

**CITY OF FRANKLIN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
March 22, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

- I. Chair Linda Horn called the March 22, 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, Jamie Groark and Alderman John Nelson. Also present was Associate Planner Marion Ecks.

CITIZEN COMMENT

- II. The citizen comment period opened at 7:01 p.m. and closed at 7:13 p.m.. Five 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 with minor corrections of the regular meeting held January 25, 2023. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (5-0-0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review of articles for the City of Franklin Newsletter.

- IV. A. Arbor Day newsletter. Discussion only. No action taken.
- B. Native planting ordinance. Make or find recommendations for best practices. Further discussion at next meeting. Discussion only. No action taken.

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

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. February 6, 2023 Committee of the Whole status update. Section 8 and 9. February 23, 2023 subdivision standards and new subdivision and administrative procedures. Discussion only. No action taken.

Update on Buckthorn Subcommittee activity and/or proposals.

- D. Discussion only. No action taken.

Environmental Commission involvement in Arbor Day 2023 event.

- E. Need to order seeds, Vice Chair Cieslak will be in contact with the Planning department. Commissioner Groark will look into getting shirts for the event. Chair Horn informed the Commission of a library clean-out after the Arbor Day event. Bring gloves, shovels, rakes, etc. Discussion only. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Update on the City of Franklin noise ordinance subcommittee activity.

- V. A. Commissioner Cieslak- read an email from Police Chief Rick Oliva describing the complaint process and the number of complaints from 2022, which totaled 122. In addition, an email from the Greendale Police Department describing their actions when a complaint is filed, which when checking the monitors, does not meet the requirements to give a citation. The current decibel level is 79- Recommendations to the City on the sound complaints about The Rock Sports Complex.

1. Meet with Rock Representatives to review and discuss the complaints.
2. Seek a voluntary reduction in noise levels to that allowed in residential areas based on current research for quality of life.
3. Remove any City owned monitors from the Rock Sports Complex and place on neighboring residential properties.
4. Look into an online monitoring system.
5. Make sure there is regular calibration.

If unable to reach a voluntary agreement

- Stop all special permits for fireworks
- Stop all permits for evening concerts
- Stop all permits for events taking place after sunset.

Motioned by Vice Chair- Cieslak, seconded by Commissioner Sharma. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (5-0-0).

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

- B. The "Green Team" will be providing 100 free rain barrels to the residents with free set-up. The Team will also be providing education on Native Plantings, Rain Gardens. Will be at Arbor Day handing out additional information. Discussion Only, No action taken.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING

- VI. A. April 26th, 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 Commissioner Groark seconded to adjourn the Environmental Commission meeting on March 22, 2023, at 8:26 pm. On a voice vote, all voted 'aye'. Motion carried (5-0-0).