



Village of Westchester

GROW Ecological Commission

April 7th, 2022 @ 6:30pm

Community Room (Building Dept Entrance)

Village President
NICK STEKER

Village Clerk
JENNIFER HALL

Trustees
TRACY JENNINGS
CATHY KURATKO
TRACY MARKEY
ROBERT MORALES
EVELYN SLAVIC

Village Manager
PAUL NOSEK

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge

3. Inspiration

- a. M. Downs

4. Roll Call

- a. Welcome Nikki as Recorder

5. 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.

6. Review of Minutes

- a. Approval of 3-3-22 minutes

7. New Business

- a. Refresh GROW ordinance roles and responsibilities - Liz
- b. Discussion on priorities - Diane
 - i. Shall we research our priorities for a period of time, culminating in a community outreach event/educational program (ie, a presentation or Zoom on "Flooding in Westchester 101" or "Composting Tips" etc).
 - ii. Can we accommodate our individual passions in this process? Waste Reduction & Recycling, Biking, Tree Canopy Restoration, Flood Reduction (FEMA CRS), Community Outreach, Ecological Practices, Community Solar, Electric Vehicles...
- c. Set & Vote on 2022 Goals - Diane/Liz
- d. Citizens for Conservation - Native Plants for Seeds Earth Day 4/22? - Matt
- e. Tree Canopy Replenishment - LeeAnn
- f. Waste Management Contract Expectations - Nicole
- g. Budget Items - Evie
 - i. #1 – Obtain scoring of MMC-GRC from the Village
 - ii. #2 – 1 hour per month with Scott Russell or designee
 - iii. #3 – Materials needed to set up a booth for GROW for community outreach at local events.
 - iv. #4 – T-shirts for commission members to wear at community outreach events.
- h. Quarterly Report - Due April
- i. Call for Agenda Items 7 - 10 days prior to next meeting - All

8. Old Business

- a. Evie - Open Meeting Act - OMA Training and Municipal Emails, all commissioners
- b. Evie (LeeAnn/Matt) - Facebook Page / Email Blasts
- c. Evie - Special Meetings
- d. Evie - Sub-committees, no decisions

9. Information Only (*GROW Upcoming Meetings: 5/12, 6/2, 7/7, 8/4, 9/1, 10/6, 11/3 & 12/1*)

a. Upcoming Events

- i. ? Arboretum Centennial - LeeAnn
- ii. 4/23 Shredding Event MWRD
- iii. 4/29 Public Works Arbor Day/Tree City USA School Tree Planting Event lish?
- iv. 4/29-5/3 iNaturalist Event - WRP, Park District & Library
- v. 5/14 Grassroots Garden Group Plant Sale
- vi. 6/16 @ 12:30p - Library West Prairie Ribbon Cutting Event
- vii. 7/23 GGG Garden Walk 9-1

b. Monthly Newsletter (**DUE 15th of prior month**)

- i. April - (Diane) iNaturalist Event & 4/23 MWRD Shredding Event
- ii. **May - (LeeAnn) Tree Care CRTI - Due 4/15**
- iii. June - (?) Native Gardening & Prairie Plants (Library Ribbon Cutting)
- iv. July -
- v. August -
- vi. September -
- vii. October -
- viii. November -
- ix. December -

c. Park District Meetings @ 7pm

- i. 4/11, 5/9, 6/13, 7/11, 8/8, 9/12, 10/10, 11/14 & 12/12

d. Village Board Meetings @ 6pm

- i. 4/12, 4/26, 5/10, 5/24, 6/14, 6/28, 7/12, 7/26, 8/9, 8/23, 9/13, 9/27, 10/11, 10/25, 11/8, 11/22, 12/13 & 12/27

e. Grassroots Garden Group Meetings @ 6:30pm

- i. 4/25, 5/23, 6/27, 7/25, 8/29, 9/26 & 10/24

f. Commissioner Leads

- i. Public Works -
- ii. MWRD -
- iii. Plan & Zoning -
- iv. Retail/Industrial -
- v. Park District -
- vi. Library -
- vii. Primary Schools -
- viii. High School Dist 209 -
- ix. Wolf Road Prairie -
- x. IL Extension -
- xi. FPDCC -
- xii. MMC GRC -
- xiii. FEMA CRS -
- xiv. Waste Management -

g. QR Codes - Content to be approved

- i. tbd

10. 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. Any one 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.