

Buffalo Grove Environmental Action TEAM

Meeting minutes, September 30, 2010

Minutes from the September 30 BG Environmental Action Team meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

We welcomed new members

Jerry Meyerhoff

Jay Jayaplan

Doreen Spizzilli

Jess Taniko

...and current members

Jeff and Linda Spitz

Jill Stites

Jeff and Martha Weiss

Debi Moritz

Mark Steurer

Susan Levy

Tony Schaefer

Committees

1. Membership – We have 24 new members from sign-ups at the Farmer's Market, National Night Out and BG Days. Deenie has sent welcoming emails, Jeff Spitz has made phone contacts and Jeff Weiss has added them to membership and email distribution lists, which now total over 70 names.
2. Publicity – Jill has submitted an article for the winter park district brochure and a history which is now on the Park District website. We reviewed ideas submitted for a mission statement, voted on the following and made slight editorial changes on the following:

The Environmental Action Team of Buffalo Grove strives to raise awareness, improve our community's natural environment and encourage sustainability practices for present and future generations.

We plan to use this on our web site and in communications with the public. Next step is a follow up sentence to describe our approach and how we work together to accomplish this mission.

Jess volunteered to set up a Facebook page to hold more photos and news, and to point to the Web page on the BG Park District site. It can be visited at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=163335083683627>.

Old business

3. Recycling at BG Days – Jeff W., Debi and Susan reviewed success at introducing recycling at BG Days, and suggestions for improvement for next year. We collected almost two dumpsters full of material!
4. Restoration work party update – Jeff W. The results of our efforts at Rylko Park are evident. Reduced cup plant and invasive plants, and new species are making the swale a very attractive area. Efforts continue at noon on Saturday, October 2, when we will be thinning cup plant, planting and seeding.

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5. Update on Village work at Buffalo Creek Nature Preserve – Jeff W. reviewed a note that he will send to the Village Public Works, congratulating them on work already done and offering the Team's support for additional efforts next year.
6. Wind/solar demo – Steve was not present, but Jeff W. reported that planning efforts continue.

October events – four events in one month smashes our old record of two!

7. October 2, noon – 2 pm. Work party at Rylko Park – see item 4. above. Jeff W. circulated a sign-up sheet.
8. October 10, 7:30 am – 12:30 pm. Global Work Party/bike event at the BG Farmers Market. Wendy Frank has done a tremendous job in getting this off the ground. Jeff and Jerry reviewed the event and publicity, and circulated a sign-up sheet. Unfortunately, there is no budget or time for a 350.org banner.
9. October 17, 9 – 11 am. Adopt-a-highway – meet at Siemens parking lot at 1000 Deerfield Road, between train tracks and Barclay Blvd. Linda described the event, reviewed safety procedures and circulated a sign-up sheet.
10. October 23, 9 am – noon. Tony reviewed plans for the event, his new career as fork lift operator and circulated a sign-up sheet.

Other business

- Jay circulated a flyer from a company that recycles Styrofoam in . EAT members also noted that ABT in Northbrook will accept and recycle this material.
- Doreen noted that some residents, especially elderly residents, are confused about what can be recycled. We discussed options for reaching out to them and will put this topic on the agenda for next meeting
- Mark Steurer passed around a recent Trib Local weblog, with numerous articles about environmental topics. Of special interest was a link to information about small scale solar and wind projects.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45. Next meeting will be on November 4 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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