

Buffalo Grove Environmental Action Team

Meeting minutes, August 20, 2009

The meeting of the Buffalo Grove Environmental Action Team (EAT) was called to order at 7:00 PM. Attendees were:

Debi Moritz
Susan Levy
Joan Karnauskas
Jeff Weiss
Martha Weiss
Sarah Schultz
Steve White
Jeff Spitz
Linda Spitz
Walter Pituc
Dan Schimmel

New members. We welcomed new members Jeff and Linda Spitz, and Walter Pituc!

Park Restoration Project. Sarah reported that the project was a huge success!

- 29 volunteers – scouts, community and Team members, Park District staff all seemed to enjoy themselves
- 4 experienced stewards led the event, which involved removing invasive plants and planting 120 native plugs in a swale and nearby woods
- Sarah has checked the plants lately and they are doing well
- Shading from dense patch of cup plants suggests we should have a Fall follow up. Sarah will send around a notice for volunteers (should be no more than an hour or two).
- Debi passed around the event notice that ran in the Buffalo Grove Journal

Buffalo Grove Days. The BG EATeam will man a booth during limited hours on Saturday and Sunday, administer a survey, provide information on related topics and raffle off reusable bags made of recycled denim. Goals will be to raise awareness and recruit new members for the Team, get community input on interest in potential Team projects or activities, and educate the community on environmental topics.

To dos:

1. Debi will secure a table, two chairs, a box and pens for surveys; prepare an information sheet on recycling and related topics; and a duty schedule sign-up for the two days.
2. Dan or Martha will secure a pop up tent.
3. Martha will get a logo from Erika, start work on a banner, and get a backdrop of photos with help from Mike Terson.

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4. Joan will provide a tablecloth and denim bags for daily raffle to residents who complete survey.
5. All. Bring brochures or information sheets or web addresses for references to hot environmental topics, e.g. recycling, Energystar, etc.

Public survey. Joan circulated drafts of a survey for BG residents to express their interest in various “green” topics. We decided to focus on potential Team activities to create awareness of the topics we are working on, suggest possible future projects, and attract new members. We decided on a rating approach and discussed questions and wording for each.

To dos

1. Joan to revise survey (attached) and circulate for Team input and finalization by August 29.
2. Print 200 copies (more to be copied if needed)

BGPD green building/energy efficiency project. Steve reported on meetings with BGPD staff and his project to access grant money for energy efficiency. He audited lighting requirements at Alcott and will follow up with other ideas once the BGPD Master Plan is approved and available.

Next meeting will be at our booth at BG Days on September 3 at 6:30 PM.