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GROW Ecological Commission Regular Meeting Agenda

May 7, 2026 @ 6:30pm

Village Hall Board Room

1. **6:30 - Call to Order**
2. **Pledge**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Inspiration – (3 min) – LeeAnn Kruszynski**
 - a. Next Month 6/4/26:
6. **Review of Minutes – (5 min)**
 - a. 2/5/26 - Demitrus Evans
 - b. 4/2/26 Minutes – Alex Silva
 - c. 5/7/26 Minutes - LeeAnn Kruszynski
 - d. 6/4/26 Minutes -
7. **Old Business**
 - A. **Quarterly Reports –**
 - i. Q4 – 2025: Nikki Way pending
 - ii. Q1 – 2026: Walt Wojcik
 - iii. Q2 – 2026:
 - B. **Updates from Village Staff and Board Liaisons – (5 min) Annie Canavan, Evie Slavic**
 - C. **Energy Plan – (3 min) LeeAnn Kruszynski**
 - D. **SBC Grant Proposals (10 min)**
 - i. FY2026 Recap
 - E. **Communications & Events (20 min)**

- a. Upcoming Event Support Needs
- b. Event & Education Outreach Proposals and Updates
 - Website updates (Alex Silva)
 - Summer events
 - 4th of July Proposal (Demitrus Evans)
 - Composting (Kari Roberg)
 - Tree Walk Proposal (Alex Silva)
- c. Newsletter

8. New Business

- a. Commissioner Interviews
- b. 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	<i>Save Money and Energy this Winter</i>	Liz	January 17 @ 9am	Village Hall Board Room	Completed	Event was recorded and placed on Village website
Feb-26						
Mar-26	<i>Share your Green Success Story</i>	Walt + Kari	March 28 @ 1pm	Village Hall Board Room	Completed	
<i>Tabling</i>						
TBD	SBC Field Trip (Commissioners Only)	Spring	Need Date		Approved	Can we take videos for the new media idea? - Nikki
Apr-26						
<i>Tabling</i>						
May - 26	Argonne Lab Tour	Mariana	May 7 @ 9am	Argonne Lab	Approved	Need to know what will be covered
<i>Tabling</i>						
Jun-26						
<i>Tabling</i>	Juneteenth	Walt	June 20, 11am-4pm	Gladstone Park?		Focus on composting
Jul-26	July 4 th Parade		July 4th			
<i>Tabling</i>	Party in the Park		July 31- Aug 1			
<i>Tabling</i>	Native Plant Education at GGG Garden Walk	Liz	July 18th			Follow-up needed
Jul 26	Tour Sustain DuPage	Kari	July 18, 1-2pm	Wheaton	Approved	Encourage attendees to visit Saving Monarchs event after

Aug-26	Home Electrification	Liz				Proposal pending
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<i>Tabling</i>	National Night Out		August 4th			
Sep-26	Reusa - Palooza		Sept 19th/20th			
	Repair (and Collect?)-a-Palooza	Kari, Nikki	Sept 26th	Village Hall Board Room (and possible parking lot)	Approved	Planning in Progress
<i>Tabling</i>	Prairie Fest					
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
March 2026	Composting – SBC update	Nikki
April 2026	Earth Day Actions	Kari
May 2026	Native Plants / Wildlife	Alex
June 2026	Environmental Justice	Demitrus
July 2026	Water	Mariana

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