

CITY OF FRANKLIN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
August 26, 2020

Approved
September 23, 2020

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

- I.** Chairman Arthur Skowron called the August 26, 2020 regular meeting of the Environmental Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Inspection Services Conference Room, Franklin City Hall, 9229 West Loomis Road, Franklin, Wisconsin.

On roll call, the following were in attendance: Chair Skowron, Vice Chair Horn, Commissioners Cieslak, Hritz and Pomahac and Assistant Planner Ecks attended the meeting in the Inspection Services Conference Room, Franklin City Hall. Alderman Mayer and Alderwoman Wilhelm participated remotely.

CITIZEN COMMENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting of May 27, 2020.

III.

- A.** Vice Chair Horn moved and Commissioner Hritz seconded approval of the May 27, 2020 regular meeting minutes. On roll call vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ways to improve and expand Arbor Day 2021; involvement of Root-Pike WIN (Watershed Initiative Network), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 2001, program in Arbor Day celebration; Arbor Day event(s) planning.

IV.

- A.** Arbor Day 2021 will be the first Saturday of May 2021. Discussion only. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of articles for the City of Franklin Newsletter, from the Root-Pike WIN (Watershed Initiative Network), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 2001, program [this item/event is in process due to COVID-19 related restrictions].

V.

- A.** Delivery date for next newsletter is week of September 21, 2021. Discussion only. No action taken.

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources programs for presentation at the City of Franklin Library-dates/schedule [this item/event is in

- B.** Discussion only. No action taken.

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Presence of Buckthorn (invasive species) in the City of Franklin.

C. Alderman Mayer made a motion to recommend that all varieties of buckthorn be added to noxious weed list. This recommendation will be presented to the Common Council for review/approval. On roll call vote all voted 'aye'. Vote carried (6-0-0).

Presentation on and discussion of City of Franklin Natural Resource Protection Standards (Unified Development Ordinance Part 4 Natural Resource Protection).

D. Planner Ecks gave an overview of the City of Franklin Natural Resource Protection Plan along with protection standards as outlined in UDO Table 15-4.0100. A copy of Planner Ecks' presentation is attached to minutes for future referral.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

VI.

A. September 23, 2020

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

VII.

A.

Environmental Commission involvement in the City of Franklin's National Night Out program 2021.

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.

VIII. Commissioner Cieslak moved and Commissioner Hritz seconded to adjourn the Environmental Commission meeting on August 26, 2020 at 8:12 p.m.. On roll call vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-0).