

## Buffalo Grove Environmental Action TEAM

Meeting minutes, August 25, 2011

Minutes from the August 25, 2011 BG Environmental Action Team meeting.

Call to order at 7 pm. Great turnout!

### **Update on recent events.**

**Bicycle Event.** Mark Steurer gave a brief report on our successful event at the Farmers Market. We collected more than 90 bicycles for Working Bikes Cooperative. Jerry Meyerhof gave continuous demos of his bicycle machine and the police department gave bike helmet safety inspections and demos.

### **Upcoming events**

**Buffalo Grove Days.** Debi Moritz reported on her meetings with BG Public Works. We are set to build on last year's success! We have a better setup to collect recyclables this year. The BG Days committee embraces recycling at the event. Nice work, Debi!

Deenie and Mark will help with recycling collection on Thursday night during and after bingo.

Members signed up to exhibit at the "nonprofit booth" as follows:

Friday 6-9 pm. Steve and Mary, Jill, Deenie, Jeff W. and Mark  
Saturday Noon-3 pm. Jill, Megan, Jeff S. and Jeff W.

Please stop by and visit us at BG Days!

**Electronics Recycling.** Deenie Pomilia reported out on the September 24 electronics recycling event at 151 Hastings Lane from 8 am to noon. We need a few more volunteers to make this event a success. Last year, we collected nearly 20 tons of PC's, phones and other electronics! Please contact Deenie at [d.realestate@usa.net](mailto:d.realestate@usa.net) if you would like to help out!

**Seed processing.** Jeff Weiss reported that we will be harvesting native plant seed on October 9 from 9 am to 1 pm, in conjunction with two scout groups. Meet at the Buffalo Creek Forest Preserve parking lot off of Checker Road just west of Arlington Heights Road. We will clean the seeds at a future event in October or November and sow them at Ryko Park sometime this winter.

**Road cleanup.** Jeff Spitz reported that we will have our next Adopt-a-Highway road cleanup on 10 am on October 15. Watch for further details where to meet.

### **Committee reports**

**Membership.** We have updated our mailing list for all the people who signed up at events over the summer. Now we just need to get them to come to meetings and

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events. We discussed outreach to get more people involved on our TEAM, email or phone.

**Community education.** Deenie has a supply of refrigerator magnets that list all of the special recycling programs operated by the Village. We will distribute them at future events and the Village table at the Farmers Market. The EAT display board has been reworked and will be shown at the BG Days booth.

**Archives (formerly Publicity).** Jill made a beautiful binder loaded with photos from EAT events over our 3 year history, to show at future events. She is tracking down additional photos to add to the binder.

**Alternative energy.** Jeff W. reported the positive response we received from the Park District to our meeting about using solar or wind power in the community. Dan Schimmel has had a meeting with an engineering firm about using solar energy to heat water for the Fitness Center. We also discussed power aggregation, and subsequently learned that the Village of BG is meeting with other communities to investigate the potential benefits.

### Member updates

**Role of EAT within the BG Park District.** Now that Jeff Weiss has left the Park District board, it is a good time to clarify roles and relationships between EAT and the Park District. Jeff solicited input from the team for a meeting with Dan Schimmel, executive director and Park District staff after BG Days, to make our wishes known and understand the implications of being a committee or affiliate of the Park District. EAT members expressed appreciation for the support we have received from the BGPLD!

**Recycling training sessions.** We were approached by a new yoga studio to offer a class at their studio. Several members are interested in taking our message to the public in this way. We will make a decision at our next meeting.

**Museum exhibit – “The Lost Prairie.”** Jeff Weiss reported on an upcoming exhibit at the Raupp Historical museum in spring, 2012. The exhibit will show photos of Buffalo Grove Prairie, one of the highest quality surviving prairies in the Midwest, most of which was plowed under in the 1970's and celebrate the work of the Buffalo Grove Prairie Guardians, who have been working ever since to save the remaining 10 acre remnant under the Com Ed power lines.

**Next meetings – September 22 and November 3 - 7 pm at Alcott.** Please attend and bring a friend!

Respectfully submitted,  
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