

CITY OF FRANKLIN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES

September 26, 2007

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| CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL | I. | <u>Vice Chair</u> Wilhelm called the regular meeting of the Environmental Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall, 9229 West Loomis Road, Franklin, Wisconsin. Present were Alderman Skowronski, Commissioners Archer, Cannon, Kaczor, Kowalski and Wilhelm. Commissioner Sawicki resigned. Also present was Planning Manager Dietl and Planner, Orrin Sumwalt. |
| CITIZEN COMMENT | II. | The comment period opened at 7:01 p.m. No one coming forward, the period was closed at 7:02 p.m. |
| MINUTES-
July 25, 2007 | III. A. | Commissioner Cannon moved and Commissioner Kaczor seconded approval of the July 25, 2007 meeting minutes. Upon voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried. |
| Election of Officers | IV. A. | Commissioner Cannon nominated and Commissioner Archer seconded the nomination of Kristen Wilhelm for the position of 'Chair' of the Environmental Commission. Upon voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried.
Alderman Skowronski nominated Commissioner Cannon for 'Vice-Chair'. Chair Wilhelm nominated Commissioner Kowalski for 'Vice-Chair'. By show of hands, Commissioner Cannon received one vote, and Commissioner Kowalski received 3 votes. Upon voice vote, all voted 'aye' for Commissioner Kowalski as 'Vice-Chair'. Motion carried.
Commissioners agreed to have Planner Sumwalt as Secretary of the Commission. |
| Natural Resource Special Exception for Forest View-Franklin Limited Partnership, located approximately northeast of the intersection of South 60 th Street and West Road (Tax Key Number 882-9988-002, 882-9989-001, 882-9983-005). | IV. B. | Brian Karczewski of Natural Resource Consulting Inc. presented information to the Commission.
Alderman Skowronski moved and Commissioner Kowalski seconded the motion for recommendation for approval of the Natural Resource Special Exception for Forest View-Franklin Limited Partnership conditioned upon erosion control of the silt fence and planning staff review and verifying mitigation plan. Upon voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried. Chairman Wilhelm will write the recommendation. |
| Review and recommendations concerning the possible clean-up of the Root River (within Franklin) so that it is capable of supporting activities such as fishing and boating. | IV. C. | Commissioners requested copies of SEWRPC study. Commission suggests the Common Council begin an open dialogue with the County regarding the Root River and lands encompassing. No action needed; None 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.D. | Staff to invite Heidi Hopkins from DNR and Jim Goulee, Parks District, or someone they recommend, to attend an Environmental Commission meeting to advise and discuss recent parks and environmental legislation. No action needed; None taken. |

Review and recommendations relative to land East of 112th 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 the lands that reach into Racine County.

IV. E. This item was tabled for further information. No action needed; None taken.

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

IV. F. This item was tabled for more information. Commissioners requested current recycling contract. No action needed; None taken.

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

IV. G. This item was tabled for more information from staff. No action needed; None taken.

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

IV. H. No action needed; None taken.

- 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.

ADJOURNMENT

V. Commissioner Archer moved and Commissioner Kowalski seconded to adjourn the Environmental Commission meeting at 8:26 p.m. Upon voice vote, all voted 'aye.' Motion carried.