

**City of Franklin
Environmental Commission Meeting
July 26, 2023
Minutes**

**Approved
December 6, 2023**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Linda Horn called the July 26, 2023 regular Environmental Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Franklin City Hall, 9229 West Loomis Road, Franklin, Wisconsin.

Present were Chair Linda Horn, Secretary Jamie Groark, Alderman Jason Craig and Commissioner Sudarshan Sharma and Amy Serafin. Also present was Associate Planner Marion Ecks.

II. Citizen Comment

The Citizen Comment period opened at 7:01 pm and closed at 7:01 pm. No citizens present.

III. Approval of Minutes –

Regular Meeting of April 26, 2023

Alderman Craig moved and Commissioner Sharma seconded a motion to approve with minor corrections. On voice vote, all voted ‘aye’; motion carried (5-0-0).

Regular Meeting of May 24, 2023

Alderman Craig moved and Commissioner Serafin seconded a motion to approve. On voice vote, all voted ‘aye’; motion carried (5-0-0).

IV. Unfinished Business

A. Review of articles for the City of Franklin Newsletter.

General discussion. Rain barrels provided by MMSD (Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District) was well received and approved by the Commission. Discussion only, no action taken.

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

General discussion of resources.

- Suggestion to include the Fresh Coast Resource Center – MMSD recommendations on mowing as a resource for the public, to be included in the spring newsletter, and as a link on the City’s website.
- The Commission would like to request that City Forrester Tom Riha to attend a future meeting discuss a burn program for fire-based land management. .
- Other resources about “burn” programs are available from Urban Ecology Center.

Discussion only. No action taken.

C. Update on 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.

Next update was rescheduled for the August 3, 2023 Plan Commission meeting.

Commissions recommendations should be in the draft.

Discussion only, no action taken.

D. Update on Buckthorn Subcommittee activity and/or proposals.

Commissioner Serafin will be producing a small article on Buckthorn for fall newsletter. Draft will be sent to Associate Planner Ecks by email on July 27, 2023.

V. New Business

A. Proposed Autumn Hazardous Waste Drop Off event.

A new location at 6060 S. 13th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53221 is available for hazardous waste drop off.

- Hours: Tuesday -- 11:00am – 6:00pm
Saturday – 8:00am – 2:00pm

MMSD Events.

- Wauwatosa City Hall, 7725 W. North Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213 - September 16, 2023
- Milwaukee DPW, 3850 N. 35th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53216, October 13, 2023

Discussion only. No action taken.

VI. Schedule Next Meeting

- A. August 23, 2023

VII. Adjournment

Commissioner Serafin moved and Alderman Craig seconded to adjourn the Environmental Commission meeting of July 26, 2023 at 7:43 p.m. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'; motion carried (5-0-0).