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GROW Ecological Commission Regular Meeting

February 1st, 2024 @ 6:30pm

Village Hall Board Room

1. 6:30 - Call to Order

2. Pledge

3. Inspiration

- a. Evie Slavic
- b. Next Month:

4. Roll Call

5. Review of Minutes – Nicole Molinaro

- a. Approval of 1-11-24 regular meeting
- b. Approval of 1-19-24 special meeting minutes

6. 6:40 – Fiscal Year ending 4/30/23 Financial Report – Liz W-Chase

- a. Request to purchase PurpleAir Monitor
- b. Request to purchase Educational Insert from Minuteman Press

7. 6:45 - Old Business

- a. March Newsletter Submission due 2/10/24: Mariana Nicolae – 3 min.
- b. April Newsletter Submission due 3/10/24: Lee Kaufman – 1 min.

c. 2024 Planning Calendar

- i. *Debrief:* "Buckthorn and Healthy Hedges" with Dave Coulter - 1/18th @6:30pm – Nicole – 1 min.
- ii. "Climate Action Museum Guided Tour" 2/16th & 3/15th @2pm - Liz – 2 min.
- iii. "Air Pollution and Your Health" with C. Patricia Macias, MD, MPH 2/24th @ 1:00pm – Liz – 1 min.
- iv. April Event: "Electric Lawn Care"- Lee – 3 min.
- v. "Reuse A Palooza" 9/21st & 22nd – LeeAnn Kruszynski – 1 min.
- vi. GROW Education in Westchester Schools – Evie – 5 min.

- d. **7:05** - Proclamation: National Invasive Species Awareness Week – Nicole – 3 min.
- e. Climate Action Plan – Lee – 5 min.
 - i. Complete Streets in Westchester
 - ii. Electric Lawn Care Equipment
- f. 2024 Tree Planting Grant – LeeAnn Kruszynski – 5 min.
 - i. Planting Demo
 - ii. Tree Walk
- g. Commission Recruitment – Liz - 2 min.

8. 7:20 - New Business –

- a. Staff/Trustee Liaison Protocol – Evie, Annie Canavan
- b. Sidewalk Shaving – LeeAnn
- c. Society for Ecological Restoration Abstract – Nicole
- d. Community Canopy Tool – Nicole
- e. Illinois Alliance for Clean Transportation Green Truck Summit – March 5th – Liz

9. 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

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.

2024 Goals: Education and Engagement, Advisement, Climate Action Plan

Matt Downs	Pumpkin Smash, Natural Lawn Care
Lee Kaufman	School Bicycling Event, Electric Powered Equipment for Natural Lawn Care
LeeAnn Kruszynski	Tree Walk, Planting Demonstration, Arbnet, Reusa Palooza, Climate Action
Nicole Molinaro	Bee City USA, Composting, Natural Lawn Care, Buckthorn
Mariana Nicolae	Water Quality/Sustainability – Composting, Climate Change Awareness
Nikki Way	Reusa Palooza, Commission Marketing support, Green infrastructure/solar/rain and native garden/ecological interest walk, painted rain barrels
Elizabeth Wiseman-Chase	Climate Action Plan, Air Pollution/Health, Incentives for Electric Appliances, Solar Education and Solar Walk, EV Car Show

