



Village of Westchester

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GROW Ecological Commission Regular Meeting

May 4, 2023 @ 6:30pm

Village Hall Board Room

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge**
- 3. Inspiration**
 - a. LeeAnn Kruszynski
 - b. Next Month: 6/1/23
- 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 4-6-2023 minutes
- 7. Old Business**
 - a. 2023 quarterly board report for April (Nicole)
 - b. 2023 Planning Calendar (Nicole)
 - i. *Debrief:* Arbor Day Event – 4/28 (Nicole)
 - ii. *Debrief:* “Westchester Shred to Recycle”- 4/29 (Evie)
 - iii. “Bicycle Safety Events” (Lee)
 1. Wed. 5/10: 5:00 pm – 7 pm, ages 16+
 2. Sat. 5/13: 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm, ages 5-8, ages 9-15
 - iv. “Spring CleanUp” (Evie), Sat. 5/13, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm, Village Hall (Evie)
 - v. “Sustainable Landscaping” with Ryan Anderson, Sat. 5/20: 9:00 am – 10:00 am, Village Hall (Nicole)
 - vi. “Benefits of Green Infrastructure” with Jeff Swano, Thurs. 6/8: 6:30 pm, Village Hall (Nicole)
 - vii. “July 4th Parade” (Evie)
 - viii. “Climate Change” with Kent Taylor, *Tentative:* Sat. 7/29: 9:00 am (Liz)
 - ix. “GROW Solar Chicagoland” with Marina Minic or Virtual, *Tentative:* August (Liz)
 - x. “Reusa-Palooza” *Tentative:* Sat. 9/23 (LeeAnn)
 - xi. “Tour de Proviso” *Tentative:* 10/7 (Lee)

- c. GROW Ordinance review (Evie)
- d. Village Comprehensive Plan (Lee)

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 4th GROW bookmarks)
- c. Commissioner Donations: \$243 (GROW event shirts, July 4th GROW signage, printing of GROW Solar Chicagoland leaflet event invites)
- d. Accrual: \$170 (Midwest Grows Green Speaker honorarium)
- e. Accrual: \$??? (Bicycle Event)

9. New Business

- a. MWRD Rain Barrels (Lee)
- b. Prairie and Native Plant Murals (Nikki)
- c. Mosquito Abatement Alternatives (Nicole)

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11. 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. Way – Marketing and education, reduce waste, costume swap, prairie celebration murals.
 - vi. Wiseman-Chase – Clean air, Clean energy, Climate Action Plan

12. 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.