



# EWING GREEN TEAM

*Promoting People, the Planet and Prosperity in Ewing*

DECEMBER 3, 2014 MINUTES

LOCATION: EWING SENIOR AND COMMUNITY CENTER

## PRESENT

Green Team members denoted with an asterisk \*

Violet Barrett Paterson	Jenn Keyes-Malone *
Pete Boughton *	Joe Mirabella *
David Byers*	Joanne Mullowney*
Mary Corrigan	Michael Nordquist*
Darryl Dixon	Ron Prykanowski
Erin Dovel	Bert Steinmann, Mayor
Lisa Feldman*	Mark Wetherbee*
Jordan Foreman	Win Wetherbee
Erik Karsen	

## INTRODUCTION

The December 2014 meeting was called to order by Pete Boughton at 6:35pm.

Several interested Ewing residents attended: Dr. Violet Barrett Paterson, Darryl Dixon, Erin Dovel, Erik Karsen, Ron Prykanowski, and Win Wetherbee. Also attending and introducing himself for the first time was Jordan Foreman, the 2014/2015 Watershed Ambassador. Mayor Steinmann was also in attendance.

The December meeting was planned as a short one to conclude the results of the community visioning process that we worked on during 2014. Two chores were set for the evening. Natalie Barney, our consultant facilitator from Maga Sustainability, had prepared a draft **Strategic Plan** for review by Green Team members. While review of the entire document was requested by all members, it was particularly important that the group as a whole review the Vision and Mission statements to insure that the statements crafted accurately reflected their views of the EGT's mission and vision.

## VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS AS INITIALLY PRESENTED IN THE STRATEGIC PLAN

**VISION:** The Sustainable Ewing Green Team has a vision of the future for Ewing Township where sustainability is incorporated into all facets of the community. From businesses to homes and residents to visitors Ewing will be a community that leads the way in our global efforts to diminish the impact we



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have on our earth, to create strong and diverse economic opportunity, and grow communities that embrace people from all walks of life.

**MISSION:** To achieve our vision, the Sustainable Ewing Green Team will engage with and respond to the needs of our community with respect for all. We will work to raise awareness of the many issues related to sustainability that we face locally and globally that impact our lives every day. We will aspire in all of our efforts to improve the quality of life in Ewing and our surrounding communities through education, cooperation, and action.

## VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS AS MODIFIED BY THE GROUP

**VISION:** The Vision of the Sustainable Ewing Green Team is to incorporate sustainability into all facets of the community. Ewing will be a community that leads the way in its global efforts to maintain and create sustainable ways of living, create strong and diverse economic opportunities, and grow communities that embrace people from all walks of life.

**MISSION:** To achieve our vision, the Sustainable Ewing Green Team will engage with and respond to the needs of all members of our community, with respect for all. We will lead, educate, inspire and energize the community on the many issues related to sustainability that we face locally and globally that impact our lives every day, to discover together paths to a sustainable future. We will aspire in all of our efforts to improve the quality of life in Ewing and our surrounding communities for this and future generations through education, cooperation, and action.

It was decided to send out copies of the before and after statements to all attendees for additional review and revision. The ***Strategic Plan*** will also be sent out to members for any additional input.

## LOOKING AHEAD

At the conclusion of the meeting, Chair Pete Boughton asked all participants to introduce themselves and to name one area or action that they think is important to work on during the coming year. Among the suggestions made: Mark Wetherbee – energy; Win Wetherbee – biking; Michael Nordquist – getting more community members involved (this was also the primary concerns of Violet Barrett Paterson, Pete Boughton, and Joanne Mullaney); Dave Byers – community gardens; Lisa Feldman – improving recycling practices by business and turning out more lights at night; Mary Corrigan –sidewalk improvements in town for pedestrian safety and safe routes to school; Darryl Dixon – charging stations; Erin Dovel – storm water management and green roofs; Erik Karsen – solar energy and green roofs; Jenn Keyes-Malone – community asset mapping; Bert Steinmann –initiatives that the Township was already implementing in line with some of the results of the visioning process. A number of people declined to participate because they were first time attendees.



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## CONCLUSION

The close of the meeting was announced at 7:35 by Pete Boughton, Chair. EGT members and audience participants adjourned to the Firkin Tavern for a small holiday celebration.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Joanne Mallowney, Communications/IT Officer*