

Village of Germantown Hills

Economic Development Council Meeting Minutes

August 20, 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	Present	Y	Y			
Justin Krager	Present	Y	Y			
Nathan Henricks	Present	Y	Y			
Veronica Axelson	Present	Y	Y			
Randy Nash	Absent	-	-			
Tom Eckstein	Present	Y	Y			
Paige Patel	Present	Y	Y			
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 June 18, 2026, EDC meeting minutes**

A motion was made by Nathan Henricks to approve June 18, 2026, EDC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Elizabeth Cunningham. Motion passed #1.

4. **Discussion and Recommendation to the Village Board on the Germantown Hills Active Transportation Plan**

Adam Crutcher and Gavin Hunt of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission were in attendance to discuss the Germantown Hills Active Transportation Draft Plan.

Adam Crutcher stated that Tri-County Planning has been working on the plan since early spring. He reviewed the community engagement portion and the recommendations included in the draft plan. The added e-bike section was also discussed.

Karl Figg noted that, during the mayor's meeting, it was discussed that Washington and El Paso do not allow e-bikes and scooters at their schools. Adam Brumbaugh stated that Germantown Hills has a similar policy. There will be an upcoming presentation being prepared by the School Resource Officer (SRO) and OSF that will be presented to students in Germantown Hills regarding e-bike and scooter safety.

The proposed trail connection from the Arbor Vitae trail to MTCO Park was discussed. Karl Figg stated that this connection is a priority in order to provide access to the park and that engineering is currently being completed. He noted that the Village would like to determine whether the school is interested in participating in the construction costs next year to assist with completing the connection. The school will need to determine whether or not they are interested in participating and let the Village know.

The Economic Development Committee (EDC) discussed additional changes to the draft plan regarding sidewalks and trails.

Adam Crutcher will incorporate the discussed changes into the draft plan. A flyer regarding the draft Active Transportation Plan and public comment period will then be included with the September sewer bills. The EDC will review any additional comments or potential changes and make a recommendation to the Village Board at the October meeting.

5. Discussion on Food Trucks in the Village of Germantown Hills

Discussion was deferred pending additional information.

6. EDC Chairman/Director Reports-None

7. Germantown Hills Chamber of Commerce Update-

Veronica Axelson gave the Chamber update on the Fall garage sales, Trunk or Treat, and Community Prayer Breakfast.

8. School Updates-Adam Brumbaugh reported that things are going well at the school and that the fall sports are getting underway.

9. Business Round Table Updates-The Farmer's Market is going on through September.

10. Next meeting-September 17, 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 Justin Krager. Motion passed #2.

Ann Doubet, Village Clerk