

CITY OF FRANKLIN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
April 22, 2015

Approved
May 27, 2015

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

- I. Chairman Wesley Cannon called the April 22, 2015 regular meeting of the Environmental Commission to order at 7:03 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 Daniel Mayer and Commissioners Curtis Bolton, Wesley Cannon and Patricia Pomahac. Also in attendance were Mayor Steve Olson, Alderwoman Janet Evans, City Engineer Glen Morrow, Planning Manager Joel Dietl, and Planner II Orrin Sumwalt.

Mayor Olson noted that Commissioner Albert Rindfleisch had resigned from the Environmental Commission.

CITIZEN COMMENT

- II. The citizen comment period opened at 7:04 p.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting of March 25, 2015.

III.

- A. Alderman Mayer moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 25, 2015 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Pomahac. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Arbor Day activities.

IV.

- A. It was reported that the purchase order for trees and miscellaneous items from Washington County Land & Water Conservation Tree Program had been placed by the Superintendent for the Department of Public Works for Arbor Day activities. No action needed, none taken.

Environmental articles for the City of Franklin newsletter.

- B. Commissioner Cannon reported he will be submitting an environmental article for the next City newsletter by the deadline of April 24, 2015. No action was taken, none needed.

Nature Play, Nurturing Children and Strengthening Conservation through Connections to the Land publication from the Pennsylvania Land Trust Association.

- C. In response to the publication from the Pennsylvania Land Trust Association entitled *Nature Play, Nurturing Children and Strengthening Conservation through Connections to the Land*, Commissioner Bolton moved to begin investigation in to a Nature Exploration area on City of Franklin property adjacent to Ridgewood Road (TKN 792-0247-001, 2.98 acres), with initial work to consist solely of locating property irons. Seconded by Alderman Mayer. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

Goals for the Environmental Commission.

- D. No action needed, none taken regarding goals for the Environmental Commission.

Grant opportunities available to the City of Franklin: Grant application process, type of grant, dates of available grants and value to the City of Franklin.

- E. No action was taken on grant opportunities available to the City of Franklin, the grant application process, types of grants, dates of available grants and value to the City of Franklin.

NEW BUSINESS

Natural Resource Features Special Exception for the City of Franklin for property located at 3723 West Puetz Road, such property being zoned P-1 Park District (Tax Key No. 854-9936-000), to allow for the proposed installation of new playground equipment, a poured in place playground surface and a parking lot expansion for Kayla's Playground in Franklin Woods Nature Center Special Park.

V.

- A. Alderman Mayer made a motion to approve the Special Exception to Natural Resource Features for the City of Franklin for property located at 3723 West Puetz Road, to allow for the proposed installation of new playground equipment, a poured in place playground surface and a parking lot expansion for Kayla's Playground in Franklin Woods Nature Center Special Park with the condition that delineations by the Department of Natural Resources, Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (if required) reflect no increase to the wetland buffer and/or wetland setback impacts as depicted. Seconded by Commissioner Pomahac. On voice vote, Alderman Mayer and Commissioners Cannon and Pomahac voted 'aye'. Commissioner Bolton voted 'no'. Motion carried (3-1).

It was further recommended by the Environmental Commission that a stormwater analysis of the proposed changes and its impact on downstream property owners be evaluated and forwarded to residents.

Report on the April 15, 2015 Pond Inspection and Maintenance Seminar held at the City of Franklin Library, sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources.

- B. On general consensus it was agreed to recommend an article regarding Pond Inspection and Maintenance appear in a future edition of the City Newsletter. No action needed, none taken.

Sharon Kust memorial plaque.

- C. On general consensus it was agreed that a recommendation be made to plant a tree and place a plaque at City Hall or a City park in memory of Commissioner Sharon Kust. No action needed, none taken.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

- VI. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Environmental Commission is Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

- VII. Commissioner Bolton moved to adjourn the Environmental Commission meeting of April 22, 2015 at 9:00 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Pomahac. All voted 'aye', motion carried.