

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
City of Germantown
February 17, 2022
Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Tom Winning, Mark Heistand, and Mike Kuhn

ABSENT: Jeff Fannin

ALSO, PRESENT: Judy Gilleland, City Manager, Heidi Grant, President, FNB of Germantown, Keith Brane, Zoning Administrator and Pat Higgins, ED Consultant/City Grant Writer

The meeting was called to order by Tom Winning at 9:04am

Organization

The election of officers was held and approved as follows:

Tom Winning, Chairperson

Mike Kuhn, Vice Chairperson

The committee approved to keep the meeting date and time as follows:

The third Thursday of the Month at 9:00am in City Hall

Business Update

Tom asked if there was anything new. Pat indicated the church on Cherry Street sold, work continues with the beer pub team, the new owner of the Shuey Mill has been contacted for a meeting and a group is looking to purchase the church on Route 4 in the township.

Tom also mentioned Judge Robert Rettich passed away. A Funeral service will be held on March 12, 2022.

Approval of the Minutes

Mike made a motion to approve the November minutes, Mark seconded the motion, the minutes were approved.

Business

Tom led a discussion with the need to appoint several new members to the ED Committee. Members in attendance identified several residents and business owners as possible members. Tom will contact the suggested persons and work with Judy regarding one additional possibility.

The Chamber of Commerce will be working on the Twin Valley Challenge and the city will be providing staff volunteers for the event.

Tom continued the meeting by discussing the need to establish goals for 2022. The committee agreed to set one goal for the first six months of the year and set more goals after the new members are appointed.

Pat indicated she wanted to update the inventory of storefronts vacant downtown. Also contact the owners to determine if they would like to lease their space. Mike reviewed the status of the Kuhn properties downtown. Mike indicated he is working on changes for 2022.

Pat indicated the beer team is looking for space with parking and maybe a downtown location would work if parking was available. Keith is to work with Chip on identifying locations where parking could be added.

Pat indicated that she has been working with three economic development groups on a variety of projects and they might be helpful to downtown Germantown. The groups are:

Montgomery County Landbank

CityWide Development Group

County Corp

The committee is interested in learning more about these agencies, so Pat agreed to contact them to arrange a meeting with the ED Committee.

Other Business

Mark indicated he will not be able to attend the March meeting,

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12am