

Village of Germantown Hills

Street Committee Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2026, 5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Minutes Approval

Chairman Nathan Henricks called the street committee meeting to order at 5:00 pm and roll call was taken.

Village President/Trustee	Roll Call	1	2	3	4
Nathan Henricks – Chair	Present	Y	Y		
Karl Figg – Village President	Present	Y	Y		
Tom Eckstein	Present	Y	Y		
Heather Armistead	Present	Y	Y		
Sarah Diesel	Present	Y	Y		

Also, in attendance:

Zack Hecht, Superintendent of Public Works

Chuck Urban, Village Attorney

Taylor Cascia, Village Attorney

a. October 8, 2025-Street Committee Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Karl Figg to approve the street committee meeting minutes from October 8, 2025. The motion was seconded by Heather Armistead. Motion passed #1.

2. Public Comments

Jeff Dale, a resident of Fandel Farm Subdivision and school bus driver, expressed concerns regarding commercial vehicles and vehicles parked on both sides of cul-de-sacs, which can make it difficult for school buses and other vehicles to maneuver. He also expressed concern that restricted access could create difficulties for emergency vehicles.

Eva Friday, a resident of Whispering Oaks Subdivision, expressed concerns regarding vehicles parked in a manner that obstructs a whole lane of traffic. She noted that school buses have difficulty maneuvering around vehicles that block portions of the roadway and asked about the applicable Village parking restrictions to restrict this from happening.

Lori McHugh, a resident of Whispering Oaks Subdivision, that lives next to this property, expressed concerns regarding trucks and trailers parked along the street and the resulting visibility and traffic safety issues. She noted the proximity of a fire hydrant in this area and stated that obstructed visibility has created potentially dangerous situations for motorists and pedestrians. She noted that she and her husband also own a trailer and if they parked the trailer on the street like the neighbor does there would be no access down that portion of the street. She stated they know not to do that to the neighborhood. She requested that the Village address the matter before a serious accident occurs.

Another Whispering Oaks resident reiterated concerns previously raised regarding trucks and trailers obstructing the roadway.

Damien Cruse, a resident of Whispering Oaks Subdivision, addressed the concerns regarding his vehicles. He stated that the vehicles are personal vehicles and not commercial vehicles. He stated that the travel trailer was not currently on the street and that an enclosed trailer had been parked there for approximately three to four days, away from the stop sign and fire hydrant. He also stated that he stores some of his vehicles off-site.

3. Discussion and Potential Recommendation to the Village Board Regarding Enforcement and/or Amendment of Village Code Parking Restrictions

Karl Figg stated that the Committee's discussion should address parking regulations generally, as they would apply to the Village as a whole.

Nathan Henricks stated that the Committee needs to review the existing Village Code to determine whether changes to the parking restrictions or enforcement provisions may be appropriate. He reviewed the existing code provisions concerning trailer parking.

Chuck Urban explained that neither the Illinois Vehicle Code nor the Village Code establishes different parking restrictions based on whether a vehicle is personal or commercial. He further explained that obstructing a lane of traffic is addressed under state law and discussed the enforcement process under the applicable provisions.

Heather Armistead emphasized that the primary concern raised by residents is traffic and pedestrian safety, particularly when parked trucks and trailers obstruct visibility.

The Committee discussed potential changes to parking regulations and enforcement, including establishing additional no-parking zones, increasing fines, and the potential towing of vehicles or trailers when authorized by law.

Ann Doubet noted that the Village currently has designated no-parking zones in certain areas in the Village where parking concerns have previously been identified. She also noted in the past if there was a complaint about a trailer on the street that a phone call to the person resolved the situation with no further action being taken.

Sgt. Polston from the Woodford County Sheriff's Office noted when there's a complaint about a trailer parking on the road, they usually approach the person about the concern and they comply. The Sgt. explained other community's parking procedures and how they are handled.

Nathan Henricks stated that the current fines should be reviewed and potentially increased.

Heather Armistead asked whether the circumstances discussed by the residents constitute violations of the existing Village Code. Chuck Urban explained the applicable code provisions and enforcement process. Taylor Cascia noted that, under the existing code, a violation may be treated as a separate violation for each day the violation continues.

The Committee reviewed parking ordinances from other communities for comparison, including the City of Washington, and discussed potential changes to the Village's fees and enforcement provisions. Ann Doubet noted that Washington's ordinance includes a permit process for certain trailer parking.

Chuck Urban stated that the Village attorneys could prepare alternative code language for the Committee's consideration based on the discussion, including potential changes to fines and other parking regulations.

Nathan Henricks will schedule a future Street Committee meeting to review the proposed alternatives and develop a recommendation for consideration by the Village Board. Until any changes are adopted, the existing Village Code will continue to be enforced.

4. **Adjournment**-A motion was made by Tom Eckstein to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 p.m. The motion was seconded by Heather Armistead. Motion passed #2.

Ann Doubet, Village Clerk