

**CITY OF FRANKLIN  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES  
April 24, 2013**

Approved  
May 22, 2013

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

- I.** Vice Chairman Cannon called the April 24, 2013 regular meeting of the Environmental Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Level Conference Room, Franklin City Hall, 9229 West Loomis Road, Franklin, Wisconsin.

On roll call, the following were in attendance: Alderman Mayer, and Commissioners Bolton, Cannon, Phillipson, and Rindfleisch. Excused was Commissioner Kust. Also present was Senior Planner Fuchs.

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

- II.** The citizen comment period opened at 7:01 p.m. and closed at 7:02 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the regular meeting of March 27, 2013

- III.**  
**A.** Commissioner Rindfleisch moved and Commissioner Bolton seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 27, 2013 as presented. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Arbor Day activities and tree purchase order.

- IV.**  
**A.** It was announced that the Arbor Day activities and the tree sapling distribution had been rescheduled to Saturday, May 11, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. No further action was needed, none taken.

Emerald Ash Borer Program - up-date.

- B.** On general consensus the discussion of the Emerald Ash Borer Program was tabled to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Environmental Commission.

Green Roof: reduce storm water run-off.

- C.** On general consensus the discussion of Green Roof to reduce storm water run-off was tabled to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Environmental Commission.

Newsletter ideas.

- D.** Commissioner Bolton moved and Alderman Mayer seconded to submit articles on Garlic Mustard and removal of Buckthorn for inclusion in the next City Newsletter. All voted 'aye', motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Natural Resource Features Special Exception for Franklin Public Schools, for the purpose of allowing approximately 690 square feet of filling and grading of Wetland 8, approximately 510 square feet of filling and grading of Wetland 9, approximately 6,400 square feet of wetland buffer filling and grading

- V.**  
**A.** Presenting the application to allow changes to site grading for expansion and renovation purposes of the Franklin High School building and grounds, located at 8222 South 51st Street, were Mark Cloutier, Manager of Building & Grounds, Franklin Public Schools, Kevin C. Byrne, Registered Landscape Architect, Kapur & Associates, Kathryn Bell, Environmental Scientist, Kapur & Associates and Mark Lewandowski of Eppstein Uhen Architects.

**Item V. A. (cont)**

surrounding Wetlands 8 and 9 and approximately 15,700 square feet of wetland setback filling and grading surrounding Wetlands 8 and 9, for the expansion of the Franklin High School building; approximately 216 square feet of filling and grading of Wetland 6, approximately 1,783 square feet of filling and grading of the buffer of Wetland 6 and approximately 2,968 square feet of filling and grading of the setback of Wetland 6, for construction of the access drive to the Franklin High School football sports practice fields, for property located at 8222 South 51st Street, such property being zoned I-1 Institutional District, FW Floodway District and C-1 Conservancy District (Tax Key No. 807-9999-001), to allow for the Franklin High School expansion and renovations.

Natural Resource Features Special Exception for the City of Franklin, for the purpose of allowing 3,000 square feet of wetland filling and paving, 2,500 square feet of filling and paving of the wetland buffer and 2,500 square feet of wetland setback filling and paving, for properties located immediately south of and east of Pleasant View Elementary School (4601 West Marquette Avenue), and east of Pleasant View Neighborhood Park, such properties being zoned R-6 Suburban Single-Family Residence District, FW Floodway, FFO Floodplain Fringe Overlay District and C-1 Conservancy District (Tax Key Nos. 788-9978-002, 788-9977-001, 787-9999-004, 787-9998-001, 787-9997-001, 787-0046-000 and 787-0047-000), to allow for the construction of the Pleasant View/Victory Creek Trail. The estimated 3,400-foot trail begins at the sidewalk of Pleasant View

Motion by Alderman Mayer to recommend approval to allow approximately 690 square feet of filling and grading of Wetland 8, approximately 510 square feet of filling and grading of Wetland 9, approximately 6,400 square feet of wetland buffer filling and grading surrounding Wetlands 8 and 9 and approximately 15,700 square feet of wetland setback filling and grading surrounding Wetlands 8 and 9, for the expansion of the Franklin High School building; approximately 216 square feet of filling and grading of Wetland 6, approximately 1,783 square feet of filling and grading of the buffer of Wetland 6 and approximately 2,968 square feet of filling and grading of the setback of Wetland 6, for construction of the access drive to the Franklin High School, subject to the staff conditions outlined in the Staff Report dated April 24, 2013. Seconded by Commissioner Phillipson. On voice vote, Alderman Mayer and Commissioners Rindfleisch, Phillipson and Cannon voted 'aye'. Commissioner Bolton voted 'no'. Motion carried (4-0).

- B. Senior Planner Nicholas Fuchs presented the application for Natural Resource Features Special Exception for the City of Franklin to allow for the construction of the Pleasant View/Victory Creek Trail, located immediately south of and east of Pleasant View Elementary School (4601 West Marquette Avenue) and east of Pleasant View Neighborhood Park.

Motion by Alderman Mayer to recommend approval to allow approximately 3,000 square feet of wetland filling and paving, approximately 2,500 square feet of filling and paving of the wetland buffer and approximately 2,500 square feet of wetland setback filling and paving, to allow for the construction of the Pleasant View/Victory Creek Trail subject to the City obtaining all required approvals and permits from the Army Corp of Engineers and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources prior to the commencement of work. Seconded by Commissioner Phillipson. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

**Item V. B. (cont.)**

Elementary School then extends south within the 80-acre open field of the *Victory Creek special Park*. A westerly stub will be connected to the future *Pleasant View Neighborhood Park*. The trail then proceeds south to a tractor bridge, which crosses the east branch of the Root River.

Environmental Commission  
Administrative Rules and Procedures

- C. On general consensus the discussion of Environmental Commission Administrative Rules and Procedures will be included at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Environmental Commission.

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

- VI. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Environmental Commission is May 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Items to include on the next agenda also noted were election of Environmental Commission Chair and Vice-Chair. No action needed, none taken.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- VII. Commissioner Bolton moved to adjourn the Environmental Commission meeting at 8:12 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Phillipson. All voted 'aye'; motion carried.