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GROW Ecological Commission Regular Meeting Agenda

February 5, 2026 @ 6:30pm

Village Hall Board Room

1. **6:30 - Call to Order**
2. **Pledge**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Inspiration – (3 min) Nikki Way**
 - a. Next Month 3/5 -
6. **Review of Minutes – (5 min) Nikki**
 - a. Approval of 1/8/26 regular meeting minutes (Walt Wojcik)
 - b. 2/26 Minutes (Demitrus Evans)
 - c. Next Month 3/26
7. **Old Business**
 - A. **Quarterly Reports – Nikki**
 - i. Q4 – 2025: Nikki
 - ii. Q1 – 2026:
 - B. **Updates from Village Staff and Board Liaisons – (5 min)**
Annie Canavan, Evie Slavic
 - C. **Energy Plan – (10 min) Liz W-Chase**
 - D. **Strategic Plan – (10 min) Nikki**
 - E. **Metrics – (5 min) Mariana Nicolae**
 - F. **SBC GRANT - Current Fiscal Years proposals FYE 4/30/25 (10 min)**
 - G. **Communications & Events (20 min)**

- a. Upcoming Event Support Needs
- b. Event & Education Outreach Proposals
- c. Newsletter

8. New Business

- a. Agenda items for next meeting

9. Commission Comments

10. Liaison Comments

11. 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.*

12. Adjournment

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2026 Planning Calendar (One event per month, plan 3 months in advance)						
Month	Event	Point Person	Date	Location	Status	Notes
Jan-26	Save Money and Energy this Winter	Liz	January 17 @ 9am	Village Hall Board Room	Completed	Event was recorded and placed on Village website
Tabling						
Feb-26						
Tabling						
Mar-26	Share your Green Success Story	Walt + Kari	March 28 @ 1pm	Village Hall Board Room	Approved	
Tabling						
TBD	SBC Field Trip (Commissioners Only)	Spring			Approved	Can we take videos for the new media idea? - Nikki
Apr-26						
Tabling						
May -26	Argonne Lab Tour	Mariana	May 7 @ 9am	Argonne Lab	Approved	Need to know what will be covered
Tabling						
Jun-26						
Tabling	Juneteenth					
Jul-26	July 4 th Parade					
Tabling	Native Plant Education at GGG Garden Walk	Liz	July 18th			Follow-up needed

Aug-26	Home Electrification	Liz				Proposal pending
<i>Tabling</i>						
Sep- 26	Reusa - Palooza		19th/20th ?			
	Repair (and Collect?)-a-Palooza		26th/27th ?			Proposal in Review
<i>Tabling</i>						
Oct-26						
<i>Tabling</i>						
Nov-26						
<i>Tabling</i>						
Dec-26						
<i>Tabling</i>						

Newsletter Calendar		
Month	Article Topic	Author
<i>Monthly</i>	Plant Based Recipes	Kari
<i>Monthly</i>	Monthly Green Fact	Walt
February 2026		
March 2026		
April 2026		

2026 Agenda Calendar (for reference)		
Month	GROW Business	Education topics
January	SBC Stipend Kick-Off	home efficiency
February	SBC Stipend; Energy plan feedback (overview other plans)	veggie comfort foods;
March	Energy Plan final recommendations and next steps	composting
April	Juneteenth + Fourth of July Planning	Earth Day actions
May	Party in the Park Planning	Native plants; wildlife
June	National Night Out Planning	water; plant-based meals
July		water;
August		electric vehicles; plant-based eating
September		reuse and recycling;
October		composting pumpkins;
November	Strategic Planning	sustainable holiday planning;
December	Strategic Planning	Native plants