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GROW Ecological Commission Regular Meeting MINUTES

August 3rd, 2023 @ 6:30pm

Village Hall Board Room

Attending Commissioners: Matt Downs (MD), Liz Wiseman-Chase (LWC), Lee Kaufman (LK), Nicole Molinaro (NM), LeeAnn Kruszynski (LAK), Nikki Way (NW)

Village Representation: Evie Slavic (ES), Barry Krumstok (BK)

Recorder: N. Molinaro

Absent: Steve Crowley

Attending Residents: Leann Pettis (LP)

1. 6:30 - Call to Order - 6:34pm

2. Pledge (1 min.)

3. Inspiration (2 min.)

- a. Lee Kaufman - [Infrastructure at Brookings Metro - Building for proximity the role of activity centers for miles traveled. Travel patterns. - "Bringing down trip distances could be one of the most impactful choices a household or an entire region makes—leading to cleaner air, safer streets, and more disposable income. Using a national model of real world data, this report interactively maps travel patterns in over 140,000 neighborhoods across the 110 largest metro areas in the United States. We find that households living near multiple activity centers—defined as neighborhoods with a relatively high number of jobs, retail, and other assets—consistently travel shorter distances, often cutting annual miles traveled by more than half."](https://www.brookings.edu/articles/building-for-proximity-the-role-of-activity-centers-in-reducing-total-miles-traveled/?utm_campaign=Metropolitan%20Policy%20Program&utm_medium=email&utm_content=268796478&utm_source=hs_email) (https://www.brookings.edu/articles/building-for-proximity-the-role-of-activity-centers-in-reducing-total-miles-traveled/?utm_campaign=Metropolitan Policy Program&utm_medium=email&utm_content=268796478&utm_source=hs_email)
- b. Next Month: 9/7/23 LWC

4. Roll Call (1 min.) - Quorum established, 6 commissioners present

5. Review of Minutes (1 min.) – Nicole Molinaro

- a. Approval of 7-6-2023 minutes
LK motions to approve, LWC seconds - All Approved

6. Old Business

- a. 2023 Planning Calendar –
 - i. *Debrief:* "Our Climate Crisis" with Kent Taylor, Sat. 7/29 – Liz W-Chase (2 min.)
 1. 24 people in attendance. Better directional signage and a little long. Consider Q&A opportunity. Other villages to pass along to residents, not much of a return. Proviso Township posted to website, very helpful. Right mix with reach. Contacts with other groups similar to ours. Reusable signage? With

write in option for specific event. Lawn more effective and person out front to help direct people in.

- ii. “Solar Switch Chicagoland” with Marina Minic, Sat. 8/19: 9:00 am – Liz (2 min.)
 - 1. 3 weeks away. Group buy program in cooperation with county. Reach out to other villages. Small businesses included.
- iii. “Reuse-a-Palooza” Sat. 9/23 & Sun. 9/24 – LeeAnn Kruszynski (2 min.)
 - 1. 3 partner events, Christos, CAG wholesale, Friends of the Library. 23rd Repair clinic, know by Saturday. 10 sign minimum with banner \$260, see email. Tax exempt. Barry, updating flyer to include side show events. Registration not required nor is there a limit to number of people. Continue to grow it. Day of sale hand out or signage for side events. Minimum put on website.

Reusable Signage Approval EWC motions to approve, NW seconds - All Approved

- iv. “Costume Swap” – Nikki Way (2 min.)
 - 1. Mechanics of swap not fitting into date but maybe in first week of October for more lead time. Coordinate with schools drop off boxes, village hall, community church. 10/7 Tour de Proviso. Maybe 10/8, Park District or Community Church or Community Room here. Meeting with Superintendent 8/11.

7. New Business

- a. RESOLUTION NO. 2023-933 SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER (**ATTACHMENT**) (2 min.)
 - i. Bound by resolution ask Barry or John with questions.

- 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.

- i. No Public Comment

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.

7:10 Enter Executive Session NM motions to approve, LK seconds - All Approved

10. Adjournment - 8:12pm NM motions to approve, LK seconds - All Approved

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