

Buffalo Grove Environmental Action TEAM

Meeting minutes, July 27, 2010

Minutes from the July 27 BG Environmental Action Team meeting...

1. Update on recent activities.

Buffalo Creek Nature Center. We received a favorable response from Village officials from our follow up after the public meeting attended by 12 EAT members. The Village has already placed signs regarding pet waste and treated invasive plants. They have also embraced our help with bluebird nesting boxes, brush removal and plan to install interpretive signs.

BG Farmers market has been a success, with additional vendors signing on since the first day. We will exhibit at another market day during the season.

Two Habitat Days at Rylko (Busch Grove) Park were held to remove excess cup plant and invasive species from the swale and woodland near the Fitness Center. We planted over 400 native plants, with help from the parks staff.

2. Greener Buffalo Grove Days. Neither Debi or Susan were able to attend the meeting. We confirmed the location of the bike racks on Church Street near Raupp. We discussed recycling but were unable to finalize plans. A committee of Linda, Debi, Susan and Debi will report back at the next meeting. 10 people at the meeting agreed to work at the booth. We will have a schedule at the next meeting.

3. Upcoming events.

Happy Tails Dog Park dedication, July 31. Jeff attended the event.

National Night Out. August 3. Jill and Jeff attended the event. There was a steady stream of kids to play our "Recycling Bozo Buckets" game, and we signed up three new EAT members. Jeff was totally surprised to receive the Best Friend award from the Friends of the Parks Foundation for work with EAT. This is for all of us! Thank you!

BG Days, September 2-6

Adopt a Highway, October 17, 9 am

4. Alternative energy. Steve gave a detailed report on progress made in setting up a demo station for wind and solar power. He has assembled detailed product specs and cost information (including grants and credits that may offset more than half of the initial investment) and scouted out four sites. Best appears to be Emmerich Park. Next step is to create a PowerPoint and present it to BGPD executive staff.

5. Membership. We welcomed a new member, Mark Sayer. Deenie has sent new member welcome messages to other people who have expressed interest.

6. Publications. Jill will work with Mike Terson of the Park District to update our blurb in the Park District brochure and web site.

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Next meeting - August 26 - 7 pm at Alcott. We will finalize plans for BG Days. Please attend and bring a friend!

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