

**CITY OF FRANKLIN**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 23, 2022**

Approved  
April 27, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

- I. Chair Linda Horn called the March 23, 2022 regular meeting of the Environmental Commission to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall, 9229 West Loomis Road, Franklin, Wisconsin.

On roll call, the following were in attendance: Chair Linda Horn, Vice Chair Jamie Groark, Commissioners James Cieslak, Sudarshan Sharma, Patricia Pomahac and Tom Niemiec. Alderman Dan Mayer arrived at 7:05 p.m.. Also present was Associate Planner Marion Ecks.

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

- II. The citizen comment period opened at 7:01 p.m. and closed at 7:01 p.m. Two citizens present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the regular meeting of February 23, 2022.

- III.  
A. Vice Chair Groark moved and Commissioner Cieslak seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 23, 2022 as amended. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (7-0-0).

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Environmental Commission involvement in Arbor Day 2022 event (tentatively May 7, 2022).

- IV.  
A. Arbor Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Franklin Public Library. Chair Horn has been contacted by Root Pike WIN for two displays. Commissioner Cieslak presented a draft of an information sheet on native wildflower seed packets that will be handed out at Arbor Day. Discussion only. No action taken.

Review of articles for the City of Franklin Newsletter.

- B. Deadline for May issue is April 15, 2022. To date, no articles to submit. Discussion only. No action taken.

Update on Buckthorn Subcommittee activity and/or proposals. Survey article/questions for City newsletter.

- C. Planner Ecks reported 282 completed online surveys. Surveys at Library have not been counted to date. The deadline for completing the survey is March 31, 2022. Results will be discussed at the April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting. Discussion only. No action taken.

City of Franklin street tree list update-recommendation to Common Council.

- D. Not completed to date per Planner Ecks. Discussion only. No action taken.

Environmental Commission participation in City of Franklin Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Task Force, to provide assistance in revisions to the Natural

- E. Planner Ecks referred to Houseal Lavigne Associates memorandum dated March 9, 2022. Article 6 contains recommendations for Natural Resource Protection Standards. Discussion only. No action taken.

Resource Protection Standards and other elements of the City of Franklin UDO.

Funding for Environmental Commission activities.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Natural Resource Features Special Exception application by Fiduciary Real Estate Development, Inc. (CCM-9801 27th Franklin, LLC, property owner), for the purpose of impacting approximately 671 square feet of wetland (528 square feet of temporary impacts (grading) and 143 square feet of permanent impacts (paving and other impervious surfaces)), 8,018 square feet of wetland buffer (4,990 square feet of temporary impacts (grading) and 3,028 square feet of permanent impacts (paving and other impervious surfaces)) and approximately 27,935 square feet of wetland setback (24,251 square feet of temporary impacts (grading) and 3,684 square feet of permanent impacts (paving and other impervious surfaces)), with proposed impacts to both young and mature woodland not exceeding the protection standards of the Unified Development Ordinance [the applicant has proposed mitigation for both wetland resources, and for young woodland impacts], properties located at 9801 South 27th Street and 9605 South 29th Street, zoned B-4 South 27th Street Mixed-Use Commercial District (Tax Key Nos. 902-9965-006 and 902-9966-001).

Request to provide a speaker, in May of 2022, for a 3rd grade class on City environmental practices, taught by a local school teacher.

**F.** A template for the Environmental Commission budget worksheet was included in Commissioners' packet for the March 23, 2022 meeting. The deadline for budget requests for 2022 is between July 1 and August 1, 2022. Discussion only. No action taken.

#### **V.**

**A.** Commissioner Pomahac moved and Commissioner Cieslak seconded a motion that the Environmental Commission recommends accepting the NRSE by Fiduciary Real Estate provided that:

**a)** The applicant shall submit conservation easements for areas of preserved natural resources (§15-4.0103.B.1.d, §15-7.0201.H) for Common Council review and approval, prior to any land disturbing activities.

**b)** The applicant shall obtain all necessary approvals from Federal and State regulatory agencies, (§15-10.0208.B.3) prior to any land disturbing activities.

**c)** The applicant shall provide for financial sureties for implementation of restoration as permitted by §15-4.0103D.

**d)** The applicant shall place boulders or other markers to demarcate the wetland setback on the property.

**e)** The applicant shall make required technical corrections (UDO §15-4.0102 and §15-7.0200) to Natural Resource Protection Plans as provided in staff review comments dated March 14, 2022.

**f)** The applicant shall provide for restoration of native wetland species in wetland mitigation areas.

On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (7-0-0).

**B.** Suggestions for a speaker were Wehr Nature Center and Root Pike WIN. Commissioner Cieslak also volunteered. Discussion only. No action taken.

Future cleanup event with Root-Pike WIN (Watershed Initiative Network).

C. Area for cleanup is approximately 35<sup>th</sup> and Marquette, northwest of Northwestern Mutual in Franklin. Discussion only. No action taken.

Assistance from Root-Pike WIN (Watershed Initiative Network) on native plantings, language for City ordinances.

D. Discussion only. No action taken

Native habitat restoration project (City-wide) in the City of Franklin.

E. Discussion only. No action taken.

Overview on Conservation Easements.

F. Planner Ecks gave an overview of Conservation Easements including principle, terminology, requirements as well as an example from December 2014 between Franklin High School and the City of Franklin. Discussion only. No action taken.

#### **SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

#### **VI.**

A. April 27, 2022

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

#### **VII.**

A. None.

#### **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 Alderman Mayer seconded to adjourn the Environmental Commission meeting on March 23, 2022 at 8:59 pm. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (7-0-0).