

**CITY OF FRANKLIN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
April 26, 2023**

Approved
July 26, 2023

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

- I. Chair Linda Horn called the April 26, 2023 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, Commissioners Sudarshan Sharma, Amy Serafin, Jamie Groark, and Alderman Jason Craig. Also present was Associate Planner Marion Ecks and Principal Planner Regulo Martiniez-Montilva.

CITIZEN COMMENT

- II. The citizen comment period opened at 7:04 p.m. and closed at 7:13p.m.. Two citizens were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting of January 25, 2023.

- III. A. Vice Chair Cieslak moved and Commissioner Sharma seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 22, 2023. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (6-0-0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review of articles for the City of Franklin Newsletter.

- IV. A. Arbor Day newsletter. 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. Native planting ordinance. Make or find recommendations for best practices. Further discussion at next meeting. 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. Presentation from Birchline Planning LLC on the Natural Resource section recommendations of the UDO. Additional questions from Vice Chair Cieslak - "Recommendations are about conserving wetlands, yet where in the UDO is conserving the environment ordinances; like sound light conservation?"

Secretary Groark commented on "Add invasive species removal option with a stewardship fund, as an option for NRSE mitigation."

Questions for staff:

Pg. 6 #9 Lands adjoining tax incremental districts. Why are we not having developers go through the NRSE process when additional lands are added to TID districts?

Pg. 3 #8: Institutional properties divided by public street or utility extensions. Why are these exempt? Pg. 20 (c) surety or other financial instrument to replace— see change in PowerPoint presentation.

Mitigation Guidance- will be held by Environmental Commission, what enforcement will be available? Is this a guidance or guideline for the UDO? Special Use approval and PDDs should include community impacts.

Update on Buckthorn Subcommittee activity and/or proposals.

D. No update, no discussion.

Environmental Commission involvement in Arbor Day 2023 event.

E. Health department will be there. MMSD will have rain barrel workshop sign up. DPW will have bags available for clean-up.

Update on the City of Franklin noise ordinance subcommittee activity.

F. This item is tabled to the next agenda.

Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewage District “Green Teams”, rain gardens and native garden planting programs and other resources

G. This item is tabled to the next agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

V.

A. None

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

VI. May 24, 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. Commissioner Groark move and Alderman Craig seconded to adjourn the Environmental Commission meeting on April 26, 2023 at 9:25 On voice vote, all voted ‘aye’. Motion carried (6-0-0).