

CITY OF FRANKLIN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
August 24, 2022

Approved
December 7, 2022

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

- I. Chair Linda Horn called the August 24, 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, Vice Chair James Cieslak, Secretary Jamie Groark, Commissioners Tom Niemiec, Sudarshan Sharma and Alderman John Nelson. Also present was Associate Planner Marion Ecks.

CITIZEN COMMENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting of July 27, 2022.

- III. A. Commissioner Niemiec moved and Vice Chair Cieslak seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held July 27, 2022 . On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review of articles for the City of Franklin Newsletter.

- IV. A. Discuss Buckthorn survey in the September meeting. Will have article(s) for the December newsletter. Discussion only. No action taken.

Common Council referral of "No Mow May" to the Environmental Commission for research and recommendation back to Common Council.

- B. B. Gilley, Milwaukee County Naturalist, of Wehr Nature Center presented historical aspects of "No Mow May." A presentation on bees by B. Gilley will be scheduled sometime in spring of 2023. The Commission will contact City Forester Tom Riha regarding trees for bees that can be offered during Arbor Day.

Commissioner Niemiec moved and Commissioner Sharma seconded a motion to recommend at this time the Commission does not recommend moving forward with "No Mow May." The Commission will make recommendations on landscaping for species diversity and preservation at a later date. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-0).

Environmental Commission involvement in City of Franklin's National Night Out on August 1, 2022.

C. Commissioner Cieslak needs tax exemption information. Winners waiting until spring. 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 other elements of the City of Franklin UDO.

D. Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) scheduled for the September 8, 2022 Plan Commission meeting at 7:00 pm. Discussion only. No action taken.

Funding for Environmental Commission activities.

E. No update. Discussion only. No action taken.

Update on Buckthorn Subcommittee activity and/or proposals.

F. No update. Discussion only. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

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

V.
A. Solar panels have a 30 year life span. Focus On Energy's Web site has resources. Discussion only. No action taken.

Future cleanup event with Root-Pike WIN (Watershed Initiative Network), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, Southeastern Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium, a 501(c)(3) organization, and other community organizations.

B. Possible upcoming event. Milwaukee Land Conservation at Blum Coffee on September 24, 2022 from 9:00 – 11:00 am. Discussion only. No action taken.

Creation of citizen volunteer support group to assist in invasive control projects, park and municipal property beautification and other such projects as directed by the Environmental Commission.

C. Discussion only. No action taken.

Stormwater outfall issue in Wehr Nature Center, located at 9701 West College Avenue.

D. No update. Funded by Common Council. Work to begin in fall. Discussion only. No action taken.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

VI.
A. October 26, 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

VII.

- A.** Secretary Groark moved and Commissioner Sharma seconded to adjourn the Environmental Commission meeting on August 24, 2022 at 7:52 pm. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-0).