

**CITY OF FRANKLIN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
April 27, 2022**

Approved
May 25, 2022

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

- I. Chair Linda Horn called the April 27, 2022 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, Commissioners James Cieslak, Sudarshan Sharma, Patricia Pomahac and Tom Niemiec. Vice Chair Jamie Groark arrived at 7:07 p.m.. Excused was Alderman John Nelson. Also present was Associate Planner Marion Ecks.

CITIZEN COMMENT

- II. The citizen comment period opened at 7:00 p.m. and closed at 7:16 p.m.. Four citizens present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting of March 23, 2022.

- III.
A. Vice Chair Groark moved and Commissioner Cieslak seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 23, 2022. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-1).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Environmental Commission involvement in Arbor Day 2022 event (May 7, 2022).

- IV.
A. Participation to include:
- Wild Ones of Wehr Chapter
 - Wisconsin Metro Audubon Chapter
 - Root Pike WIN
 - Franklin Health Department

Discussion only. No action taken.

Review of articles for the City of Franklin Newsletter.

- B. June 17, 2022 next deadline for July issue. Survey results for Buckthorn to be included in this issue. Discussion only. No action taken.

Update on Buckthorn Subcommittee activity and/or proposals. Survey results.

- C. Planner Ecks reviewed survey results. A total of 353 responses were received. The survey was open February 20 – March 31, 2022. The Subcommittee on Buckthorn to reconvene in June 2022. Discussion only. No action taken.

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

- D. No update per Planner Ecks. Discussion only. No action taken.

other elements of the City of Franklin
UDO

Funding for Environmental
Commission activities.

Update on wetland restoration and
other environmental projects at a
future park, currently under
development, at 8120 South Lovers
Lane Road.

NEW BUSINESS

Natural Resource Features Special
Exception application by Karley J.
Blake and Jacob W. Mutter (Crescent
Construction Inc., property owner),
for the purpose of permanent impacts
to approximately 1,730 square feet of
wetland setbacks for grading,
installation of a driveway and
installation of green infrastructure
stormwater areas as well as impacts
to 8,410 square feet of mature
woodland not exceeding the
standards of allowable disturbance of
the Unified Development Ordinance,
property specifically located at the
abrupt, west dead end of West Lake
Pointe Drive (on the east property line
of the parcel, abutting the northwest
portion of Lake Pointe Estates
subdivision), zoned R-8 Multiple-
Family Residence District (Tax Key No.
839-9996-007).

Natural Resource Features Special
Exception application by Stephen R.
Mills, President of Bear Development,
LLC (Loomis & Ryan, Inc. and Gurjit
Singh and Gurmit Kaur, property
owners), for the purpose of impacting
approximately 14,939 square feet of
wetland buffer (11,558 square feet of
temporary impacts (grading and site
disturbance) and 3,381 square feet of

E. An Environmental Commission budget worksheet with
examples of events, ex., garden giveaways and
materials, was handed out for review. Discussion only.
No action taken.

F. Planner Ecks handed out a memo from City Engineer,
Glen Morrow, regarding environmental projects at
future park. Discussion only. No action taken.

V.

A. Commissioner Cieslak moved and Vice Chair Groark
seconded a motion to approve the NRSE application by
Karley J. Blake and Jacob W. Mutter subject to:

a) submission of conservation easements for areas of
preserved natural resources.

b) obtain any necessary approvals from Federal and State
regulatory agencies prior to any land disturbing activities.

c) provide for restoration of wetland setback that
conforms to the standards of §15-4.0102I for
appropriate plantings. Turf grasses are prohibited. Non-
vegetative cover is permitted in areas subject to
erosion.

d) placement of boulders or other markers to
demarcate the conservation easement boundary on the
property.

e) installation of temporary orange construction fencing
at the boundary of the 30' wetland buffer during
construction to protect Natural Resources.

On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-1).

B. Commissioner Cieslak moved and Commissioner Sharma
seconded a motion to approve the NRSE application by
Stephen R. Mills, President of Bear Development, LLC
(Loomis & Ryan, Inc. and Gurjit Singh and Gurmit Kaur,
property owners) subject to:

a) submission of conservation easements for areas of
preserved natural resources and mitigation areas
including amendments to the existing Conservation
Easements for Ryan Meadows Lot 84

permanent impacts (paving and partial locations of five of the proposed buildings) and approximately 13,416 square feet of wetland setback (228 square feet of temporary impacts (grading and site disturbance) and 13,188 square feet of permanent impacts (paving and partial locations of five of the proposed buildings), with proposed impacts to mature woodland [the applicant has proposed mitigation], properties generally located at the end of South Monarch Drive in the Ryan Meadows subdivision, zoned M-1 Limited Industrial District, R-2 Estate Single-Family Residence District and C-1 Conservancy District (Tax Key Nos. 891-1084-000 and 938-9994-004).

Request by City of Franklin resident Jeremy Stimpson to consider City of Franklin participation in regional Solar Group Buy program.

Future cleanup event with Root-Pike WIN (Watershed Initiative Network), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 2001.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

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

b) obtain all necessary approvals from Federal and State regulatory agencies prior to any land disturbing activities.

c) provide for financial sureties for implementation of restoration

d) placement of boulders or other markers to demarcate the wetland setback on the property.

e) the proposed Mitigation Areas and Restoration Plan shall be incorporated into the proposed Landscape Plan and Site Plan for the development of the subject property

f) clarification of location of proposed fence and whether it impacts wetland resources.

On voice vote, 5 voted 'aye' and 1 abstained. Motion carried (5-0-1).

C. Planner Ecks consulted with City of Franklin Inspection Services for requirements. Midwest Renewal Energy Association has also been contacted. A request will be made to MREA for a future presentation at an EC meeting. Discussion only. No action taken

D. Commissioner Cieslak is continuing working with Root Pike WIN. Discussion only. No action taken.

VI.

A. May 25, 2022

VII.

A. Vice Chair Groark moved and Commissioner Pomahac seconded to adjourn the Environmental Commission meeting on April 27, 2022 at 9:25 pm. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-1).