax.

The committee reached consensus on developing a permitting process for food trucks. Members agreed to also consider how to handle special events, establish an appropriate fee structure, and determine whether exceptions should be made for local businesses.

Karl Figg indicated that the EDC would prepare a formal recommendation for consideration by the Village Board.

5. Update on the Germantown Hills Active Transportation Plan Draft Recommendations

Adam Crutcher, with the Tri-County Planning Commission, provided an update on the draft recommendations. He reviewed the results of an online public survey that was open for one month and received 201 responses. The feedback showed strong community support for sidewalks throughout Germantown Hills.

Tri-County has evaluated pedestrian crossings and identified locations where new crossings or improved designs would benefit the community. Adam noted that the Commission met with IDOT to explore options for making intersections safer; however, there are limited improvements that can be implemented at this time.

He reviewed the design toolkit with the committee, emphasizing the importance of developing a realistic and achievable plan. While not every road will receive new infrastructure, the plan explores practical traffic-calming measures where feasible. Adam also presented various traffic calming options, non-infrastructure strategies, and information on e-bikes.

Adam stated that the Active Transportation Plan open house will be held on July 13th at the Germantown Hills Fire Department from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The team also plans to have a presence at the Farmer's Market. They will return in August to provide a full report to the EDC.

6. EDC Chairman/Director Reports

Ann Doubet reported she had drafted an e-bikes ordinance that the attorney is reviewing.

7. Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce Update-

Veronica Axelson stated there is a Stronger Everyday open house from 4-6:00 p.m. on Friday.

8. School Updates-None

9. Business Round Table Updates-None

10. Next meeting-July 16, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment-A motion was made by Nathan Henricks to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by Nathan Henricks. Motion passed #2.

Ann Doubet, Village Clerk