

CITY OF FRANKLIN Approved
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES September 22, 2021
August 25, 2021

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

- I. Chairman Linda Horn called the August 25, 2021 regular meeting of the Environmental Commission to order at 7:04 p.m. in the Inspection Conference Room, Franklin City Hall, 9229 West Loomis Road, Franklin, Wisconsin.

On roll call, the following were in attendance: Chair Linda Horn, Vice Chair Jamie Groark and Commissioners Patricia Pomahac, Sudarshan Sharma and James Cieslak. Excused was Alderman Dan Mayer. Also present was Associate Planner Marion Ecks.

CITIZEN COMMENT

- II. The citizen comment period opened at 7:05 p.m. and closed at 7:07 p.m.. 1 citizen was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting of July 28, 2021.

- III.
A. Commissioner Cieslak moved and Vice Chair Groark seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held July 28, 2021 as amended. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (5-0-1).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Environmental Commission involvement in the City of Franklin's National Night Out program Monday, August 2, 2021.

- IV.
A. Vice Chair Groark read a "Thank you for your participation" letter from Richard Oliva, Franklin Chief of Police.

Commissioner Cieslak provided suggestions for National Night Out 2022; examples include handouts on trails, mulch, recycling and water and sewer issues. 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 [this item/event is in process due to COVID-19 related restrictions], including educational materials for Buckthorn (invasive species), that is, website information and QR (Quick Response) code (a two-dimensional barcode used to share website links).

- B. Root-Pike WIN has an article on Buckthorn for the September newsletter. Discussion only. No action taken.

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources programs for

- C. Due to health and safety concerns and the library's limitation of 65 for the Fadrow conference room, the

presentation at the City of Franklin Library-dates/schedule [this item/event is in process due to COVID-19 related restrictions] [tentative date: October 13, 2021].

Update on Buckthorn Subcommittee activity and/or proposals.

City of Franklin street tree list update-best list reviews.

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.

NEW BUSINESS

Franklin Aggregates Quarry Reclamation Plan.

Landfill life expectancy and future plans.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

City water supply testing overview.

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.

October 13, 2021 talk by Milwaukee Riverkeeper will be scheduled for 2022. Also, Commissioner Pomahac will look into contacting the DNR for a talk on flooding to be scheduled for early April 2022. Discussion only. No action taken.

D. Commissioner Cieslak suggested deferring any action until Milwaukee County has a plan in place. Commissioner Cieslak further suggested to continue educating residents on the need to identify, control and eliminate Buckthorn. Discussion only. No action taken.

E. Discussion only. No action taken.

F. A Common Council Special meeting regarding the Unified Development Ordinance Roundtable Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, August 26, 2021. Discussion only. No action taken.

V.

A. Associate Planner Ecks mentioned upcoming meetings by Plan Commission at 7:00 pm on September 23, 2021 and Common Council October 5, 2021. Discussion only. No action taken.

B. Associate Planner Ecks has just started to review this item. Location is 124th Street and W. County Line Road. Discussion only. No action taken.

VI.

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VII.

A. This item will be listed under New Business for the September 22, 2021 meeting.

VIII

Vice Chair Groark moved and Commissioner Pomahac seconded to adjourn the Environmental Commission meeting on August 25, 2021 at 8:29 p.m.. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (5-0-1).