

**City of Franklin
Environmental Commission Meeting
April 24, 2024
Minutes**

**Approved
June 26, 2024**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Linda Horn called the April 24, 2024, regular Environmental Commission meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Franklin City Hall, 9229 West Loomis Road, Franklin, Wisconsin.

Present were Chair Linda Horn, Alderman Jason Craig and Commissioners Sudarshan Sharma and Jesse Valdez. Absent was Commissioner Amy Serafin. Also present was Principal Planner Marion Ecks.

II. Citizen Comment

The Citizen Comment period opened at 6:35 pm and closed at 6:35 pm. No citizens were present.

**III. Approval of Minutes –
Regular Meeting of March 27, 2024**

Alderman Craig moved and Commissioner Sharma seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2024 Environmental Commission meeting. On voice vote, all voted ‘aye’; motion carried (4-0-1).

IV. Unfinished Business

A. Review of articles for the City of Franklin Newsletter.

The deadline to submit the draft article was April 17th and therefore no new articles were submitted. Principal Planner Ecks will provide some material for review before the next meeting. Discussion only, no action taken.

B. Update on 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.

Revised draft of the UDO is complete. Noise ordinance is being produced; this is an expanded scope. Revised draft including noise ordinance will be forthcoming. May 23, 2024, 5:00 pm, is scheduled for high level introduction of the proposed draft UDO [includes feedback from various Commissions].

Principal Planner Ecks provided details of the new timeline based on the updated schedule and the remaining legislative process (focus group feedback, citizen comments, comments from various commissions, etc.). There will be 4 meetings, additional focus group sessions, staff working sessions, a series of public engagement sessions and a public open house. All of these will be done before a final UDO is sent for legal review and adoption process. There will be recommendations expected from the Environmental Commission during this process and a meeting on May 23, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.. At this time there will be an overall introduction to the proposed draft and another meeting on June 20th, 2024 to discuss natural resource protection and noise regulations. Discussion only, no action taken.

V. New Business

A. Environmental Commission involvement in Arbor Day 2024 event, scheduled for May 4, 2024.

Arbor Day 2024 event is scheduled for May 4, 2024 at 10:00 am at the Franklin Public Library. Discussion only, no action taken.

B. Discussion of creation of a combined Parks and Environmental Commission.

No update at this time. May not have any updates until the end of summer due to other priorities for the Planning department. Discussion only, no action taken.

C. Discussion of natural areas and mowing information/recommendations to forward to Parks Commission.

Environmental Commission made recommendations for best practices in mowing natural areas of the city. A memo was sent to Parks Commission, they are receptive to the recommendations. City Engineer, Glen Morrow, has found the Commission's recommendations useful in managing Water Tower Park since it has wetlands in different conditions. Discussion only, no action taken.

VI. Schedule Next Meeting

A. May 22, 2024

VII. Adjournment

Alderman Craig moved and Commissioner Sharma seconded to adjourn the Environmental Commission meeting of April 24, 2024, at 7:04 pm. On voice vote, all voted 'aye'; motion carried (4-0-1).