

CITY OF FRANKLIN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
July 25, 2018

Approved
August 22, 2018

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

- I.** Chairman Arthur Skowron called the July 25, 2018 regular meeting of the Environmental Commission to order at 7:00 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 Arthur Skowron, Vice Chair Wesley Cannon, Commissioners, Stephanie Flynn and Patricia Pomahac and Alderman Dan Mayer. Also present was Principal Planner Orrin Sumwalt, Economic Development Director Calli Berg and Milwaukee County Civil Engineer Karl Stave.

CITIZEN COMMENT

- II.** The citizen comment period opened at 7:00 p.m. and closed at 7:02 p.m.. No citizens present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting of June 27, 2018.

III.

- A.** Commissioner Flynn moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 27, 2018 as presented. Seconded by Alderman Mayer. 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.** Vice Chair Cannon spoke with the Department of Administration regarding the deadline for the September issue. The deadline is August 24, 2018. Discussion only. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Natural Resource Features Special Exception application by Milwaukee County Department of Administrative Services, applicant, BPC County Land, LLC, property owner, to remove certain mature woodlands (approximately 0.12 acres) located on the subject property, in order to construct a Winter Trail Extension (10 feet wide, approximately 1,100 foot long) for the recently constructed Oak Leaf Trail, to be located north of the ski hill and around the base of the ski and tubing Hill (north of and parallel to the recently constructed Oak Leaf Trail), in order to allow for year round use of the trail [to offset this impact, the applicant proposes woodland mitigation planting at the

V.

- A.** Vice Chair Cannon moved and Commissioner Flynn seconded a motion to recommend approval of a Natural Resource Special Exception as presented for the winter trail extension of the Oak Leaf Trail. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (5-0-0).

Wehr Nature Center], and to fill 0.003 acres of existing wetland which has been exempted by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, about 0.04 acre of wetland buffer, and about 0.027 acre of wetland setback (as such Natural Resource Special Exception mitigation is not required, however, the applicant is proposing to mitigate the wetland impacts in any event, to consist of construction of a small wetland at the Wehr Nature Center), all property located at approximately 7900 West Crystal Ridge Drive, zoned Planned Development District No. 37 (The Rock Sports Complex/Ballpark Commons) and FW Floodway District; Tax Key No. 744-8980-001.

Ways to improve and expand Arbor Day 2019.

B. Discussion only. No action taken.

Alternatives that would make the Natural Resource Special Exception mitigation process more practical, cost effective and beneficial.

C. Principal Planner Sumwalt discussed the concept of mitigation banks for future Natural Resource Special Exceptions. The area proposed is east of S. 112th Street and south of W. Oakwood Road. Discussion only. No action taken.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

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ADJOURNMENT

VII. Vice Chair Cannon moved to adjourn the Environmental Commission meeting of July 25, 2018 at 7:45 p.m.. Seconded by Commissioner Flynn. All voted 'aye'. Motion carried (5-0-0).