

Buffalo Grove Environmental Action Team Meeting minutes, April 1, 2010

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

Jill Stites	Jeff Spitz
Cathy Verscheiden	Linda Spitz
Tony Schaefer	Mary White
Susan Levy	Deenie Pomilia
Jeff Weiss	Martha Weiss

Adopt-a-highway road cleanup – April 24. Linda Spitz LINDASU4@aol.com has finalized plans for our first cleanup and showed the safety video. We will meet in the Siemens parking lot at 1000 Deerfield Parkway, just east of the train station, at 10 am. Martha will get tee-shirts and Mary will distribute safety vests.

Recycling – Upcoming recycling events in the Village include electronics, household waste and document shredding. The Team will attend and help publicize these events and consider how to make them ongoing rather than onetime events. Cathy and Tony explained the Siemens sustainability program and reminded us about Siemens' interest in hosting an event.

Habitat restoration and Buffalo Creek Clean Water

- **Habitat Restoration Day – date to be determined.** We will be holding another habitat day at Busch Grove Park in May. We plan to adopt the swale near the Fitness Center and provide opportunities and credentials for members to work there whenever they wish.
- **Public Hearing – June 10.** A public hearing is scheduled for June 10. This is not a regular Village meeting; instead it is specific to plans for the Buffalo Creek Nature Center, which we would like to adopt. The Team submitted a position paper, supporting plans for the preserve and Aspen Creek, and offering to assist with
 - Habitat restoration, especially removal of invasive plants such as buckthorn and planting with natives
 - Working with neighbors to improve hydrology and water quality. This includes pet waste, chemicals and stream bank work
 - Replacing and monitoring nesting boxes
- **Clean Water Committee meeting – April 27.** We will report out to the full Team at the next meeting.

BG Farmers Market – June 27. The Team will staff a booth at the first BG Farmers market.

Greener BG Days – Labor Day weekend, September. Debi Moritz sent a report via email that our idea to offer a bicycle valet service was well received by the BG Days committee. We will approach Public Works directly (rather than the BG Days

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Committee) with the idea of recycling plastic and aluminum. The BG Days committee will meet separately and report out at the next meeting.

Articles in local papers/web sites. Jill prepared a list of topics for articles which is attached. We will have ongoing discussion about how to publicize them, including local papers, Village and Park District newsletters and web sites.

Solar/wind demo project. No report.

Next Team meeting will be April 29 at 7 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.