



EWING GREEN TEAM

Working Towards Building a Sustainable Ewing

MAY 22, 2013 MINUTES

WHERE: EWING SENIOR AND COMMUNITY CENTER

The May meeting of the Ewing Green Team was called to order by Peter Boughton at 7pm.

PRESENT:

Green Team members denoted with an asterisk *

Lisa Feldman *

Mark Wetherbee *

John Hoegl *

Joe Mirabella *

Pete Boughton *

Marge Delaney

Mary Jane Leach *

Pete opined that a Quorum of 6 was present if you count 11 appointees; all but the 2 Admin representatives.

INTRODUCTIONS

Peter Boughton called the meeting to order and asked if those present had read the minutes from the April meeting as posted on our website. Since there were no comments or corrections the April 24th minutes were approved unanimously with Mark Wetherbee making the motion and Joe Mirabella seconding it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

ENERGY COMMITTEE REPORT BY MARK WETHERBEE

Mark and John have been researching solar window film at Municipal building.

See handouts: Merrill Lynch photos showing before (without film, 109dF) and after (with film 73.1dF) temperatures. The window film cools things considerably which would lower cooling costs for the building. Photos were taken in February when the sun was low and shining perpendicular into the windows.



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For the Municipal building, Mark estimates a 60% reduction in energy with similar conditions resulting in an \$18,000 savings per year. The cash outlay would be around \$15,000 with a 1 year payoff and the expected life is up to 20 yrs (but Mark thinks this is the outside estimate). This information has been given to Jim McManimon.

NEXT STEPS

Sustainable Jersey Certification: MJ will meet with Mark and John to finalize the SJ ***Energy Audit for One Building*** with the Municipal building efforts.

Hollowbrook findings will not be used at this point, as they are incomplete and informal. But consensus was to document findings anyway for future use.

ANTI-IDLING COMMITTEE REPORT BY JOE MIRABELLA, PETE BOUGHTON, AND MJ LEACH

- The Anti-idling map has been done by Joanne using Pete's list.
- For the Ewing Schools: Chelsea will send video clip to MJ for revision. We will need a flyer. We can use the EPA flyer for the Electronic Backpack and make a Ewing Flyer based on Burlington flyer. Joe has an electronic copy.
- Businesses: We will distribute the flyer to businesses. The Burlington flyer was discussed as an example. They made up 200 copies and distributed them to businesses. It was asked if we can model our flyer on it but tailored for Ewing. The Anti-idling resolution is probably on the Twp. June agenda, and has a good chance of support.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE REPORT BY LISA FELDMAN

The second Shredder day of 2013 is at the ESCC on July 20th. The possibility of including electronics was discussed. Goodwill may be there with a truck but they will only come if a lot of people will come. Pete noted the high turnout at Hollowbrook. Ewing gets the tonnage dollars and Goodwill takes it for parts to resell. The Boys and Girls Clubs is also collecting electronics on a regular basis and has a computer exchange next to Marazzos on Parkway Ave. Lisa needs confirmation with Goodwill in order to put this in the Observer. Electronics recycling may be a good article for the July edition of the Observer as well.



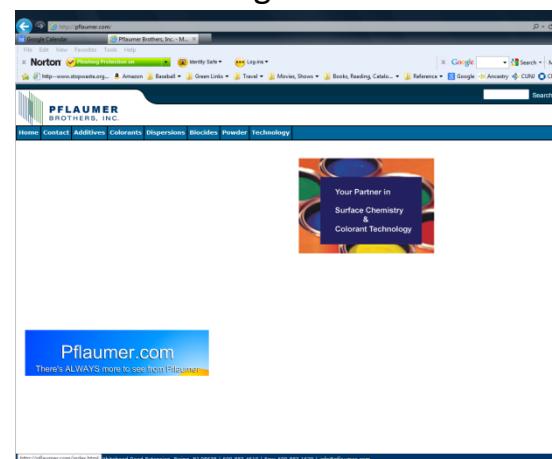
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Lisa is having problems getting copies of the pertinent info for the SJ recycling requirement. John will ask Jim McManimon to help and Pete will ask Nevel Jones. Lisa will take a thumb drive over to public works and see if she can get the documents that way.

GARDEN COMMITTEE REPORT BY MJ LEACH

The fence is in the works. MJ hopes to meet with Nevel Jones and the contractor prior to installation. The Ewing community garden group also had a good meeting with Barbara Bromley. It was very informative about soil and this was good for the new gardeners especially. Joe and Pete reviewed the DEP document having to do with the Pflaumer Brothers property to the left of the gardens. Past violations under previous owners were resolved. So far there is no evidence of current soil contamination. John or Joe will research the company further. It is believed the owners reside in Princeton. [Pete later shared the web page indicating Ewing is the sole site.] See the screen shot from their website.



OTHER CERTIFICATION PROJECTS

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

It is required to have the ERI linked to the Master Plan and John and Jenn are working on this.

GREEN FAIR

John recapped the Green Fair with Lawrence.

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES:

RUTGERS ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING

Our guest Marge Delaney described the Rutgers Environmental training. It is one semester long, 20 weeks, and then is followed by an internship.



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CLOUD INSTITUTE

MJ is taking on scholarship and recommends this training. There are scholarship opportunities for Sustainable Jersey leaders. It would be best if a few go from a group.

NONPROFIT BOARD DEVELOPMENT AT MCCC WW

Pete and Lisa attended the 3-session class and the seminar covered topics like recruiting for the needs of the board and organization's work, etc. We will revisit this when it's time to develop a list for next year's GT.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully Submitted

MJ Leach, Vice Chairperson

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