



Village of Westchester

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GROW Ecological Commission Regular Meeting

September 7, 2023 @ 6:30pm

Village Hall Board Room

Village President
GREG HRIBAL

Village Clerk
SOPHIA COLLINS

Trustees
GIA MARIE BENLINE
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MATTHEW WELCH

Commissioners
MATT DOWNS
LEE KAUFMAN
LEEANN KRUSZYNSKI
NICOLE MOLINARO
NIKKI WAY
ELIZABETH WISEMAN-
CHASE

1. **6:30 - Call to Order**
2. **Pledge**
3. **Inspiration**
 - a. Liz Wiseman-Chase
 - b. Next Month: 10/5/23
4. **Roll Call**
5. **Review of Minutes – Nicole Molinaro**
 - a. Approval of 8-3-23 minutes
6. **6:40 – Old Business**
 - a. Community Solar Clearinghouse Solution – Barry Krumstok (2 min.)
 - b. Commissioner vacancy – Evie Slavic (2 min.)
 - c. 2023 quarterly board reports for July - Nicole (3 min.)
 - d. 2023 Planning Calendar – **6:50**
 - i. *Debrief*: “Solar Switch Chicagoland”, Sat. 8/19: 9:00 am – Liz (3 min.)
 - ii. “Reuse-a-Palooza” and Partner Events - Sat. 9/23 & Sun. 9/24 – Nikki Way (5 min.)
 - iii. “Costume Swap” – Nikki (1 min.)
 - iv. “Club Mend – Nikki (2 min.)
 - v. “Tour de Proviso”: 10/7 – Lee Kaufman (2 min.)
 - vi. GROW Table at Tour de Proviso “Learn to Compost” – Nicole (5 min.)
 - vii. “Pumpkin Smash” – Matt Downs (3 min.)
 - viii. 2023 Earth Events at Library – Nicole (5 min.)
 - ix. “Air Pollution and Health” with C. Patricia Macias, MD – Liz (2 min.)
8. **Current Fiscal Year Financial Report – Open (1 min.)**
 - a. Budget: \$1,500?
 - b. Expended: \$170 (Midwest Grows Green Speaker honorarium)
 - c. Accrual: \$??? (Bicycle Event/July 4th Bookmarks/Reuse-a Palooza)
 - d. Request for approval storyboard printing in support of “Learn to Compost”

9. New Business – 7:15

- a. Buckthorn Grant – Nicole
- b. 2024 Planning Calendar
 - i. Matt
 - ii. Lee
 - iii. LeeAnn
 - iv. Nicole
 - v. Nikki
 - vi. Liz
 - vii.
- c. Next newsletter – Matt
- d. Next meeting agenda items (4 min.)

10. 7:45 - Public Participation - *In order to give as many visitors as possible an opportunity to speak and in the interest of adjourning the meeting by 8:00 p.m., please limit your comments to 3 minutes in length, unless further time is granted by the Commission.*

11. 2023 Goals: Community Education and Engagement

- a. Commissioner interests/participation
 - x. Downs – Waste reduction, restoration, reduction in pesticide usage particularly to lawns
 - xi. Kaufman – Alternative transportation, energy, landscaping, land use (placemaking), community engagement for change and improvement
 - xii. Kruszynski – Trash/waste, Trees, Flooding
 - xiii. 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.
 - xiv. Way – Marketing and education, reduce waste, costume swap, prairie celebration murals.
 - xv. Wiseman-Chase – Clean air, Clean energy, Climate Action Plan

12. Adjournment

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