

**CITY OF FRANKLIN  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
May 25, 2022**

Approved  
June 22, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

- I. Chair Linda Horn called the May 25, 2022 regular meeting of the Environmental Commission to order at 7:01 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 and Sudarshan Sharma. Excused was Alderman John Nelson. Absent was Commissioner Tom Niemiec. Also present was Associate Planner Marion Ecks.

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

- II. The citizen comment period opened at 7:07 p.m. and closed at 7:07 p.m.. No Citizens present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the regular meeting of April 27, 2022.

- III. A. Commissioner Cieslak moved and Commissioner Sharma seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 27, 2022. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (4-0-2).

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

- IV. A. Drawing for garden plants. Winner has delayed ordering to next spring. More shrubs for Arbor Day next year to promote Buckthorn removal. Discussion only. No action taken.

Review of articles for the City of Franklin Newsletter.

- B. Buckthorn survey and photo from Arbor Day to post to Website. 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 Resource Protection Standards and other elements of the City of Franklin UDO.

- C. Draft chapter of zoning. Additional public hearings will be forthcoming as revision gets closer to finalization. Discussion only. No action taken.

Funding for Environmental Commission activities.

- D. High priority – saplings  
- garden giveaway  
- seed giveaway  
Medium/High – refreshments

**Low**

- graphics for t-shirts for
- community events
- gift cards for speakers
- pre-planned garden
- seed packets
- site clearing
- tablets – to be high priority

Planner Ecks will take to finance department with recommendations. Discussion only. No action taken.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Election of Officers: Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Chairman’s appointment of the Secretary.

**V.**

**A.**

Vice Chair Groark nominated Linda Horn to Chair. Seconded by Commissioner Cieslak. On voice vote, all voted ‘aye’. Motion carried (4-0-2).

Vice Chair Groark nominated Commission Cieslak to Vice Chair. Seconded by Commissioner Sharma. On voice note, all voted ‘aye’. Motion carried (4-0-2).

Chair Horn appointed Commissioner Groark to Secretary

Request by City of Franklin resident Jeremy Stimpson to consider City of Franklin participation in regional Solar Group Buy program.

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

Future cleanup events and workshops with Root-Pike WIN (Watershed Initiative Network), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, Southeastern Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and other community organizations.

- C.**
1. May 28<sup>th</sup> Grobschmidt Park clean-up
  2. June 25<sup>th</sup> O.C.S.D. and Root Pike WIN at Forest Ridge Elementary.
  3. National Night Out August 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 – 9:00 pm at the Franklin Public Library.
- Discussion only. No action taken.

2021 Water Quality Report.

**D.** Discussion only. No action taken.

Common Council referral of “No Mow May” to the Environmental Commission for research and recommendation back to the Common Council.

**E.** Find more research on benefits vs negatives. Discussion only. No action taken.

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

**VI.**

**A.** June 22, 2022

**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

- VII.** Commissioner Cieslak moved and Vice Chair Groark seconded to adjourn the Environmental Commission meeting on May 25, 2022 at 8:09 pm. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (4-0-2).
- A.**