

**CITY OF FRANKLIN**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**January 22, 2020**

Approved  
February 26, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

- I.** Chairman Arthur Skowron called the January 22, 2020 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 Wes Cannon, Commissioners Linda Horn, Patricia Pomahac and Ken Hritz and Alderman Dan Mayer. Also present were Executive Director of Root-Pike WIN Dave Giordano, City Engineer Glen Morrow and Assistant Planner Marion Ecks.

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

- II.** The citizen comment period opened at 7:01 p.m. and closed at 7:01 p.m.. No citizens present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the regular meeting of December 11, 2019.

- III.**  
**A.** Commissioner Hritz moved and Alderman Mayer seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 11, 2019. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-0).

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Environmental articles for the City of Franklin Newsletter.

- IV.**  
**A.** An article for Arbor Day will be submitted in February for the April newsletter. Discussion only. No action taken.

Ways to improve and expand Arbor Day 2020; involvement of local nurseries in the City's Arbor Day celebration; Arbor Day event(s) planning; options for a potential spring program consisting of presentations by a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources speaker.

- B.** Contact will be made with Root-Pike WIN for an interactive event for children at Arbor Day on May 2, 2020 at the Franklin Public Library. The DNR will be contacted regarding topics of flooding and wildlife in urban areas for spring and fall 2020 presentations at the Franklin Public Library. Discussion only. No action taken.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Root-Pike WIN (Watershed Initiative Network), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 2001, educational programming and the requirements of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for this programming.

- V.**  
**A.** An overview of educational services and project development was given by Dave Giordano, Executive Director of Root-Pike WIN. Discussion only. No action taken.

City of Franklin waste management and recycling data examination by the Environmental Commission.

**B.** Johns Disposal Service to be contacted to give a presentation at the future meeting of the Franklin Environmental Commission. Discussion only. No action taken.

2020 Environmental Commission meeting dates.

**C.** Meeting dates for 2020 continue to be the fourth Wednesday of the month with the exception of November and December which will be held on December 9, 2020. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-0).

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

**VI.**

**A.** February 26, 2020.

**DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Tree selection for Arbor Day.

**VII.**

**A.** Balsam Fir, White Cedar, Elderberry and Red Maple. Choices to be submitted to Tom Riha, City of Franklin Forester.

**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.**

Vice Chair Cannon moved and Commissioner Horn seconded to adjourn the Environmental Commission meeting on January 22, 2020 at 8:36 p.m.. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-0).