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GROW Ecological Commission Regular Meeting

January 11th, 2024 @ 6:30pm

Village Hall Board Room

1. 6:30 - Call to Order

2. Pledge

3. Inspiration

- a. LeeAnn Kruszynski
- b. Next Month:

4. Roll Call

5. Review of Minutes

- a. Approval of 12-5-23 minutes – Nicole Molinaro

6. Old Business

- a. January Newsletter Submission – Nikki Way
- b. February Newsletter Submission due 1/10/24: Nicole, Nikki
- c. March Newsletter Submission due 2/10/24: Mariana Nicolae

d. 2023 Planning Calendar –

- i. Debrief: "Pumpkin Smash" 11/4/23 – Matt Downs*

e. 2024 Planning Calendar

- i. "Buckthorn and Healthy Hedges" with Dave Coulter - 1/18th @6:30pm – Nicole*
- ii. "Climate Action Museum Guided Tour" 2/16th & 3/15th @2pm - Liz W-Chase*
- iii. "Air Pollution and Your Health" with C. Patricia Macias, MD, MPH 2/24th @ 1:00pm - Liz*
- iv. "April Showers bring Native Flowers" - Discussion*
- v. "Reuse A Palooza" confirmation of 9/14th and 15th dates - LeeAnn*
- vi. "EV Car Show" with "Concert in the Park" August date confirmation - Liz*
- vii. GROW Education in Westchester Schools – Evie Slavic*

8. New Business –

- a. Sidewalk Shaving – LeeAnn
- b. GROW Ordinance Discussion
 - A. Recruitment: seat being vacated by Matt Downs (term ending 2/24)
 - B. Chairperson terms ending 2/24

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. 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.*

11. Adjournment

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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