

Buffalo Grove Environmental Action TEAM

Meeting minutes November 3, 2011

Minutes from the November 3, 2011 BG EAT meeting. Call to order at 7 pm.

Update on recent events.

- **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!
- **Seed collecting.** Jeff Weiss reported that two scout groups and EAT members collected a significant native plant seed harvest. We discussed when to clean the seeds and decided to clean them after the next EAT meeting at Alcott. We will sow them at Rylko Park sometime this winter or early spring.
- **Road cleanup.** The Adopt-a-Highway road cleanup on October 15 was a success.

Upcoming events

- **Alternative energy.** Steve gave an update on power aggregation. The Village of BG banded with several other communities to investigate potential benefits and will take up the issue at the November 7 meeting. If a resolution is passed, a referendum question will be on the ballot in March and \$77 million of electricity purchasing power is in play in BG alone. Negotiating points include cost, service levels and amount of “green” energy in the mix. Steve will provide a Frequently Asked Questions sheet to BG EAT members.
- **Presentation to the BG Park District Board.** Jeff W. announced that we have a date to present 2011 projects and future plans to the board on November 14. He passed around a draft presentation, and found interest in the following new initiatives for 2012.
 - Museum Exhibit “the Lost Prairie” – Jeff and Debi
 - Organizing a Village Greenfest – Debi
 - “Green” power promotion – Steve
 - Composting – Josh
 - Rain barrels – Mark
 - Buffalo Creek watershed management group to address issues of
 - Water quality
 - Stream flow – flooding and erosion
 - Habitat in wetlands and along stream corridors

Committee reports – there were no committee reports

Member updates

- **Stevenson/BG High Schools.** Students recently made a presentation to the Village Board with recommendations on environmental issues. Debi will reach out to the teachers to see if there is interest in partnering with BG EAT.
- **Museum exhibit – “The Lost Prairie.”** Jeff W. reported on an upcoming exhibit at the Raupp Historical museum in spring, 2012. EAT will plan an Earth Day tie-in. The exhibit will feature photos of BG Prairie, one of the highest quality prairies in the area, most of which was plowed in the 1970’s. The exhibit will

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also celebrate the work of the Buffalo Grove Prairie Guardians, who have been working to save the remaining 10 acres under the Com Ed power lines.

Future meetings

November 7, 7:30 pm at Village Hall. Resolution to place a referendum concerning energy aggregation on the March 2012 ballot.

November 14, 7 pm, Alcott. BG EAT presentation to the BG Park District Board.

December 8, 7 pm, Alcott. Regular meeting and seed cleaning

January 14, 2012, time to be announced. Potluck dinner at Susan Levy's home.

Respectfully submitted,

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