

**CITY OF FRANKLIN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Monday February 20, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL	I.	<p>The meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:04 p.m. Lower Level Franklin City Hall</p> <p>Present were Commissioners, Fowler, Haley, Dorsan, Wilhelm, Cannon and Sohns. Commissioner Archer was excused.</p>
CITIZEN COMMENT	II.	No Citizen Comments
APPROVAL OF MINUTES January 12, 2006	III.A.	Motion to approve the minutes of January 12th as amended was made by Commissioner Haley. Seconded by commissioner Wilhelm. Motion Carried with one abstention.
NEW BUSINESS:	IV.	
CONCEPT REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION FOR THE WETLAND MITIGATION PLAN FOR FOREST VIEW CONDOMINIUM LOCATED APPROXIMATELY AT 5720 WEST RYAN ROAD	IV.A.	<p>Statement by commissioner Haley on possible conflict of interest that was reviewed by the City Attorney. The attorney indicated that no conflict exists in this case.</p> <p>Brian Karcewski from NRC was present to make a presentation on the mitigation plan. Information on the wetland delineation and maps were provided. A parcel was recommended for consideration by the commission for mitigation.</p> <p>Discussion and recommendations to Mr. Karcewski as to access to the mitigation site, plant species richness, timing of planting, and deferring funds for later plantings were made by the commission. The issue of protecting the land by conservation easement was also discussed and will be pursued with the current landowner Milwaukee County by acting City Planner Ashley Booth.</p> <p>No further action was taken.</p>
REVIEW AND RECOMMEND TO THE PLAN COMMISSION MATERIALS SUBMITTED FOR THE OAK LEAF TRAIL EXTENSION FROM DREXEL AVENUE NORTH TO APPROXIMATELY ANDERSEN LAKE FOR A NATURAL RESOURCE SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO ENCROACH ON NATURAL FEATURES	IV.B.	<p>Jim Ciha, Landscape Architect Guy Smith, Trail Coordinator; and Karl Stave, Project Manager, made a presentation to the commission on the natural resource impacts of the proposed Oak Leaf Trail extension. The presentation summarized trail alignment, wetland issues, shore buffer issues and property issues. An application for the special exception, along with detailed maps delineating the trail alignment, wetlands, shore buffers and proposed mitigation areas, was provided for review by the commission.</p> <p>Discussion and suggestions as to trail width and alignment near the natural resources, and the connection with the Root River Parkway were made by commissioners. Current landscaping practices on the existing Oak Leaf Trail (south of Drexel) were discussed with suggestions for improving the natural vegetation efforts on the proposed trail.</p>

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IV.B. (CONTINUED)	IV.B.	<p>The County was commended for the thoroughness of their presentation, and materials. They were also commended on the mitigation sites both for the work proposed and the size of the proposed sites.</p> <p>Motion to approve the special exception and for the Chair to use his discretion in writing the recommendation with the exception to have the County Parks staff review varying the trail width through the woodland areas to preserve trees was made by Commissioner Wilhelm. Seconded by Alderman Sohns. Motion carried.</p> <p>Motion for the EC recommendation to the Plan Commission and Common Council to be drafted by the chair for the Natural Resource Special Exception, by commissioner Fowler. Seconded by commissioner Sohns. Motion carried.</p>
PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDOR PROTECTION ORDINANCES REVIEW. WORKING GROUP TO DRAFT ORDINANCE CHANGE PROPOSAL. REVIEW OTHER COMMUNITY ORDINANCES.	IV.C	<p>Copies of other community ordinances for environmental corridor protection covering were previously distributed to the commission by Commissioner Haley. Commissioners who were absent at the last meeting will be provided copies of the handout by the Acting City Planner.</p> <p>Chair requested that commissioners to review the handout before the next commission meeting.</p>
ARBOR DAY	IV.D.	<p>City Council approved funding for 100-150 trees. Order must be sent by March 3rd to insure receiving the trees. Chairman Dorsan is recommending May 6th as the date for Arbor Day pending approval from the Mayor. Coordination will be required with Historical Society and Parks People at their request.</p>
GOALS, TARGETS AND BUDGET, PROJECTS OF THE COMMISSION - UPDATES AS APPROPRIATE	IV.E.	<p>Brief discussion of alternative stormwater and mitigation measures occurred.</p>
UPDATES	V.	

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COUNCIL, PLAN COMMISSION, ACTION ITEMS	V.1	<p>New planner job offer will go to council for approval.</p> <p>Planning staff has agreed to be the project committee for the city comprehensive master plan update. Plan is moving forward again. Environmental commission will be asked to provide input into the natural resource sections of the plan.</p> <p>Council tabled the recommendation that the commission review the required template language required from developers for survey plots, site plans and plats.</p>
PLEASANT VIEW TRAIL	V.2.	<p>Brief update, Commissioner Wilhelm reminded commissioner Sohns to contact her to pick a date and time to walk a proposed trail route near Pleasant View School.</p>
CITATIONS AND COMPLAINTS	V.3.	<p>Chairman Dorsan asked about a possible encroachment on a wetland near 31st and Puetz. The Acting City Planner informed the Chair that the planning department and Bruce Taylor were aware of the issue.</p>
ADJOURNMENT	VI.	<p>Commissioner Haley moved to adjourn. Commissioner Cannon seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.</p>