



# Village of Westchester

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## GROW Ecological Commission Regular Meeting

**March 2, 2023 @ 6:30pm**

**Village Hall Board Room**

### 1. Call to Order

### 2. Pledge

### 3. Inspiration

- a. Nicole Molinaro
- b. Next Month: 4/6/23

### 4. Roll Call

### 5. 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.

### 6. Review of Minutes

- a. Approval of 2-2-2023 minutes

### 7. Old Business

- a. Board Reports (Nicole)
  - i. 2022 annual report (LeeAnn)
  - ii. 2023 quarterly report for April (Nicole)
- b. 2023 Planning Calendar (Nicole)
  - i. Citizens Utility Board Solar for All Events (*Proviso residents @ 80% of the mean income level for Cook County*) Dates: Sat. 3/25 & Sun. 3/26: 9:00 am – 10:00 am (Liz)
  - ii. Earth Day Event with MWRD speaker Sat. 4/22 / *i-Naturalist Challenge* snippet (Nicole)
  - iii. Sustainable Landscaping Event with Ryan Anderson of Midwest Grows Green /IPM Institute  
Date: Sat. 5/20: 9:00 am – 10:00 am (Nicole)  
Request for speaker honorarium and travel not to exceed \$200
  - iv. Native Plant Sale (Nicole)
  - v. Cycle Event (Lee)
- c. Climate Action Plan (Liz)
  - i. Discussion prior to vote: 2023 Westchester Climate Action Plan (Liz)
- d. Recruitment for Commissioner Vacancies. (Evie)

## **8. Current Fiscal Year Financial Report**

- a. Budget: \$1,500 (GROW booth materials and community outreach events)
- b. Expended: \$135 (GROW banner and outside printing of July 4<sup>th</sup> GROW bookmarks)
- c. Commissioner Donations: \$243 (GROW event shirts, July 4<sup>th</sup> GROW signage, printing of GROW Solar Chicagoland leaflet event invites)

## **9. Upcoming Fiscal Year Financial Planning/Budget (Evie)**

- a. Upcoming budget cycle process and timeline
- b. Budgetary quotes

## **10. New Business**

- a. Place making in Westchester with MWRD (Lee)
- b. Society for Ecological Restoration Meeting, Apr. 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> (Nicole)

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## **12. 2023 Goals: Community Education and Engagement**

- a. Commissioner interests/participation
  - i. Downs – Waste reduction, restoration, reduction in pesticide usage particularly to lawns
  - ii. Kaufman – Alternative transportation, energy, landscaping, land use (placemaking), community engagement for change and improvement
  - iii. Kruszynski – Trash/waste, Trees, Flooding
  - iv. Molinaro – Pesticide awareness and pollinator habitat. To reduce heat islands and make better use of our commons which includes Park District and Schools. Overall environmental literacy and ecological restoration. Flooding and reviewing FEMAs Community Rating System for Westchester.
  - v. Wiseman-Chase – Clean air, Clean energy, Climate Action Plan

## **13. Adjournment**

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