

**CITY OF FRANKLIN  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES  
January 25, 2017**

Approved  
February 22, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL  
CALL**

- I.** Chairman Wesley Cannon called the January 25, 2017 regular meeting of the Environmental Commission to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Lower Level Conference Room, Franklin City Hall, 9229 West Loomis Road, Franklin, Wisconsin.

On roll call, the following were in attendance: Chair Wesley Cannon, Commissioners Patricia Pomahac, Arthur Skowron, Marc Manthey and Stephanie Flynn (arrived at 7:10 p.m.) and Ald. Dan Mayer. Absent was Vice Chair Curtis Bolton.

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

- II.** The citizen comment period opened at 7:02 p.m. and closed at 7:03 p.m. No one came forward.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the regular meeting of November 30, 2016.

**III.**

- A.** Commissioner Skowron moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 30, 2016 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Manthey. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion to approve as written.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Discussion of environmental articles for the City of Franklin Newsletter

**IV.**

- A.** Commissioner Flynn to follow up with submission of article for May newsletter. No further action to be taken.

Solar powered renewable energy facilities group buying (cost savings value of volume purchasing) programs for residential, commercial and governmental and institutional properties; City of Franklin interest in potential sponsorship, partnership and/or participation.

- B.** Commissioner Flynn to follow up on the link on Web site to be included in May newsletter. No action taken.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Natural Resource Features Special Exception for Indian Community School of Milwaukee, Inc. (Thomas Oechler, property owner), for the purpose of allowing for filling, grading and construction of a proposed system of trails (approximately 600 lineal feet), boardwalks (approximately 600 lineal feet), an observation deck/outdoor classroom, elevated platforms/piers

**V.**

- A.** Commissioner Skowron moved and Alderman Mayer seconded a motion to approve a Natural Resource Special Exception for Indian Community School as proposed. The Commission suggests Indian Community School allow access to the boardwalk and trail areas to Franklin Public Schools, both public and private, for supervised educational opportunities and consider periods of public access for recreational and educational purposes. On voice vote, all voted "aye", motion approved.

and creation of 4 wetland scrapes (ponds) (approximately 1 acre in total size), within and adjacent to wetlands located north of the existing school building, [625 linear feet +/- of 8 foot wide boardwalk on piers, 225 linear feet +/- earthen trail on 0.03 acres (1,180 square feet +/-) of fill to be placed within the wetland, and 4 wetland “scrapes” totaling 0.96 acres +/-, also within the wetland, as part of the mitigation for the project, in addition to ongoing prairie maintenance and buckthorn removal] for property located at 10405 West St. Martins Road, such property being zoned I-1 Institutional District (Tax Key No. 841-9985-001).

Discussion of Milwaukee County Parks 2017 Citizen Based Wetland Monitoring Program.

- B.** Commissioner Pomahac gave an overview of the 2017 Citizen-Science Wetland Monitoring Program held at Wehr Nature Center on Saturday January 21, 2017. Discussion only, no action taken.

#### **DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- VI.** Arbor Day activities at the City of Franklin Library will be held on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Further discussions will be held at the next meeting to decide what trees and shrubs will be handed out. Discussion only. No action taken.

#### **SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

- VII.** The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Environmental Commission is February 22, 2017.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

- VIII.** Commissioner Skowron moved to adjourn the Environmental Commission meeting of January 25, 2017 at 7:40 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Manthey. All voted 'aye'. Motion carried.