

**CITY OF FRANKLIN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
March 25, 2020**

Approved
April 22, 2020
(*Revised)

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL
CALL**

- I.** Chairman Arthur Skowron called the March 25, 2020 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.

*Assistant Planner Marion Ecks attended the meeting in the Lower Level Conference Room at Franklin City Hall, 9229 W. Loomis Road, Franklin, WI. Chair Arthur Skowron, Vice Chair Wes Cannon, Alderman Dan Mayer and Commissioners Pomahac, Horn and Hritz participated from home via teleconference.

CITIZEN COMMENT

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting of February 26, 2020.

III.

- A.** Vice Chair Cannon moved and Commissioner Ken Hritz seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 26, 2020. On roll call vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Johns Disposal Service, Inc. recycling program for the City of Franklin.

IV.

- A.** Assistant Planner Ecks will schedule a speaker with John's Disposal Service, Inc. for a future meeting. Discussion only. No action taken.

Ways to improve and expand Arbor Day 2020; 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.

- B.** To date, Arbor Day 2020 is still scheduled for Saturday, May 2nd. Commissioner Pomahac will keep Root-Pike WIN, Nan Calvert informed. Commissioner Cannon will stay in touch with Pat Brust, Wild Ones. Chair Skowron will contact Tom Riha, City Forester, regarding the tree order. Discussion only. No action taken.

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.

- C.** Per minutes from February 26, 2020 meeting the article from Root-Pike WIN, "Being Stormwater Friendly" will be submitted by Planner Ecks for the City of Franklin newsletter to be delivered the week of May 18, 2020. Discussion only. No action taken.

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources programs for presentation at the City of Franklin Library-dates/schedule and April 8, 2020 program review.

- D.** Commissioner Pomahac has contacted both speaker, Michelle Staff, DNR as well as library staff that the talk "Being Prepared for Flooding" scheduled April 8, 2020, will be rescheduled at a later date. Discussion only. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Natural Resource Features Special Exception application by Mills Hotel Wyoming, LLC, (Daniel L. Mathson and Virginia K. Mathson, property owners) for the purpose of grading and development of approximately 9,969 square feet of wetland, 19,268 square feet of wetland buffer and 34,002 square feet of wetland setback (which includes the buffer area as well), identified as W-2 in the Ryan Creek watershed, resulting from a Certified Survey Map land division to develop the property generally located at West Loomis Road and West Ryan Road (Lot 84 in Ryan Meadows Subdivision), zoned R-2 Estate/Single-Family Residence District, C-1 Conservancy District and R-8 Multiple-Family Residence District (Tax Key No. 939-9994-000).

Requirements of City of Franklin ordinance and administrative procedures relating to the distribution of paper Commission packets and materials for review, and options to reduce the use of paper.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

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.

V.

A. Commissioner Pomahac moved and Alderman Mayer seconded a motion to recommend approval of a Natural Resource Special Exception application by Mills Hotel Wyoming, LLC based upon:

1. Review by the Plan Commission of revised site intensity calculations to clarify the quantity of steep slopes and further recommend
2. Mitigation by the applicant be in the form of wetland enhancement to the existing wetlands on site.

On roll call vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-0).

B.

Commissioner Hritz moved and Vice Chair Cannon seconded a motion to have future (date to be determined) distribution of paper commission packets and materials for review sent to Commissioners electronically to reduce the use of paper. The exception to electronic distribution would be when there is submitted material for a Natural Resources Special Exception or when the Commissioners so choose the option to have it mailed. On roll call vote, all voted ‘aye’. Motion carried (6-0-0).

VI.

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VII.

Discussion only. No action taken.

VIII.

Vice Chair Cannon moved and Commissioner Horn seconded to adjourn the Environmental Commission meeting on March 25, 2020 at 8:14 p.m.. On roll call vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-0).

