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GROW Ecological Commission Regular Meeting

August 3rd, 2023 @ 6:30pm

Village Hall Board Room

- 1. 6:30 - Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge** (1 min.)
- 3. Inspiration** (2 min.)
 - a. Lee Kaufman
 - b. Next Month: 9/7/23
- 4. Roll Call** (1 min.)
- 5. Review of Minutes** (1 min.) – Nicole Molinaro
 - a. Approval of 7-6-2023 minutes
- 6. Old Business**
 - a. 2023 Planning Calendar –
 - i. *Debrief: “Our Climate Crisis”* with Kent Taylor, Sat. 7/29 – Liz W-Chase (2 min.)
 - ii. “Solar Switch Chicagoland” with Marina Minic, Sat. 8/19: 9:00 am – Liz (2 min.)
 - iii. “Reuse-a-Palooza” Sat. 9/23 & Sun. 9/24 – LeeAnn Kruszynski (2 min.)
 - iv. “Costume Swap” – Nikki Way (2 min.)
- 7. New Business**
 - a. RESOLUTION NO. 2023-933 SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER (**ATTACHMENT**) (2 min.)
- 8. 6:45 - Public Participation** - In order to give as many visitors as possible an opportunity to speak and in the interest of adjourning the meeting by 7:00 p.m. for Closed Session, please limit your comments to 3 minutes in length, unless further time is granted by the Commission.
- 9. 7:00 – Closed Session**

5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) - Meeting to consider the **appointment**, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or **specific volunteers of the public body** or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

10. Adjournment

The Village of Westchester will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Village of Westchester, should contact the office of the Fire Chief, 10300 W. Roosevelt Road, Westchester, IL, (708) 345-0441, as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

2023 Goals: Community Education and Engagement

Commissioner interests/participation

- **Downs** – Waste reduction, restoration, reduction in pesticide usage particularly to lawns
- **Kaufman** – Alternative transportation, energy, landscaping, land use (placemaking), community engagement for change and improvement
- **Kruszynski** – Trash/waste, Trees, Flooding
- **Molinaro** – Pesticide awareness and pollinator habitat. Heat island reduction our commons both public and private land. Environmental literacy and ecological restoration. Flooding mitigation and promotion of FEMAs Community Rating System.
- **Way** – Marketing and education, reduce waste, costume swap, prairie celebration murals.
- **Wiseman-Chase** – Clean air, Clean energy, Climate Action Plan