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GROW Ecological Commission Regular Meeting

April 4th, 2024 @ 6:30pm

Village Hall Board Room

1. 6:30 - Call to Order
2. Pledge
3. Inspiration
 - a. Walt Wojcik
 - b. Next Month: 5/2/24
4. Roll Call
5. Welcome to Kari Roberg and Thank You to Nicole Molinaro – 5 min.
 - a. Succession Planning: Minutes and Quarterly Reports
6. Review of Minutes – Nicole
 - a. Approval of 3-7-24 regular meeting minutes
 - Approval of 3-21-24 special meeting minutes
7. Fiscal Year ending 4/30/24 Financial Report – Liz W-Chase –2 min.
8. 6:45 - Old Business
 - a. 2024 Newsletter Calendar
 - i. May Newsletter Submission due 4/10/24:
 1. "Solutions to Westchester's Air Pollution"- Liz - 1 min.
 2. "No Mow May" Blurb– LeeAnn Kruszynski – 1 min.
 3. "Save the Date: Tree Walk" - LeeAnn – 1 min.
 - ii. June Newsletter Submission due 5/10/24 "Electric Vehicles" – Walt – 1 min.
 - iii. *Proposed*: "Meatless Meals" - Walt – 1 min.

b. 2024 Planning Calendar

- i. *Debrief "Climate Action Museum Guided Tour" 3/15th @2pm - Liz – 2 min.*
 - ii. *Tree Walk and Planting Demo – May 18th – LeeAnn – 2 min.*
 - iii. *Independence Day Parade Participation – Liz – 3 min.*
- c. *Greenest Region Compact Baseline – Liz – 3 min.*
 - i. *Sustainability Report and Opportunity Identification*

8. 7:05 – Updates from the Administrative Services Coordinator and Trustee Liaison – Annie Canavan, Evie Slavic

- A. *No Mow May ('til Mother's Day)*
- B. *Concerts in the Park / EV Car Show*
- C. *Education in Schools Proposals*
- D. *Sidewalk data (# squares shaved v replaced)*
- E. *Native Plants/Alleys*

9. 7:25 - New Business –

- a. *Community movie proposals – Walt- 3 min*
- b. *Climate-friendly diets – Walt – 3 min*
- c. *Carbon calculator – Walt - 3 min.*
- d. *Tabling Opportunities – Liz – 3 min.*
- e. *Proclamation for National Air Quality Awareness Week (May 6-10) - Liz – 3 min.*
- f. *Inclusion of community members in GROW activities – Liz – 3 min*

10. 7:45 - 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 pm, please limit your comments to 3 minutes in length, unless further time is granted by the Commission.*

11. Adjournment

The Village of Westchester will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Village of Westchester, should contact the office of the Fire Chief, 10300 W. Roosevelt Road, Westchester, IL, (708) 345-0441, as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

2024 Goals: Education and Engagement, Advisement, Climate Action Plan

Lee Kaufman	School Bicycling Event, Electric Powered Equipment for Natural Lawn Care
LeeAnn Kruszynski	Tree Walk, Planting Demonstration, Arbnet, Reusa Palooza, Climate Action
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
Walter Wojcik	Climate Action, Electric Vehicles, EV Car Show
Kari Roberg	TBA