

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
City of Germantown  
January 15, 2026  
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Tom Winning, Mike Kuhn, Mark Heistand, Bryce Henson, Heidi Grant, Kenneth Tudor

Staff Present: Mike Lucking, Economic Development Consultant; Dave Eshbaugh, Project Manager

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

**Organization**

Mark Heistand nominated Tom Winning for Chairperson. Mike Kuhn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Tom Winning nominated Mark Heistand for Vice Chairperson. Heidi Grant seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting date and time was kept as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 9 am.

**Approval of Minutes**

The November 2025 EDC meeting minutes were approved

**Business**

Mike Lucking has been meeting with key stakeholders – Scott Weidle, Steve Roush, and Beth.

There is ongoing work on Old Dayton Pike with a family creating a family compound. Part of that conversation revolves around water and sewer access.

Brett Oakley purchased the Showalter building.

The group then had a discussion regarding brainstorming ideas and having someone to champion said ideas.

**Upcoming events:**

- Galentine's day February 12
- Women of Germantown on March 9<sup>th</sup> with the Historical Society
- Jingle planning for 2026 is happening
  - The Chamber of Commerce is reorganizing – not closing
- Lions Club will pay for insurance at Center St Market – first one in April

The CIC was then discussed. Heidi mentioned having resources. Actions being taken by Preble County were discussed.

Discussion on the welcome letter was pushed to next meeting.

Ken recommended everyone look into Bentonville, Arkansas. The Walton family (Walmart) own and fund 50% of it.

Heidi commented that in order to capture the growth from the MetroPark we need an outfitter type store. Tom echoed that an outdoors store is needed.

A recent Dayton Daily News article was mentioned that had a quote from a Rosemary Wolfe, an individual who moved from Alabama to Germantown.

Bryce mentioned that there needs to be a way for EDC members to share ideas with each other more openly besides monthly meetings as there is too much time in between.

Mike stated that a shameless promoter is needed who has a narrow focus and can raise capital.

Ken made mention of bringing mountain biking to town and working with Scott Weidle.

The idea for a kayak festival was discussed. Mike added that a list of volunteers and someone to champion things is needed.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am**