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GROW Ecological Commission Regular Meeting

May 2nd, 2024 @ 6:30pm

Village Hall Board Room

1. **6:30 - Call to Order**
2. **Pledge**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Inspiration**
 - A. Kari Roberg
 - B. Next Month: 6/6/24
5. **Review of Minutes – Nikki Way**
 - A. Approval of 4-4-24 regular meeting minutes
6. **Quarterly Reports**
 - A. First Quarter – Nikki
 - B. Second Quarter – Walt Wojcik
7. **Old Business**
 - a. 2024 Newsletter Calendar
 - i. June Newsletter Submission due 5/10/24 “Electric Vehicles” – Walt
 - ii. *Proposals:*
 1. “A Healthy Climate-Friendly Diet” – Walt
 2. “Climate Change – What is a Carbon Footprint Calculator?” – Walt
 3. “Reducing your Digital Carbon Footprint” – Kari
 4. “Summer (or Winter) Travel Tips to Reduce Environmental Impact” – Kari
 5. “How to Host Zero Waste Events” – Kari
 - b. 2024 Planning Calendar
 - i. *Debrief: Arbor Day-*
 - ii. *Debrief: Shred Event -*
 - iii. Air Quality Awareness Week – May 6th – 10th – Liz W-Chase
 - iv. Tree Walk and Planting Demo – LeeAnn Kruszynski
 - v. 4th of July Parade Ideas – LeeAnn

vi. Reuse A Palooza September 21st & 22nd - LeeAnn

vii. *Proposed:* Guided Tour of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District - Mariana

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

- A. SBC municipal waste contract and service transition
- B. Proposed education in Westchester Schools
- C. Proposed movie showings at Westchester Public Library
- D. Ability to show movies in Village boardroom
- E. Proposed Concerts in the Park / EV Car Show
- F. Community calendar/tabling opportunities
- G. GRC - Greenest Region Compact baseline scoring
- H. CS2 - Community Solar Clearinghouse Solution
- I. Proposed Utility Efficiency Program Ideas & Discussion
- J. Commission / Liaison Communication Protocol

9. New Business –

- a. Public EV charging stations – Walt
- b. Inside Shopper opt-out process - Liz

10. Commission Comments

11. Staff/Liaison Comments

12. 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.*

13. Adjournment

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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
Kari Roberg	Zero Waste, Connection to Nature, Climate Action Plan
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