

**CITY OF FRANKLIN**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 23, 2021**

Approved  
July 28, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

- I. Chairman Linda Horn called the June 23, 2021 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.

On roll call, the following were in attendance: Chair Linda Horn, Vice Chair Jamie Groark and Commissioners Patricia Pomahac, Sudarshan Sharma, James Cieslak, and Alderman Dan Mayer. Also present was Associate Planner Marion Ecks and City Engineer Glen Morrow.

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

- II. The citizen comment period opened at 7:01 p.m. and closed at 7:01 p.m.. 1 citizen was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the special meeting of May 26, 2021.

III.

- A. Vice Chair Groark moved and Alderman Mayer seconded a motion to amend the minutes of the regular meeting held May 26, 2021 as presented. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-0).

Alderman Mayer moved and Vice Chair Groark seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2021 regular with corrections. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-0).

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Environmental Commission involvement in the City of Franklin's National Night Out program Tuesday, August 3, 2021.

IV.

- A. Vice Chair Groark has contacted the Franklin Police Department for tables and chairs; Commissioner Cieslak reported that representatives from the Audubon Society, Friends of Wehr Nature Center and Friends of Grobschmidt Park would be present. Discussion only. No action taken.

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 [this item/event is in process due to COVID-19 related restrictions], including educational materials for Buckthorn (invasive species), that is, website information and QR (Quick Response) code (a

- B. Planner Ecks will submit an article, "Busting Buckthorn" from Nan Calvert, Root-Pike-WIN, for the September City of Franklin newsletter. Discussion only. No action taken.

two-dimensional barcode used to share website links).

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources programs for presentation at the City of Franklin Library-dates/schedule [this item/event is in process due to COVID-19 related restrictions].

Update on Buckthorn Subcommittee activity and/or proposals.

**NEW BUSINESS**

City of Franklin street tree list update-best list reviews.

Environmental Commission participation in City of Franklin Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Task Force, to provide assistance in revisions to the Natural Resource Protection Standards and other elements of the City of Franklin UDO.

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

**DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Audubon Society new program on gardening for the birds, bees and butterflies update.

**C.** Commissioner Pomahac has contacted Milwaukee Riverkeeper for a presentation at the Franklin Public Library for Wednesday, October 13, 2021, 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Discussion only. No action taken.

**D.** Vice Chair Groark gave an update from the June 9, 2021 subcommittee meeting. Input from Nan Calvert, Root-Pike WIN, provided resources to the Department of Public Works and the Department of Transportation who were also present at the meeting.

Commissioner Cieslak has contacted, spoken with Wisconsin DNR, Kelly Kerns, Conservation Biologist, Milwaukee County, Brian Russert, Natural Areas Supervisor as well as representatives from the Town of Cedarburg and the City of Greenfield.

Discussion only. No action taken.

**V.**

**A.** Planner Ecks provided an updated list from City of Franklin Forester, Tom Riha, to be reviewed, discussed at a future meeting. Discussion only. No action taken.

**B.**

Planner Ecks gave a presentation of the city of Franklin UDO task force. A representative from the Environmental Commission is desirable. Discussion only. No action taken.

**VI.**

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**VII.**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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.

- VIII.** Commissioner Cieslak moved and Commissioner Pomahac seconded to adjourn the Environmental Commission meeting on June 23, 2021 at 8:23 p.m.. Alderman Mayer left the meeting at 8:15. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (5-0-1).