

CITY OF FRANKLIN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
June 22, 2022

Approved
July 27, 2022

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

- I. Chair Linda Horn called the June 22, 2022 regular meeting of the Environmental Commission to order at 7:01 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, Tom Niemiec and Sudarshan Sharma and Alderman John Nelson. Excused was Vice Chair Jamie Groark. Also present was Associate Planner Marion Ecks.

CITIZEN COMMENT

- II. The citizen comment period opened at 7:02 p.m. and closed at 7:02 p.m.. No Citizens present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting of May 25, 2022.

- III. A. Commissioner Cieslak moved and Commissioner Sharma seconded a motion to approve the minutes as amended of the regular meeting held May 25, 2022 . On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (5-0-1).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review of articles for the City of Franklin Newsletter.

- IV. B. Put forward a buckthorn article. Associate Planner Ecks to post and send. 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.

- C. Public meeting in July. No new materials. Discussion only. No action taken.

Funding for Environmental Commission activities.

- D. Commissioner Niemiec moved and Commissioner Cieslak seconded a motion to recommend budget with amendments that tablets are high priority and an amount of \$200 for Arbor Day event. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (5-0-1).

NEW BUSINESS

Environmental Commission involvement in Franklin Night Out 2022, August 1.

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, Southeastern Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium, a 501(c)(3) organization, and other community organizations

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

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

Discuss modifications to Chapter 80 Article 2 re: cleanup of pet waste on property other than the pet owners.

Discussion of stormwater outfall issue in Wehr Nature Center.

V.

- A.** Number of tables and can they be reserved. Friends of Grobschmidt, Wild Ones, Root Pike WIN and Audobon.
Commissioner Groark to coordinate with Officer Wallace (AKA Little Gary!) Offer another garden give-a-way? Have a poster for the commission. Discussion only. No action taken.
- B.** No update.
- C.** Chair Horn went to Root Pike WIN event to clear a path by Forest Hill on June 18, 2022. Forest Park Elementary future event Saturday, June 25, 2022. Discussion only. No action taken.
- D.** Request staff to ask City Clerk, City Attorney's office if a one-year trial is possible. Invite Weed Commissioner to a meeting. Discussion only. No action taken.
- E.** For invasive control and helping older residents manage issues. Is there interest in creating such a program? To coordinate. Spring cleanup in parks and schools. Discussion only. No action taken.
- F.** Pet waste in streams and Root River. Currently not picking up after dogs is an Ordinance violation for littering. Consider adding or increasing a fine w/enforcement. Commissioner Cieslak to research ordinances; Associate Planner Ecks to check with Health Department about pet waste regulations. Discussion only. No action taken.
- G.** Memo from City Engineer. What is timeline for repair? Are culverts best approach? Need more info about design of the repair. Discussion only. No action taken.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

VI.

- A.** July 27, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

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VII.

- A.** Alderman Nelson moved and Commissioner Cieslak seconded to adjourn the Environmental Commission meeting on June 22, 2022 at 8:05 pm. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (5-0-1).