

## Buffalo Grove Environmental Action TEAM

Meeting minutes, September 22, 2011

Minutes from the September 22, 2011 BG EAT meeting. Call to order at 7 pm.

### Update on recent events.

- **Buffalo Grove Days.** Recycling at BG Days was a huge success! Recycling is now a part of the event, embraced by Village staff and the BG Days committee. Nice work, Debi! EAT's limited hours at the booth seemed to work out well. However, we should go for Saturday and Sunday afternoon next year.
- **Electronics Recycling.** Deenie Pomilia organized EAT volunteers for the September 24 electronics recycling event. Despite the rain, the event was a success, collecting vast quantities of old computers and other electronics!

### Upcoming events

- **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 Rylko Park sometime this winter or next spring.
- **Road cleanup.** Jeff and Linda Spitz reported that we will have our next Adopt-a-Highway road cleanup on 10 am on October 15. We will meet at the Siemens parking lot, 1000 E, Deerfield Road. Contact Linda

### Committee reports

- **Community education.** Deenie now has a supply of refrigerator magnets that list all of the special recycling programs operated by the Village.
- **Archives (formerly Publicity).** Jill is tracking down additional photos to add to the EAT scrapbook, including BG Days. She and Jeff W. will update the EAT web site to include all of this year's events.
- **Alternative energy.** Steve gave an update on power aggregation. The Village of BG has met with other communities to investigate the potential benefits and plans an April referendum to seek resident approval to move forward. \$77 million of electricity purchasing power is at stake.

### Member updates

- **Recycling at Park District basketball games.** Jeff S. started recycling at the games he worked last year and we would like to expand the program to other gyms. We will contact park district staff to pursue this.
- **Role of EAT within the BG Park District.** Jeff W. reported on his meeting with the Park District. The approach may be to set up EAT as a program within the park district. More details to follow.
- **Museum exhibit – "The Lost Prairie."** Jeff W. reported on an upcoming exhibit at the Raupp Historical museum in spring, 2012. The exhibit will feature photos of Buffalo Grove Prairie, one of the highest quality prairies in the Midwest, most of which was plowed under in the 1970's. The exhibit will also celebrate the

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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.

- **Screech owl.** Jill showed off the screech owl from Ryerson Woods that she is caring at home for as it recovers from an illness. Amazing little creature!

**Next meeting – November 3, at 7 pm at Alcott.** Please attend and bring a friend!

Respectfully submitted,

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