

CITY OF FRANKLIN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
May 22, 2019

Approved
June 26, 2019

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

- I.** Chairman Arthur Skowron called the May 22 2019 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: Chair Arthur Skowron, Vice Chair Wes Cannon, Commissioners Patricia Pomahac, Stephanie Flynn, Linda Horn and Alderman Dan Mayer. Also present was Principal Planner Ben Kohout.

CITIZEN COMMENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting of April 24, 2019.

III.

- A.** Commissioner Flynn moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 24, 2019 as presented. Seconded by Vice Chair Cannon. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried to approve as written (6-0-0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Environmental articles for the City of Franklin Newsletter.

IV.

- A.** Next newsletter will go out week of July 22, 2019; articles due for submission June 21, 2019. Special article to be submitted on recap of 2019 Arbor Day on May 4, 2019. Discussion only. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Natural Resource Features Special Exception application by Boris Strbac, owner, Star Trucking LLC, to allow an existing gravel parking area and to remain within protected natural resource features consisting of 0.102 acres of wetland buffer and 0.22 acres of shore buffer (of which 0.106 acres are also wetland setback) to construct a gravel parking lot for an over-the-road trucking company business with a maximum of thirteen semi-trucks and trailers parked overnight on the east side of the property, such property located at 11141 West Forest Home Avenue, zoned M-1 Limited Industrial District and C-1 Conservancy District, (Tax Key No. 704-9990-003).

V.

- A.** A Natural Resource Special Exception application approved as submitted contingent that trees on east side remain. No need for mitigation is recognized in this presentation. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-0).

Arbor Day event.

- B.** Better signage for tree giveaway for 2020 is needed. Discussion only. No action taken.

Environmental elements and natural resources promotion, protection and maintenance education and participation programs and activities in the Community.

C. Discussion only. No Action taken.

Milwaukee Area Land Conservancy (MALC) report on Commission meeting participation and information on MALC from MALC Commission meeting attendees.

D. Don Dorsan, MALC, was present and gave overview of mission of the land conservancy. Discussion only. No Action taken.

Ways to improve and expand Arbor Day 2020; involvement of local nurseries in the City's Arbor Day celebration; Arbor Day event(s) planning.

E. Discussion only. No Action taken.

Review of Sierra Club CD on "Reinventing Power".

F. Discussion only. No action taken.

Election of Officers: Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Chairman's appointment of the Secretary.

G. Chair Arthur Skowron, Vice Chair Wesley Cannon and Secretary Patricia Pomahac approved for 2020 officers.

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

VI.

Environmental Commission collaboration with the Franklin Public Library for special programs presentations and use of the Library facilities, including but not limited to Arbor Day programs and Field Projects.

A. Discussion only. No Action taken.

Environmental Committees in the Milwaukee Metropolitan area cooperative programs, projects and meetings concept review - Hales Corners, Muskego and Shorewood.

B. Discussion only. No Action taken.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

VII.

A. Vice Chair Cannon moved to cancel the June 26, 2019 meeting unless there is a Natural Resource Special Exception. Seconded by Alderman Dan Mayer. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-0).

ADJOURNMENT

VIII.

Vice Chair Cannon moved to adjourn the Environmental Commission meeting of May 22, 2019 at 8:17 p.m.. Seconded by Commissioner Pomahac. All voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-0).