

**MINUTES  
CITY OF MAPLEWOOD  
ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION  
Wednesday, November 12, 2025  
6:00 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Lates called a meeting of the Environmental and Natural Resources Commission to order at 6:02 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Rebecca Bryan, Commissioner	Present
Joanne Cryer, Commissioner	Present
Benjamin Guell, Commissioner	Present
David Lates, Chairperson	Present
Ted Redmond, Commissioner	Absent
Wes Saunders-Pearce, Commissioner	Present

**Staff Present**

Shann Finwall, Sustainability Coordinator

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairperson Lates moved to approve the agenda.

Seconded by Commissioner Saunders-Pearce.                      Ayes – All

The motion passed.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a.      October 8, 2025

Commissioner Guell moved to approve the October 8, 2025, Environmental and Natural Resources Commission meeting minutes as written.

Seconded by Commissioner Saunders-Pearce.                      Ayes – All

The motion passed.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

a.      Church of Pentecost, 1701 Gervais Avenue East – Wetland Buffer Variance

Shann Finwall, Sustainability Coordinator, introduced the subject.

The Church of Pentecost had the following representatives speak on the project:

- Rob Binder, Civil Site Group

- Joseph Rief, Civil Site Group
- Joseph Gyamfi, Church of Pentecost

The Environmental and Natural Resources Commission discussed the following:

- Required escrows.
- Invasive species outside of the wetland buffer area.
- Proof of parking and shared parking.
- Usable lawn area.
- Increased wetland buffer area.
- Wetland buffer mitigation plan.

Commissioner Saunders-Pearce moved to approve the wetland buffer resolution for the Church of Pentecost with an additional wetland buffer mitigation strategy including:

- Removal and management of invasive species in the wetland buffer and in the open space area located on the north and west side of the church and overseeding this area with native seed.

Seconded by Chair Lates.

Ayes – All

The motion passed.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**7. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS**

None

**8. COMMISSIONER PRESENTATIONS**

None

**9. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

Shann Finwall, Sustainability Coordinator, updated the Environmental and Natural Resources Commission on the following:

- a. October 27, 2025, City Council Update
  - 1) Resolution of Appreciation for Nancy Edwards
  - 2) Wakefield Park Community Building Solar Project
  - 3) Century Ponds Development
- b. Board and Commission Appreciation Dinner – February 5, 2026, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- c. Environmental and Natural Resources Commission Calendar

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Lates adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.