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GROW Ecological Commission Regular Meeting

November 2nd, 2023 @ 6:30pm

Village Hall Board Room

- 1. 6:30 - Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge**
- 3. Inspiration**
 - a. Nicole Molinaro
 - b. Next Month: Tuesday, 12-5-23:
- 4. Roll Call**
- 5. Review of Minutes**
 - a. Approval of 10-5-23 minutes – Nicole
- 6. Current Fiscal Year ending 4/30/23 Financial Report – Liz Wiseman-Chase**
- 7. 6:40 – Old Business**
 - a. Waste Management Contract Renewal – LeeAnn Kruszynski
 - b. Club Mend – Nikki Way
 - c. December Newsletter Submission: Mariana Nicolae
 - i. Next Month, due December 10th:
 - d. 2023 Planning Calendar – 6:50
 - i. *Debrief:* “Tour de Proviso”: 10/7 – Lee Kaufman
 - ii. *Debrief:* Tour de Proviso Table 10/7 “Learn to Compost” – Nicole
 - iii. *Debrief:* “Learn to Compost” Earth Hour at Library 10/19 – Nicole
 - iv. *Debrief:* “Westchester Shred to Recycle” 10/21 – Evie Slavic
 - v. “Pumpkin Smash” 11/4/23 – Matt Downs
 - vi. January Newsletter due 12/10:
 - e. 7:00 - 2024 Goals: Education and Engagement, Advisement, Climate Action Plan –
 - i. Downs – Pumpkin Smash, Natural Lawn Care

- ii. Kaufman – School Bicycling Event, Electric Powered Equipment for Natural Lawn Care
 - iii. Kruszynski – Tree Walk, Planting Demonstration, Arbor Day, Reusa Palooza, Climate Action Plan
 - iv. Molinaro – Bee City USA, Composting, Natural Lawn Care, Buckthorn
 - v. Nicolae – Water Quality/Sustainability – Composting, Climate Change Awareness
 - vi. Way – Club Mend, Reusa Palooza, Commission Marketing support, Green infrastructure/solar/rain and native garden/ecological interest walk, painted rain barrels
 - vii. Wiseman-Chase – Climate Action Plan, Air Pollution/Health, Incentives for Electric Appliances, Solar Education and Solar Walk, EV Car Show
- f. 2024 Planning Calendar
- i. Engagement on Climate Action: Climate Action Museum Tentative Dates: 1/12/24, 2/16/24, 3/15/24 @2pm - Liz Wiseman-Chase (5 min.)
 - ii. “Buckthorn and Healthy Hedges” with Dave Coulter 1/17 or 1/18 @6:30pm – Nicole
 - iii. “Air Pollution and Your Health” with C. Patricia Macias-Huerta, MD, MPH and Liz – February
 - iv. Discussion of 2024 Planning Calendar

8. New Business – 7:30

- a. Illinois Electric Vehicle Charging Act effective 1/1/24. Liz Wiseman-Chase
- b. Review process for submitting newsletter articles and events – Evie (2 min.)
- c. 2024 Meeting Dates - Nicole

9. **7:45 - Public Participation** - *In order to give as many visitors as possible an opportunity to speak and in the interest of adjourning the meeting by 8:00 p.m., please limit your comments to 3 minutes in length, unless further time is granted by the Commission.*

10. Adjournment

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