

**CITY OF FRANKLIN  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**November 28, 2007**

CALL TO ORDER and ROLL  
CALL

- I. Chair Wilhelm called the regular meeting of the Environmental Commission to order at 7:10 p.m. in the Lower Level Conference Room, Franklin City Hall, 9229 West Loomis Road, Franklin, Wisconsin.  
Present were Alderman Skowronski, Commissioners Cannon, Kaczor and Kowalski. Commissioner Archer was absent. Also present, Mayor Tom Taylor.

CITIZEN COMMENT

- II. The comment period opened at 7:10 p.m. Mayor Taylor spoke to the commission on environmental practices, policies, goals and suggestions. No one else coming forward, the citizen comment period was closed at 7:38 p.m.

MINUTES-  
October 24, 2007

- III. A. Commissioner Kaczor moved and Commissioner Kowalski seconded approval of the October 24, 2007 meeting minutes, with minor corrections. Upon voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

Review and recommendations relative to land East of 112<sup>th</sup> Street between Oakwood Road and South County Line Road that may be placed into conservancy and a plan for the restoration of these lands as well as a plan for connecting these lands to the Franklin Park and to lands that reach into Racine County. Appearance by David R. Grusznski of The Conservation Fund is anticipated.

- IV. A. David R. Grusznski of The Conservation Fund unable to attend this meeting and will make appearance at December or January meeting.  
Chair Wilhelm asked about getting maps. Mayor Taylor suggested sitting committee has funding. Alderman Skowronski will check if Waste Management funds could be used for printing maps. Some discussion on conservancy areas, landfill area and neighboring lands.  
Discussion on the ability for property owners to place their land in conservancy; Don Adams property and negotiations with regard to conservancy. Commissioner Cannon moved and Commissioner Kowalski seconded the motion to direct Alderman Skowronski to seek out planning funding for conservancy areas. Upon voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried.

Discussion and review of administrative rules, procedures, and order.

- IV. B. Due to Archers absence, Commissioners to review policy/procedure draft of recommendations prepared by Commissioner Archer for discussion at the next meeting. No action taken.

Review and recommendations of recently passed State and Federal Laws that relate to environmentally sound practices by municipalities. Such activities to include recycling, toxic waste materials, water quality and such other matters that may impact Franklin's environment

- IV. C. Chair Wilhelm to make contacts to find out how the Environmental Commission can best stay current with state and federal legislation that may impact the City of Franklin. No action taken.

Review and recommendations of current recycling procedures in place by the City of Franklin.

IV. D.

Chair Wilhelm reviewed recycling recommendations to the Council, previously approved by Commission, including recycling alternatives. Chair Wilhelm expressed concerns over lack of support of Environmental Commission issues and goals. Commissioner Kaczor and Cannon to follow-up with display issues. Further review of cell phone and ink cartridge recycling literature by Commissioner Kowalski, Chair Wilhelm to do drop-off and sites for television, printers and computers. Commissioner Kowalski to organize a meeting between Chair Wilhelm, Vice-Chair Kowalski, Director of Administration Luberd and Mayor Taylor to review recycling contract and policy recommendations as well as departmental policies and practices relating to the Environmental Commission. Chair Wilhelm requested being informed/notified of recycling contract negotiations. Mayor Taylor would greatly appreciate input from the Environmental Commission regarding recycling initiatives.

Goals, Targets and Projects of the Commission - Updates as appropriate:

- i. Alternative storm water, wetland, woodland and mitigation measures.
- ii. Educational program to implement control of Purple loosestrife.
- iii. Review conservation subdivision options.
- iv. Assist public through education on State of WI Comprehensive Planning Legislation.
- v. City wide composting system.

IV. E.

No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT

V.

Next meeting date Wednesday, December 19, 2007. Commissioner Kowalski moved and Commissioner Kaczor seconded to adjourn the Environmental Commission meeting at 9:22 p.m. Upon voice vote, all voted 'aye.' Motion carried.