



Buffalo Grove
Environmental Action Team



**MINUTES
BUFFALO GROVE PARK DISTRICT
ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAM
APRIL 17, 2013**

1. Call to Order

Jeff Weiss called the EAT meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Debi Moritz moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Deenie Pomilia and passed with a voice vote.

3. Membership

Deenie will combine the two Facebook pages into one.

4. Green Fair Update

The same number of booths will be at the Green Fair this year as we had last year. Debi will be meeting with park district staff to go over the set-up for the June 30 event.

5. Adopt a Highway – Mark said the April 13 road clean-up went well. Seven members helped out and there was a lot of trash this time. Mark thanked everyone who helped out.

6. Rain Barrel Sales - Mark reported that there was not as many sold this year and he discussed with Rick Missing from the Park District about having two sales next year. Mark will be at the Farmers Market on June 23 to do a rain barrel presentation so residents understand how to use them.

7. Riverwatch training on May 4th – Four EAT members will be attending training to learn how to take stream samples and then identify the invertebrates in the sample.

8. Project Dates for 2013

Members discussed the following dates for this year:

- a. Adopt-A-Highway fall cleanup date – October 12
- b. Rylko Park – seed collecting in fall, date TBD
- c. June 23 – Farmers' market booth to promote EAT and Green Fair
- d. June 30 – Green Fair at the Farmers' Market
- e. August 29 – September 2 – BG Days Recycling

9. Member Updates

- a. Jay spent a week in Germany and talked about the many sound environmental practices there.
- b. Michael said that what goes on at our committee meetings is more geared to homeowners instead of renters and landlords and he will be brain storming about how EAT can better help renters.
- c. Josh was told that none of the farmers at the Farmers' Market are willing to pick up compost and he will see what the objection is.
- d. Susie went to a lecture about attracting monarchs to our area.

- e. Recycle-o-rama will be held in Buffalo Grove on April 20 at the Vernon Township parking lot by the ball fields

10. Buffalo Creek Clean Water Partnership Update. Jeff Weiss provided an update on activities, including water quality monitoring, RiverWatch and the Sierra Club Earth Day event, which BCCWP is co-sponsoring.

11. Next meeting date – There was a consensus to have the next meeting on May 22 at the Alcott Community Center.

Mission Statement – 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.