

Buffalo Grove Environmental Action TEAM

Meeting minutes, Aug. 26, 2010

Jeff Weiss called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Present were

Jill Stites	Jeff Spitz
Cathy Verschelden	Linda Spitz
Nadine Pomilia	Wendy Benn
Mary White	Mark Steurer
Debi Moritz	Susan Levy
Tony Schaefer	Jeff Weiss
Erika Strojinc	

“Greener” BG Days

We will be staffing a booth and coordinating recycling at the BG Days festival.

1. Provide signage – Deenie and Erika will develop signs for several “key areas” to and vendors with recyclable packaging to highlight recycling and improve compliance by visitors.
2. Work with the Boy Scout troop (pop cans) and the Chamber of Commerce (wine bottles and cups) to make sure that they are on board.
3. Work with the cleanup service (GSF) to make assure recycling container capacity is available for special events, e.g. bingo, VIP dinner, pancake breakfast, etc.
4. Quality control. Check on recycling “toters” during festival and and work with GSF to address any recycling issues that arise.
5. Document what works and areas for future improvement
6. Promote recycling at our booth

A booth duty schedule was set for Saturday and Sunday. Jeff W. will advise of the time of a meeting with Village staff to review final arrangements. Let Deenie know if there are further ideas regarding signage at d.realestate@usa.net. Jill will assist with takedown.

Recent activities

EAT members exhibited at the National Night Out. Jill’s “recycling Bozo buckets” was a big hit with the kids. Jeff W. was awarded the Best Friend by the Friends of the Park Foundation on behalf of EAT. He also led a corporate workday for Siemens and received a donation for plantings at the parks.

Alternative Energy Demo Station. Steve White and Jeff W. are working on a presentation for Park District leadership to install wind and solar demo stations at Emmerich Park. Deenie, Wendy and Mark all shared articles on alternative energy. Wendy will help out on this project.

Adopt-a-highway road cleanup – next cleanup is October 17, 9 am, at Siemens, 1000 Busch Parkway. Contact Linda Spitz LINDASU4@aol.com with questions or to sign up.

Farmers Market - Susan reported that the farmers market continues to prosper and is getting good publicity in local press. Weekly “jam sessions” are the latest attraction.

Wendy suggested participation in the **Global Work Party** initiative, a worldwide series of observations on 10/10/10, designed to support a goal of reducing CO₂ to 350 ppm.

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She will organize a "Fix a Bike/Donate a Bike" theme for an EAT booth at the October 10 Farmers Market. Jeff W. will help her.

Electronics recycling – Tony agreed to work with SWANCC and Siemens to establish an electronic recycling event on October 23.

Membership. Several new members signed up at the Farmers Market and National Night Out. Deenie sends welcoming emails, and will forward information to Jeff S. to contact by phone.

Publications/publicity. The goal is to update our home page in the BG Park District site and the quarterly Park District brochure. Jill passed out current and proposed revisions to the material in our web site. Cathy suggested benefits of having a mission statement. Members should send proposed text to Jill at jastites@sbcglobal.net.

Next meeting will be September 30 at 7 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.