

**CITY OF FRANKLIN**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 7, 2022**

Approved  
January 25, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

- I. Chair Linda Horn called the December 7, 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 James Cieslak, Commissioner Sudarshan Sharma and Alderman John Nelson. Excused was Secretary Jamie Groark and Absent was Commissioners Tom Niemiec. Also present was Associate Planner Marion Ecks.

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

- II. The citizen comment period opened at 7:02 p.m. and closed at 7:08 p.m.. One citizen present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the regular meeting of August 24, 2022.

- III. A. Commissioner Sudarshan moved and Vice Chair Cieslak seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 24 2022 . On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (4-0-2).

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Review of articles for the City of Franklin Newsletter.

- IV. A. Need to get Arbor Day information by January. Arbor Day is designated for April 28, 2023. Proposed dates for the tree giveaway are April 29, 2023 or May 6, 2023. Shrub giveaway is showing lots of enthusiasm. Discussion only. No action taken.

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

- B. Alderman Nelson moved and Vice Chair Cieslak seconded a motion to table to next meeting. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (4-0-2).

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. 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

Alderman Nelson moved and Commissioner Cieslak seconded to suspend rules for the public to

comment. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (4-0-2).

Funding for Environmental Commission activities.

**D.** Reimbursements through the Planning department. Discussion only. No action taken.

Update on Buckthorn Subcommittee activity and/or proposals.

**E.** Commissioner Cieslak gave an update with regard to activities involving Franklin Public Schools. Discussion only. No action taken.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

**V.**

**A.** No update. Discussion only. No action taken.

Stormwater outfall issue in Wehr Nature Center, located at 9701 West College Avenue.

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

Review list of Environmental Commission meeting dates for 2023.

**C.** No update. Discussion only. No action taken.

Letter from Thomas Wilde, City of Franklin resident, regarding buckthorn removal near Ernie Lake Park located at 8000 South Chapel Hill Drive.

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

City of Franklin participation in regional Solar Group Buy program. Presentation by Marti Monti, Midwest Renewable Energy Association.

**E.** Marti Monti of Midwest Renewable Energy Association presented the Solar Group Buy program. Discussion only. No action taken.

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

**VI.**

**A.** January 25, 2023

**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.**

**A.** Vice Chair Cieslak moved and Alderman Nelson seconded to adjourn the Environmental Commission meeting on December 7, 2022 at 8:52 pm. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (4-0-2).