



EWING GREEN TEAM

Promoting People, the Planet, and Prosperity in Ewing

MARCH 25, 2015 MINUTES

LOCATION: EWING SENIOR & COMMUNITY CENTER

PRESENT

Green Team members denoted with an asterisk *

Pete Boughton *
Mary Corrigan *
Valerie Caffee *
John Hoegl *
Mark Weatherbee*

Joanne Mallowney *
Caroline Steward *
Sarah Steward *
Dave Byers *
Lisa Feldman *

INTRODUCTION

The March meeting was called to order at 7:08 by Joanne Mallowney. Green Team members were asked to approve the February minutes as posted on our website. Peter Boughton made a motion to approve them, seconded by John Hoegl. Guest attendee Andy Williams, a Bonner student from TCNJ was introduced.

DISCUSSION

TEAM LEADER REPORTS

GARDENS

Clean-up day at the Ewing Community Gardens on Whitehead Road Extension is this Saturday, March 28. About 20 student volunteers from TCNJ will be on hand to help put the gardens in order so that township staff will be able to till the inorganic side of the gardens. Registration for plots has gone very well to date.

RECYCLING

Ewing's first Shred Day of the year is Saturday, April 18. It will be at the Ewing Municipal Complex. Joanne will send around a Sign-Up Genius invitation to staff the event. Please volunteer a couple of hours of your time.

BEAUTIFY EWING CAMPAIGN

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Ewing Green Team members Dave Byers and Joanne Mallowney have worked up a landscape plan for the north and south entrances at the Municipal Complex. It will be a first step of the Beautify Ewing Campaign, identified by Community Visioning attendees last year as an action to be pursued.

LIVING LOCAL EXPO

The Living Local Expo will be held on Saturday, March 28th from 11 – 4 at the NJ National Guard Armory on Eggerts Crossing Road. Ewing has been participating since the start of this year's planning. At present, eighty exhibitors are scheduled to participate. In addition to the preparatory work done by EGT members during the planning stages, the EGT will also have a table to promote our activities. We will be running our EnviroWheel, handing out seed packets of milkweed seed appropriate for the local area, and advertising the ***Is It Time to Go Nuclear?*** presentation. Ewing contributed to speakers to the event. Lee Farnham reported on how Project FeederWatch documents the movement of feeder birds around the country and how participating in FeederWatch helps preserve the natural environment on a local, state and national basis, by increasing knowledge about what birds are seen at feeders, and with what frequency. Joe Mirabella also gave a much shortened version of his upcoming nuclear power presentation. Sponsors include PSE&G (thank you, Mark Wetherbee!), NRG, Terhune Orchards, Mrs. G's, Advanced Solar Products, Community Green Energy, EnviroPhysics, and Princeton Air. Volunteers will be needed to cover the tables.

BIKE ADVOCACY

Joanne and Michael will be meeting with Ewing Business Administrator Jim McManimon about the proposed bike tour of Ewing in addition to other agenda items from the Community Visioning.

ENERGY

John and the energy team are working on a number of the energy actions identified during the Community Visioning, including setting up for Residential Energy Audit for Ewing homeowners.

NEIGHBORHOODS

What is our goal on getting neighborhoods together? Caroline Steward, team leader of this action, is looking for clarification.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Joe Mirabella will be giving a presentation "Is it time to go Nuclear?" in April during Earth Week. He has easily put in over 100 hours in preparation for the event.

2014 COMMUNITY VISIONING

The group decided that an appropriate expenditure of some of the remaining grant funds to attempt to communicate the Community Visioning results to as many Township residents as possible. It was

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decided to mail letters to all 2014 invitees, alerting them to the finalization of the project and that a Strategic Plan based upon citizen input was decided upon and where they can see the results. Sarah Steward volunteered to write such a letter, which will need to be approved by Township Administration before sending. In addition, we will ask Administration for permission to post a display of our Community Visioning results at the Municipal Building, the ESCC, and Hollowbrook to further publicize the results.

LIVING LOCAL EXPO

The remainder of the meeting was spent reviewing and editing questions to be used on the Green Team EnviroWheel at the Expo...

IN CONCLUSION

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Corrigan