

**CITY OF FRANKLIN**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**November 30, 2011**

Approved  
January 18, 2012

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

- I. Vice Chairman Cannon called the 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: Vice Chairman Cannon, Alderman Schmidt, and Commissioners Andres and Rindfleisch. Absent was Commissioner Kust.

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

- II. The citizen comment period opened at 7:05 p.m. Andrew Pelkey, 9320 Robert McDonald Court, was referred to the Environmental Commission by Alderman Solomon, and presented comments relative to Items V.A. and V.B. of the agenda. Mr. Pelkey has requested that the City eliminate the open burning of leaves and brush, thus requiring all leaves to be mulched, bagged, or taken to the City compost center. Mr. Pelkey also indicated that he would like to request the City change the existing City Ordinance at Chapter 178 to state that all sub noxious plants must be removed if they are within 100 feet of neighboring properties, as this will create a buffer and place the cost of controlling weeds on the property owner, not the neighboring property owners. The citizen comment period was called to a close at 7:45 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular meeting of September 28, 2011

- III.  
A. On general consensus the minutes of the September 28, 2011 meeting will be reviewed at the January 18, 2012 meeting of the Environmental Commission.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Root River Watershed Protection Project: Storm Drain Markers.**

- IV.  
A. Discussion only on the Root River Watershed Protection Project regarding storm drain markers. It was noted that the Girl Scouts have continued to work on the project. Due to the current cold weather progress has now stopped but will be continued in Spring 2012 when we again get favorable weather. No action needed, none taken.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**City of Franklin open burning permit regulations.**

- V.  
A. Discussion only on the City of Franklin Open Burning Permit and regulations thereof. The Environmental Commission concurs that smoke generated by open burning of leaves can cause health problems. However, the Environmental Commission upholds that current City ordinances and regulations regarding the open burning of leaves are effective, and lacking additional support of changing said ordinances the Commission will not recommend changes at this time. No action needed, none taken.

**City of Franklin sub noxious weed regulations.**

- B. Discussion only on the City of Franklin regulations regarding sub noxious weeds. The Environmental Commission believes that the cost to remove sub noxious weeds within a 100 foot neighboring border would be prohibitive, causing a burden on homeowners. It was proposed that an article relative to noxious and sub noxious weeds should be created for a future edition of the City of Franklin newsletter. No action needed, none taken.

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

- VI. Alderman Schmidt moved and Commissioner Rindfleisch seconded to cancel the regularly scheduled Environmental Commission meeting for December 28, 2011, and to schedule the next meeting of the Commission for Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. All voted 'aye', motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- VII. Alderman Schmidt moved to adjourn the Environmental Commission meeting at 8:30 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Andres. All voted 'aye'; motion carried.