



Buffalo Grove Park District
Environmental Action Team

Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Jeff Weiss called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND TEAM MEMBERS

The team members introduced themselves. Guests Village Planner Nicole Woods and Village Trustee Dave Weidenfeld introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

NICOLE WOODS – BUFFALO GROVE VILLAGE PLANNER

Nicole explained the Village's Economic Development Plan and how sustainability efforts are being integrated into the planning efforts. There are five phases of the plan – Project Initiation, Market Assessment and Goal Development, Strategy Identification and Exploration, Plan Completion and Approval and Implementation. The Village is currently in the third phase. Nicole gave examples of more recent sustainability projects done publicly and privately and team members had questions and comments.

REVIEW OF ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT ON SEPT. 19

The EAT members who volunteered at this Village/SWANCC electronic recycling and document destruction event commented on how the event did not run smoothly. There were many cars that were turned away because the company hired by SWANCC did not have sufficient equipment or trucks to handle the demand.

The group had an extended discussion of recycling issues and opportunities. We will try to schedule a visit to a local recycler as a group event.

REVIEW OF ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY EVENT ON OCTOBER 4

Mark and Doug said that the cleanup went smoothly.

REVIEW OF 4TH ANNUAL GREEN FAIR – JUNE 28

The comments on the Green Fair were all very favorable and it was noted how many residents brought in recyclable items and look forward to the event.

SEED CLEANING AT TWIN CREEKS MAINTENANCE GARAGE – DEC. 12

The date has changed to **Saturday, December 12** from 9 am until noon, with a potluck lunch at noon. The location is the Twin Creeks maintenance garage, 401 Aptakisic Road.

MEMBER UPDATES – GROUP

The members each gave an update of things happening in their lives or environmental issues that they were concerned with.

BUFFALO CREEK CLEAN WATER PARTNERSHIP – JEFF

There will be a public hearing to provide feedback on the draft plan for the Buffalo Creek Watershed in Lake and Cook counties beginning at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 5 at the Lake County Court and Administrative Complex, 10th Floor, 18 N. County St., Waukegan.

In response to a question, Jeff advised that the samples of macro-invertebrates insects, worms, etc. collected in Buffalo Creek this year indicated poor to very poor water quality.

NEXT MEETING DATE

It was decided that the next meeting date is Wednesday, December 2 at 7 pm at the Alcott Center in Room 8.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.