

**CITY OF FRANKLIN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
September 22, 2021**

Approved
November 3, 2021

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

- I. Chairman Linda Horn called the September 22, 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, Commissioners Patricia Pomahac and Sudarshan Sharma and Alderman Dan Mayer. Excused was Commissioner James Cieslak . Also present were Associate Planner Marion Ecks and City of Franklin Forester Tom Riha

CITIZEN COMMENT

- II. The citizen comment period opened at 7:01 p.m. and closed at 7:01 p.m.. No citizens present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting of August 25, 2021.

III.

- A. Commissioner Sharma moved and Vice Chair Groark seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 25, 2021. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (5-0-1).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Environmental Commission involvement in the City of Franklin's National Night Out program Monday, August 2, 2021. Status of funding for garden giveaway.

IV.

- A. Commissioner Cieslak was excused. Status of funding to be addressed at future meeting. 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 two-dimensional barcode used to share website links).

- B. Commissioner Pomahac to contact Franklin High School for possible articles from students taking Environmental Science classes.

Commissioner Cieslak to be contacted regarding articles from the Southeast Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium. Discussion only. No action taken.

Update on Buckthorn Subcommittee activity and/or proposals.

- C. Vice Chair Groark commented on waiting for future references from Southeast Wisconsin Invasive Species

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

- D. Consortium as well as Milwaukee County. Discussion only. No action taken.
Tom Riha, City Forester, referenced current updates for tree replacements, i.e., City of Franklin Municipal Ordinance, Sec. 240-4, Master Street Tree Plan.

Vice Chair Groark moved and Commissioner Sharma seconded a motion to recommend a new tree list to replace city of Franklin existing trees. A review of this list will be done on an annual basis. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (5-0-1).

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.

- E. Vice Chair Groark reported meeting scheduled for August 26 was cancelled. A suggestion was made to include information in City of Franklin newsletter for November 2021. Discussion only. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

City water supply testing overview.

V.

- A. Associate Planner Ecks will discuss at next meeting. Discussion only. No action taken.

Landfill life expectancy and future plans.

- B. Associate Planner Ecks reported there is not a draft or plan to date. Item to be addressed at next meeting. Discussion only. No action taken.

Environmental Commission involvement in the Franklin Library's Trunk or Treat 2021 event to be held in the library's parking lot on October 21, 2021 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

- C. Vice Chair Groark and Commissioner Pomahac will attend the October 21, 2021 event and report back at the next meeting as to involvement of the Environmental Commission in 2022. Discussion Only. No action taken.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

VI.

- A. Vice Chair Groark moved and Commissioner Sharma seconded a motion to move the October 27, 2021 Environmental Commission meeting to November 3, 2021. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (5-0-1).

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

VII.

- A. No updates.

restrictions] [tentative date: April, 2022].

Funding for Environmental Commission activities.

Review of tree canopy evaluation for new developments in the City of Franklin.

B. Associate Planner Ecks will follow up at the November 3, 2021 meeting.

C. Associate Planner Ecks and City Forester Tom Riha provided background regarding current conditions. To be discussed under new business in February 2022.

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

Vice Chair Groark moved and Commissioner Sharma seconded to adjourn the Environmental Commission meeting on September 22, 2021 at 7:57 p.m.. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (5-0-1).