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GROW Ecological Commission Regular Meeting

March 7th, 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 2-1-24 regular meeting minutes

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

- a. Request to purchase PurpleAir Monitor (continued discussion) - 5 min.

7. 6:45 - Old Business

a. 2024 Newsletter Calendar

- i. April Newsletter Submission “Electric Lawn Equipment” due 3/10/24: Lee Kaufman – 1 min.
- ii. *Proposed:* May Newsletter Submission due 4/10/24:
 - 1. “Solutions to Westchester’s Air Pollution”- Liz - 1 min.
 - 2. “No Mow May” Blurb– LeeAnn Kruszynski – 1 min.
- iii. *Proposed:* “Electric Vehicles” – Walt Wojcik – 1 min.
- iv. *Proposed:* “Cost-Saving Incentives for Electric Appliances” – Liz – 1 min.

b. 2024 Planning Calendar

- i. *Debrief:* “Air Pollution and Your Health” with C. Patricia Macias, MD, MPH 2/24th – Liz – 1 min.
- ii. “Climate Action Museum Guided Tour” 3/15th @2pm - Liz – 2 min.
- iii. “Reuse A Palooza” Registration Platform– LeeAnn Kruszynski – 1 min.

- c. Commissioner GROW Event Proposals and Community Engagement - Liz – 3 min
- d. GROW Education in Westchester Schools – Evie – 5 min.
 - i. Options from Liz
 - 1. Whirling, Swirling Air Pollution
<https://scied.ucar.edu/activity/whirling-swirling-air-pollution>
 - 2. Ozone in our Neighborhood
<https://scied.ucar.edu/activity/ozone-our-neighborhood>
 - 3. Name That Air Pollutant
<https://scied.ucar.edu/activity/name-air-pollutant>
 - 4. Modeling Smog
<https://scied.ucar.edu/activity/marshmallow-smog>
 - ii. Additional Submissions
- e. Sidewalk Shaving – LeeAnn – 2 min.
- f. GROW Succession Planning: Applications for open three year term – Evie- 3 min.
- 8. 7:15 – Updates from the Administrative Services Coordinator and Trustee Liaison – Annie Canavan, Evie Slavic**
 - A. Waste contract
 - B. Community Solar Clearinghouse Solution timeline
 - C. Status of recommendation for bike lanes on Westchester Blvd/Canterbury/Mayfair
 - D. Concerts in the Park / EV Car Show
 - E. Tree Grant Updates (tree walk; planting demo; ArbNet)
 - F. Development
 - 1. Request for information on comprehensive planning methodology including the integration of alternative transportation/environmental considerations into planning processes
 - G. Relevant grant opportunities
- 9. 7:30 - New Business –**
 - a. No Mow May – LeeAnn – 3 min.
 - b. Climate Action Plan Special Meetings – Liz – 3 min
- 10. 7:40 - Public Participation -** *In order to give as many visitors as possible an opportunity to speak and in the interest of adjourning the meeting by 7:45 p.m., please limit your comments to 3 minutes in length, unless further time is granted by the Commission.*

11.7:45 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.*

12. Adjournment

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

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
Walter Wojcik	Climate Action, Electric Vehicles, EV Car Show