

**CITY OF FRANKLIN**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING**  
**MINUTES**  
**August 12, 2019**

Approved  
September 25, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

- I.** Chairman Arthur Skowron called the August 12, 2019 Special 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 Patricia Pomahac, Linda Horn, Stephanie Flynn, Ken Hritz and Alderman Dan Mayer. Also present was Planning Manager Joel Dietl. Commissioner Hritz was introduced as a new member of the Environmental Commission. All vacancies have now been filled.

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the regular meeting of July 24, 2019.

- III.**  
**A.** Vice Chair Cannon moved and Alderman Mayer seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 24, 2019 as presented. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (7-0-0).

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Environmental articles for the City of Franklin Newsletter.

City of Franklin's National Night Out.

- IV.**  
**A.** No current articles. No action taken.  
**B.** Commissioner Skowron attended the City of Franklin Night Out on August 5, 2019. Ideas for the Franklin Environmental Commission to have a table inside the library with environmentally related information were discussed for next year. Discussion only. No action taken.

Environmental elements and natural resources promotion, protection and maintenance education and participation programs and activities in the Community.

- C.** To be further discussed at the September 25, 2019 Environmental Commission meeting. 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.

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Review of Sierra Club CD on "Reinventing Power" (library plan for viewing).

- E.** The CD is continuing to be reviewed by members of the Environmental Commission. Commissioner Horn will contact WE Energies to see if they would provide a speaker to discuss the highlights of the CD, "Reinventing

Power.” An October program would be planned at the Franklin Public Library. Discussion only. No action taken.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Natural Resource Features Special Exception application by Conservancy for Healing and Heritage, Inc., Susan A. Rabe, CEO and Executive Director, for the purpose of clearing, grading, filling, and development of approximately 0.002 acre of lake (which is also located within the 100-year recurrence interval floodplain and the shore buffer associated with Kopmeier Lake), approximately 0.007 acre of wetlands (which is also located within the 100-year recurrence interval floodplain and the shore buffer associated with Kopmeier Lake), approximately 0.107 acre of wetland buffer (of which about 0.089 acre is also located within the 100-year recurrence interval floodplain and about 0.003 acre is also located within the shore buffer), and approximately 0.006 acre of wetland setback, to construct the proposed Lake and Nature Trails on the Conservancy for Healing and Heritage property (extending northeastward from the existing chapel to Kopmeier Lake) [this project includes the construction of paved and unpaved trails with boardwalks and observation decks, benches, stairs, a pier on Kopmeier Lake, and associated signage], property generally located at 6941 South 68th Street, such property being zoned Planned Development District No. 28 (Polish Festivals, Inc. – Polish Community Center) (Tax Key No. 743-8978-006).

Scheduled Planning Department submissions.

## **DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Environmental Commission collaboration with the Franklin Public Library for special programs presentations and use of the Library facilities, including but not limited to Arbor Day programs and Field

## **V.**

- A.** Alderman Mayer moved and Commissioner Pomahac seconded a motion to recommend approval of a Natural Resource Special Exception application by the Conservancy for Healing and Heritage, Inc. subject to receipt of necessary permits and mitigation standards as determined by the Plan Commission and Common Council. Done by roll call, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried. (7-0-0).

- B.** No discussion. No action taken.

## **VI.**

- A.** Commissioner Pomahac met with the Franklin Public Library staff regarding maintenance of the new rain garden (June 2019) . Library staff and volunteers will be responsible for the care of the rain garden.

Projects..

Environmental Committees in the Milwaukee Metropolitan area cooperative programs, projects and meetings concept review - Hales Corners, Muskego and Shorewood.

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

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

**VII.**

**A.** September 25, 2019.

**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 Flynn moved and Vice Chair Cannon seconded to adjourn the Environmental Commission meeting of August 12, 2019 at 8:15 p.m.. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (7-0-0).