



# Village of Westchester

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## GROW Ecological Commission Regular Meeting

**April 6, 2023 @ 6:30pm**

**Village Hall Board Room**

### 1. Call to Order

### 2. Pledge

### 3. Inspiration

- a. Lee Kaufman
- b. Next Month: 5/4/23

### 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 3-2-2023 minutes

### 7. Old Business

- a. 2023 quarterly board report for April (Nicole)
- b. 2023 Planning Calendar (Nicole)
  - i. *Debrief:* Citizens Utility Board “Illinois Solar for All” - 3/25 & 3/26 (Liz)
  - ii. Earth Month Event: “Westchester Shred to Recycle”, Sat. 4/29, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, 2305 Enterprise Drive, (for info/to volunteer: Lynn Hanley at [ghanley@westchester-il.org](mailto:ghanley@westchester-il.org)) will include: (Evie)
    - 1. Free Shredding of personal and financial documents
    - 2. Cook County Sheriff Medication Take Back Program
    - 3. MWRD Educational Materials, Giveaways of Tree Saplings and Milkweed Seeds, and Rainbarrel Raffel
  - iii. “Westchester Spring CleanUp” (Evie), Sat. 5/13, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm, Westchester Village Hall, 10300 Roosevelt Road, (Questions contact Village Hall: 708-345-0020)
  - iv. Sustainable Landscaping Event with Ryan Anderson of Midwest Grows Green /IPM Institute Date: Sat. 5/20: 9:00 am – 10:00 am (Nicole)
  - v. Cycle Event (Lee)
  - vi. Reusa Palooza (LeeAnn)
  - vii. Climate Reality Speaker (Liz)

- c. Climate Action Plan (Liz)
  - i. IPCC Synthesis Report
  - ii. Community Solar Clearinghouse Solution (CS2)
- d. Tree Canopy (LeeAnn)
  - i. Parkway Trees: grant application and Arbnet accreditation
- e. Bee City USA (Nicole)
  - i. Resolution
  - ii. Proposal for “no mow” period
- f. Roosevelt Road and Addison Creek Dumping update (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 4<sup>th</sup> GROW bookmarks)
- c. Commissioner Donations: \$243 (GROW event shirts, July 4<sup>th</sup> GROW signage, printing of GROW Solar Chicagoland leaflet event invites)
- d. Accrual: \$170 (Midwest Grows Green Speaker honorarium)

## **9. New Business**

- a. Policy/Process (Evie)
- b. Disposition of yard waste collected (Lee)
- c. Meeting Minutes (Nicole)

## **10. 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
  - 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 -
  - vi. Wiseman-Chase – Clean air, Clean energy, Climate Action Plan

## **12. Adjournment**

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