



Buffalo Grove Park District
Environmental Action Team

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 6, 2014
7 pm – Alcott Center – Room 24

1. Call to Order – Jeff Weiss – at 7 pm
2. Introduction of Guests and Team Members – Chris Kessler from Rep. Sente's office
3. Approval of Agenda – all approved
4. Membership – Jeff has given Deenie the list of who showed interest in EAT.
5. Project Dates 2014 for discussion
 - a. Sunday, **June 22** – Green Fair – 8 to 12:30, Rylko Park – have 15 vendors confirmed. Park District will be collecting used crayons and shoes.
6. Member Updates – Group
 - a. Recap of Earth Day Event at Raupp Museum – was a nice group of 27 people who enjoyed the movie about Aldo Leopold.
 - b. Recap of Adopt-A-Highway Event – had 6 people, 5 adults and 1 high school student volunteer. Spent about one hour and a half and collected a lot of automobile parts and cigarette butts.
 - c. Deer Grove Earth Day event – had over 200 volunteers and over 600 in-kind volunteer hours for Buffalo Creek Clean Water Partnership
7. Buffalo Creek Clean Water Partnership – Update
 - a. Next meeting is during the day, May 29th at Wheeling. The partnership wants to get all of the communities involved and committed to use their resources to promote green infrastructure.
 - b. Started the water quality and stream flow monitoring at Buffalo Creek on Monday.
 - c. Dates for Riverwatch training and monitoring are May 31 at 9 am at Deer Grove and 9 am at Buffalo Creek, then on to Crossings Park, on June 1st. The team is not going to do the formal training this year. Jeff wants to monitor 6 sites this year. Last year, fish monitoring was done at the wetlands at Deer Grove. This year, it's the macro-invertebrates' turn

- d. Saturday, September 13 – Electronics recycling, SWANCC in the parking lot behind Banner Plumbing, 151 Hastings Lane, Buffalo Grove, 9 am - 12 pm
 - e. Jill wants to update the scrapbook.
 - f. Adriane enjoys volunteering with EAT and she said that the Park Board has appreciation for what EAT does.
 - g. Chris Kessler talked about his interest in environmental issues and mentioned that his mom is the executive director of McHenry County Forest Preserve.
 - h. Jeff reported that the seeds that EAT cleaned were distributed at the end of March in Mike Rylko Park.
 - i. Jeff started a discussion about the Village's decision to go with Constellation Energy Resources as the electrical service provider. The rate provided by Constellation will be 6.529 cents per kilowatt hour. As part of the agreement reached by the Village, customers also have the option to purchase 100 percent renewable energy from Constellation for 6.621 cents per kilowatt hour. Buffalo Grove residents will be automatically enrolled in the aggregation program unless they opt out. Other municipalities choose the 100 percent renewable energy choice as the default and EAT members had unsuccessfully encouraged our Village to do the same.
8. Next Meeting – June 18 at 7 pm at Alcott Community Center.
9. Adjournment – 8:07 pm

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.