

CITY OF FRANKLIN

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, May 27, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.

Franklin City Hall Council Chambers

9229 West Loomis Road, Franklin, Wisconsin

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

II. CITIZEN COMMENT

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the regular meeting of April 22, 2020

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Johns Disposal Service, Inc. recycling program for the City of Franklin presentation.
- B. Ways to improve and expand Arbor Day 2021; involvement of Root-Pike WIN (Watershed Initiative Network), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 2001, program in Arbor Day celebration; Arbor Day event(s) planning.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review of articles for the City of Franklin Newsletter, from the Root-Pike WIN (Watershed Initiative Network), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 2001, program.
- B. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources programs for presentation at the City of Franklin Library-dates/schedule.
- C. Election of Officers: Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Chairman's appointment of the Secretary.

VI. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

- A. June 24, 2020

VII. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Environmental Commission involvement in the City of Franklin's National Night Out program.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Notice is given that a majority of the Common Council may attend this meeting to gather information about an Agenda item over which they have decision making responsibility. This may constitute a meeting of the Council per *State ex rel. Badke v. Greendale Village Board*, even though the Common Council will not take formal action at this meeting.

Notice is given that upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services. For additional information, please contact the Franklin City Clerk's office at (414) 425-7500.

**CITY OF FRANKLIN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
April 22, 2020**

unapproved

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL
CALL**

- I. Chairman Arthur Skowron called the April 22, 2020 regular meeting of the Environmental Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Hearing Room, Franklin City Hall, 9229 West Loomis Road, Franklin, Wisconsin.

On roll call, the following were in attendance: Chair Arthur Skowron and Assistant Planner Marion Ecks attended the meeting in the Lower Level Conference Room. Vice Chair Wes Cannon, Commissioners Linda Horn, Patricia Pomahac and Ken Hritz and Alderman Dan Mayer participated remotely.

CITIZEN COMMENT

- II. The citizen comment period opened at 7:00 p.m. and closed at 7:00 p.m.. No citizens present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting of March 25, 2020.

III.

- A. Alderman Mayer moved and Vice Chair Cannon seconded a correction to the March 25, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Minutes should read: Assistant Planner Marion Ecks attended the meeting in the Lower Level Conference Room at Franklin City Hall, 9229 W. Loomis Road, Franklin, WI. Chair Arthur Skowron, Vice Chair Wes Cannon, Alderman Dan Mayer and Commissioners Pomahac, Horn and Hritz participated remotely. On roll call vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Johns Disposal Service, Inc. recycling program for the City of Franklin [this item/event is pending due to COVID-19 related restrictions].

Ways to improve and expand Arbor Day 2020; involvement of Root-Pike WIN (Watershed Initiative Network), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 2001, program in Arbor Day celebration; Arbor Day event(s) planning.

IV.

- A. Assistant Planner Ecks will schedule a speaker from John's Disposal Service, Inc. to give a presentation at a future meeting once COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted. Discussion only. No action taken.
- B. Alderman Mayer moved and Commissioner Hritz seconded a motion to cancel Arbor Day 2020 scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2020 at the Franklin Public Library. Assistant Planner Ecks shall have the Arbor Day information removed from the City of Franklin Web site. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-0).

NEW BUSINESS

Review of articles for the City of Franklin Newsletter, from the Root-Pike WIN (Watershed Initiative Network), a 501(c)(3) non-profit

V.

- A. An article from Root-Pike WIN, "Being Stormwater Friendly" has been submitted by Assistant Planner Ecks for the City of Franklin newsletter to be delivered the

organization founded in 2001, program [this item/event is in process due to COVID-19 related restrictions].

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources programs for presentation at the City of Franklin Library-dates/schedule and April 8, 2020 program review [this item/event is pending due to COVID-19 related restrictions].

Alert as to the need for election of officers at the May 27, 2020 Environmental Commission meeting.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Environmental Commission involvement in the City of Franklin's National Night Out program.

ADJOURNMENT

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week of May 18, 2020. Discussion only. No action taken.

B.

As noted in the March 25, 2020 minutes the talk "Being Prepared for Flooding" scheduled for April 8, 2020 at the Franklin Public Library was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. A future talk with DNR staff will be scheduled at a later date. Discussion only. No action taken.

C.

Thank you, Vice Chair Wes Cannon, for his many years of service to the City of Franklin Environmental Commission as Commissioner, Vice Chair and Chairman. Discussion only. No action taken.

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Discussion only. No action taken.

VIII.

Vice Chair Cannon moved and Commissioner Horn seconded to adjourn the Environmental Commission meeting on April 22, 2020 at 7:27 p.m.. On roll call vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-0).

FW: 112th St Development

Gail Olsen

Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 9:00 AM**To:** Marion Ecks**Importance:** High**Attachments:** 20200517_112thStreet_9720S~1.pdf (9 MB)

Marion,

I'm just seeing this email now. I haven't read the entire email but with Environmental Commission in the subject, and being sent to the Mayor and Alderman Nelson, I wanted to be sure you have a chance to read asap.

Thank you,

Gail Olsen

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**From:** Patrick Hammer <phammer@freightrunners.com>**Sent:** Monday, May 18, 2020 1:23 PM**To:** Steve Olson <Solson@franklinwi.gov>**Cc:** John Nelson <JNelson@franklinwi.gov>; Gail Olsen <GOlsen@franklinwi.gov>**Subject:** 112th St Development

Mr. Olson, Mr. Nelson and the City Environmental Commission,

My name is Patrick Hammer and my wife Caitlin and I live at 9720 S 112th Street in Franklin. Our property Tax ID is 893 9998 000, the property is a 20 acre parcel with an easement across a different 20 acre parcel to the east of 112th street between Ryan Rd and Oakwood Rd, we have a significant amount of wetlands on our property. As I am sure you are aware significant filling has been occurring on the west side of 112th st for a future development. In the past year the water level of the wetlands has risen approximately 12"+, this has made some of our yard unusable as it is always wet or underwater. Additionally approximately .85 acres of our property that is not designated as wetlands, and we used it as a recreation area, is now always wet or under water. As the filling continues on the west side of 112th street we are concerned that the water level on our property will continue to rise.

Recently we became aware that the 20 acre parcel to the east of ours is for sale, Taxkey 892 9998 000, with a 22 lot concept plan. The parcel for sale is currently zoned R-2, and we have seen an increase in standing water on that parcel due to the filling on the west side of 112th street. We believe in order to develop this parcel significant filling would be required which would further increase the amount of water on our property.

We do acknowledge that seasonal precipitation and changes in environmental conditions will have a change on the water levels on our property, however the amount of additional water we are seeing in the wetland and adjacent areas is due to the filling on the west side of 112th street. We are requesting information that the City has in the form of environmental impact studies for the fill permits issued. We are also requesting that any future filling for Tax ID 892 9998 000, 891 9009 001, or 891 9010 002 have a study conducted to determine the impact on the water runoff onto our property, increased water levels in the existing wetland areas and subsequent additional wetland areas that may be created by such filling.

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With the amount of rain we received this past weekend the flooding has continued to increase. Attached are pictures I took yesterday, May 17, 2020 of flooding on our property, 112th street and improper and ineffective silt fences installed on the future development site along 112th street.

In the almost 4 years we have owned the property, the water level in the pond has never gone past the trees, as you can see here it is significantly past the trees. Additionally our sump pump has never run continuously, yesterday the water level rose so much that our partially exposed basement flooded and the sump pump could not keep up. Our mailbox, which is set in 8" wide by 24" deep concrete, is now so unstable that if you put the slightest bit of pressure on it, it moves.

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Patrick Hammer

President / Director of Operations



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Flooding across 112th Street

Flooding across 112th Street, drainage from development site.





Flooding across 112th Street







Ineffective erosion control and storm water management











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Not Wetlands, however now consistently under water,
personal recreation area now unusable



Flooding past tree line into our yard, never before seen since we lived here. Water level has risen by 12"+

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