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GROW Ecological Commission Special Meeting MINUTES

January 19th, 2024 @ 5:00pm
Village Hall Board Room

Attending Commissioners: Liz Wiseman-Chase (LWC), LeeAnn Kruszynski (LAK), Lee Kaufman (LK), Nicole Molinaro (NM), Mariana Nicolae (MN), Nikki Way (NW),
Village Representation: Evie Slavic (ES), Annie Canavan (AC)
Recorder: N. Molinaro
Absent: Matt Downs (MD)
Attending Resident: Walter Wojcik (WW)

1. **Call to Order - 5:01 pm**
2. **Pledge**
3. **Roll Call - Quorum established, 6 commissioners present**
4. **Public Participation** - *In order to give as many visitors as possible an opportunity to speak and in the interest of adjourning the meeting in a timely manner, please limit your comments to 3 minutes in length, unless further time is granted by the Commission.*

No Public Comment

5:03 Motion to enter Closed Session LK motions to approve, NM seconds - All Approved

5. **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.*

5:30 Motion to adjourn Closed Session and enter Regular Meeting, NM motions to approve, MN seconds - All Approved

5:31 LWC Roll Call - Quorum maintained, 6 commissioners present

Discussion regarding standard email or reply letter be sent when GROW receives an application for new commissioner. Process of onboarding new commissioners including OMA training.

Vote to recommend to Village Board to approve Walt Wojcik as GROW Commissioner beginning March 2024 - EWC motions to approve, LK seconds - All Approved

6. Adjournment - 6:07pm LK motions to approve, NM seconds - All Approve

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