

**CITY OF FRANKLIN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
February 27, 2013**

Approved
as Amended
March 27, 2013

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

- I.** Vice Chairman Cannon called the February 27, 2013 regular meeting of the Environmental Commission to order at 7:04 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 Schmidt, and Commissioners Bolton, Cannon, Kust, and Rindfleisch. Absent were Commissioners Andres and Phillipson. Also present was Planner II Sumwalt.

CITIZEN COMMENT

- II.** The citizen comment period opened at 7:05 p.m. and closed at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting of January 16, 2013

- III.**
- A.** Commissioner Rindfleisch moved and Commissioner Bolton seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 16, 2013 as presented. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Formation of a preservation society for environmental matters.

- IV.**
- A.** Commissioner Kust moved to table Item IV. A. regarding the formation of a preservation society for environmental matters to the next scheduled meeting of the Environmental Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Bolton. All voted 'aye', motion carried.

Emerald Ash Borer Program - up-date.

- B.** Commissioner Kust presented the update of the Emerald Ash Borer Program. No action was needed, none taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Natural Resource Features Special Exception for The Rock Sports Complex, LLC, for the purpose of allowing re-grading of the Milwaukee County Landfill cap 4 wetland areas, re-grading of the wetland buffers, and re-grading of the wetland setbacks for property located at approximately 7900 West Crystal Ridge Drive, such property being zoned Planned Development District No. 37 (The Rock Sports Complex) and FW Floodway District (Tax Key Nos. 708-8996-000, 708-8999-000, 744-8980-001, 744-8985-001, 744-8985-002, 744-8988-000, 744-8989-000, 745-0029-000, 745-8998-000 and 745-8999-004)

- V.**
- A.** Presenting the application to allow changes to The Rock Sports Complex site grading for development purposes were Greg Marso, President, Marso Companies, LLC, Evan Nickodem, P.E., McClure Engineering Associates, Inc., and Kevin Haley, Landscape Architect, Milwaukee County Parks System.

Motion by Commissioner Bolton to direct staff to add a section recommending that mitigation not be required because wetlands to be filled were never intended to be there and were not part of the original grading plan as proposed by Milwaukee County. Seconded by Alderman Schmidt. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Schmidt include at Item II. 2. of the Environmental Commission review of the §15-9.0110C.4.f. Natural Resource Feature impacts to functional values to include eliminating artificial wetlands on the landfill cap provides a greater benefit to

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the community than maintaining the artificial wetlands. Seconded by Commissioner Bolton. On voice vote, Alderman Schmidt and Commissioners Cannon, Rindfleisch and Kust voted 'aye'. Commissioner Bolton voted 'no'. Motion carried (4-1).

Alderman Schmidt moved to include in the Environmental Commission review of the factors and recommendations as to findings the statement that the applicant for the project acknowledges it is furnishing an upgrade to an existing facility and is not seeking a new site or development. Seconded by Commissioner Bolton. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Schmidt that replacement of the loss of storage capacity is not required provided downstream flooding will not endanger neighboring properties. Commissioner Kust seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Kust to recommend approval of the applicants plans for a Special Exception to Natural Resource Features Provisions by The Rock Sports Complex, LLC, for the purpose of allowing re-grading of the Milwaukee County Landfill cap 4 wetland areas (wetland area A: approximately 21,310 square feet; wetland area B: approximately 1,949 square feet; wetland area C: approximately 3,538 square feet and wetland area E: approximately 6,257 square feet), re-grading of the wetland buffers (wetland buffer area A: approximately 36,295 square feet; wetland buffer area B: 11,975 square feet; wetland buffer area C: 10,195 square feet and wetland buffer area E: 19,764 square feet) and re-grading of the wetland setbacks (wetland setback area A: 26,435 square feet; wetland setback area B: 11, 119 square feet; wetland setback area C: 9,929 square feet and wetland setback area E: 16,236 square feet), with the changes as amended. Seconded by Alderman Schmidt. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (5-0).

Arbor Day activities and tree purchase order.

B. It was announced that Arbor Day activities will take place on April 27, 2013, the Department of Public Works will be placing the tree order and pick up of the trees is scheduled for April 25, 2013. On general consensus it was agreed to continue discussion of possible Arbor Day activities at the next scheduled meeting.

Newsletter ideas.

C. It was announced that articles for the next City Newsletter are due by April 26, 2013. No action was needed, none taken.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

- VI.** The next regular scheduled meeting of the Environmental Commission is March 27, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. No action needed, none taken.

ADJOURNMENT

- VII.** Commissioner Bolton moved to adjourn the Environmental Commission meeting at 8:39 p.m. Seconded by Alderman Schmidt. All voted 'aye'; motion carried.