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GROW Ecological Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2025 @ 6:30pm

Village Hall Board Room

1. **6:30 - Call to Order**
2. **Pledge**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Inspiration – Demitrus Evans**
 - a. Next Month 8/7/25
5. **Review of Minutes – Liz W-Chase (5 min)**
 - a. Approval of 5/1/25 regular meeting minutes
 - b. Approval of 6/11/25 regular meeting minutes
6. **Quarterly Reports**
 - a. Q1 - 2025: Kari Roberg
 - b. Q2 - 2025: Walt Wojcik
7. **Updates from Village Staff and Board Representatives – (10 min) Annie Canavan, Evie Slavic**
 - a. Status update: SBC Stipend recommendations
 - b. Follow-up meetings for Energy and Water subcommittees
 - c. Energy Plan subcommittee
8. **New Business**
 - a. Federal changes to residential clean energy incentives – Liz
 - b. Identification of target audiences – Demitrus
9. **Old Business (50 min)**
 - a. **Greenest Region Compact (GRC) and Subcommittee Updates – Liz (15 min)**
 - a. Subcommittee reports:

- i. Water – Mariana/Walt
- ii. Municipal Operations – Kari/Demitrus
- iii. Climate – Kari/Alex
- iv. Energy – Liz/Walt

b. Shared OneDrive Documents – Kari

c. Upcoming Event Support Needs - Liz (15 min)

d. Newsletter Article Ideas/Support - Liz (5 min)

Comments (5 min)

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. Adjournment

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2025 Planning Calendar				
Event	Organizer	Date		
Centennial Celebration Tabling	Demitrus	July 12 th 12p – 4p	Approved	Need volunteers: set-up, event, breakdown Liz will help, need others?
National Night Out Tabling Promote September Events	??	August 5 th	Proposed	Need organizer/volunteers to proceed
Children’s Afternoon Movie: “Wall-E”	Walt	August 7 th 2p-4p	Confirmed	Westchester Public Library Community Room
Town Hall Meeting over coffee	Walt		Proposed	Panera
Prairie Fest Tabling Promote September Events	Liz	September 6 th 10a – 4p	Proposed	Need volunteers: 8a set-up, event: 10a-1p, 1p-4p, 10a-12p, 12p-2p, 2p-4p, 4p breakdown
Climate Action Presentation with Kari Roberg	Walt	September	Approved	
Reuse-a-palooza	Nikki	September 20 th / 21 st	Approved	
Waste Collection with SCARCE	Kari	Fall 2025 – after Reusapalooza?	Proposed	Parking lot at Church by community center. Will possibly need Public Works to help move traffic and set up tents. Evie suggests getting volunteers – put a call out and ask what they will be doing. Would reach out to other places (pet supply – blankets). Evie asked

				for a proposal with space needs.
CUB Solar Event with Marina Minic or Grace Concialdi	Liz	October?	Approved Rescheduling	Will be recorded for GROW page
Community Solar Clearinghouse Solution (CS2) with Sharon Alegado	Liz	October?	Approved Rescheduling	Will be recorded for GROW page.
Tabling Compost/Pumpkin Smash	??		Rescheduling	Need organizer and volunteers
Pumpkin Smash	??	November 8 & 9	Approved	Need organizer
Energy Efficiency with Tori Woolbright	Liz	November?	Approved Rescheduling	Need 2 Commissioners to run energy efficiency games while energy efficiency speaker signs residents up for free energy efficiency assessments/kits. Will be recorded
Home Electrification	Liz	Fall/Winter 2025	Proposed	

Newsletter Calendar		
Month	Article Topic	Author
Monthly	Plant Based Recipes	Kari
Monthly	Monthly Green Fact	Walt
August 2025	Chicago Bird Collision Monitors	Alex
	Federal Changes to Solar, EV, etc. Incentives (blurb/guidance)	Liz
September	Waste reduction/recycling to tie in with Reusa and SCARCE events	
October	Solar	Liz

2025 GROW Commission Priorities: Education/Engagement, Advisement, Climate Action Plan