

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

City of Germantown March 19, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Mike Kuhn, Mark Heistand, Heidi Grant, Tom Winning

Staff Present: Dave Eshbaugh, Mike Roseberry, Mike Lucking, Will Parsons, Sheree Henson

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am.

Approval of Minutes

The February 2026 EDC meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Business

The group briefly discussed the leather goods business that met with City staff recently. Mike K had spoken with him the month before.

Business Recruitment

Mike L shared that there is a commercial developer interested in a spot along Route 4. He had a meeting scheduled, which was rescheduled for March 31. Potential issues will be addressed up front. Mike L said the developers are extremely interested. Council has been in favor of responsible, slow growth. Tom felt that it is worth exploring, but without a development plan in place, it is hard when projects like this come along. The group discussed the need for a development plan.

Events

Will shared about the creation of the CodeRED online sign-up form and the option for residents to register for event notifications. It takes about a minute for someone to sign up.

It was shared that someone is looking to plan a car show on July 11. Tommy Baudendistel has been put in touch with him to discuss having a beer garden. Road closure forms have also been forwarded. The organizer will likely work with the Saturday Night Out team. Sheree will continue interfacing with the organizer.

Center St Market has two or three spots left for April. The music is all lined up. Heidi asked about the accounting for the event. Lions are paying for insurance. Ryan Brock, the coordinator of the market, has submitted the forms for liquor permits (wine tasting).

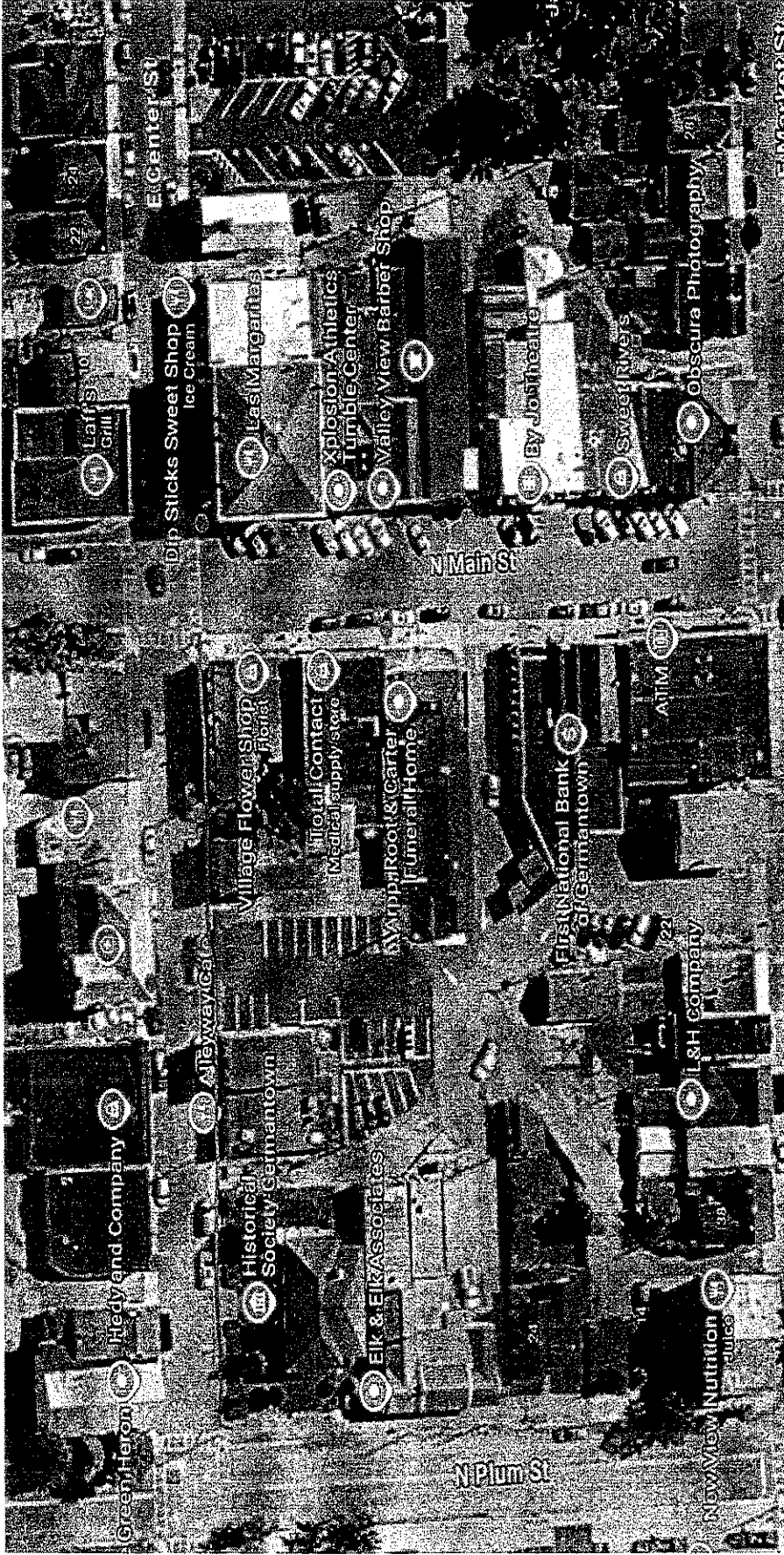
Other Business

Heidi brought attention to the \$5 million brewery coming to Franklin. Mark said Franklin is building a parking lot next to it. Heidi asked how Germantown could do something like this. Mike K made mention of several breweries that have recently closed in the area. Mike L discussed some of his experiences working in West Carrollton. He said that there needs to be political will and a willingness to take on debt. Mike K said he would fight for an idea or concept, but there needs to be a project designed first. Heidi stressed that we are lacking a plan. She asserted that we are not capturing and capitalizing on the people visiting the MetroParks. She said we need to define what our community identity is and produce a plan. Mike K said that concepts need to begin here in EDC and bring them to City Council. He said there needs to be an overall vision that focuses on specific areas in town. If we want to see a formal plan made, we will need to find funding.

Dave has been getting quotes on lights and speakers for downtown. He shared some diagrams and potential maps.

Dave is also working with a small team on a new art piece, which would be an attraction for visitors to get photos with.

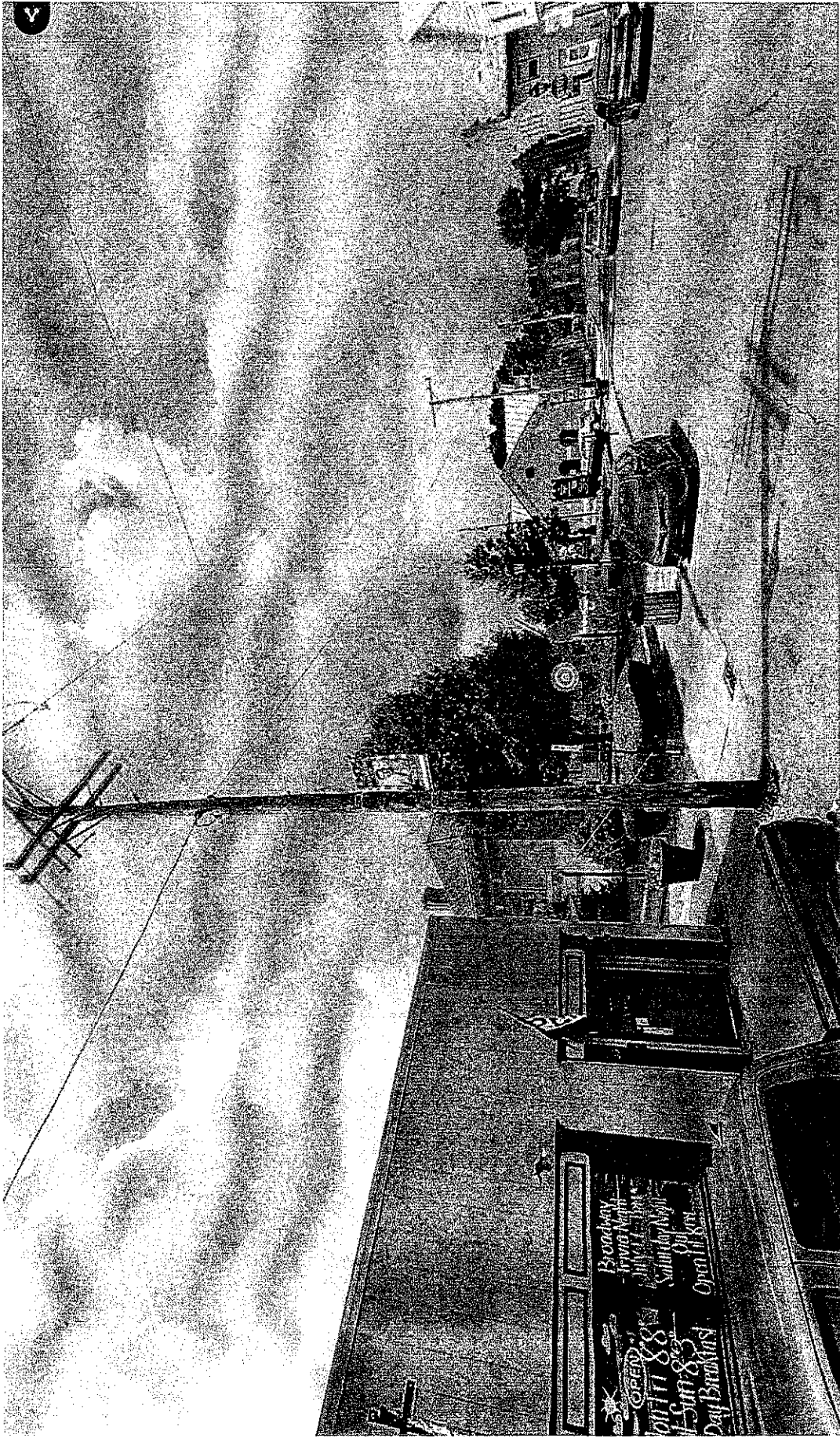
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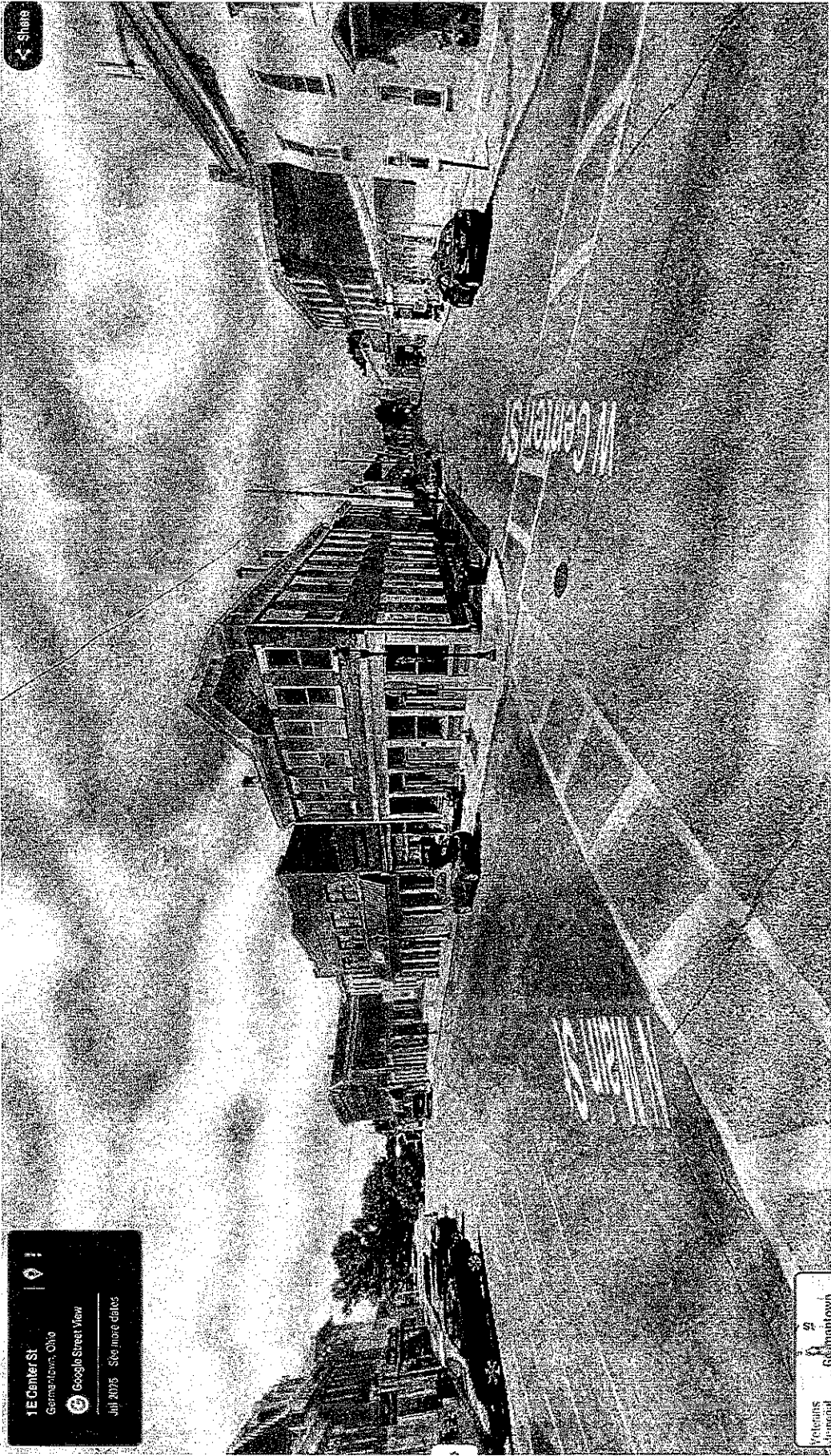
19 to 25 - 20' poles for speakers and lights to attach to. Green dots on the map.

1 box would be needed for internet and power; this would be in alley by the pharmacy building where the light poles and power for events is located. There would be 1 mic to make announcements and all lighting and sound control at this location. Yellow box on the map.

The south side of Center Street is the most difficult as there is telecom & power overhead from Plum to Main. Indicated in red on the map.



Shake



1 E Center St
Germantown, Ohio
Google Street View
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Downtown Initiatives as Outlined by Downtown Redevelopment Plan

Monthly Update of City Staff Activities – Mar to Apr 2026

- **Offer a Navigator**
 - Sheree is working with boutiques to coordinate a Mother's Day event
 - Sheree will meet with coordinators of HollyDays event soon for this year's event
- **Clarify Processes**
 - Staff met with the owners of Las Margaritas to go through what still needed to be completed prior to opening
- **Fill Storefronts**
 - Working with Mike Kuhn to gain access to building at the corner of Center & Plum to create an America 250 window front vignette
- **Start a Street Market**
 - First Center St Market of the year is April 25. April, May, and June are full for vendors
- **Celebrate Successes**
 - Sheree completed Destination Dayton Tourism Academy and Heritage Ohio small business webinar
- **Public Art/Murals/Music/Cinema**
 - Dave working on speakers/lighting
- **Code Enforcement/Vacant Building Maintenance License**
 - Working on new property maintenance section of website
- **Events**
 - Shawn Baker, planning Christmas in July, is working on getting necessary paperwork turned in.
 - Work continues to boost July 4th parade and Founders Day