



EWING GREEN TEAM

Promoting People, the Planet, and Prosperity in Ewing

JULY 22, 2015 MINUTES

LOCATION: EWING SENIOR & COMMUNITY CENTER

PRESENT

Green Team members denoted with an asterisk *

Pete Boughton *
Mary Corrigan *
John Hoegl *
Michael Nordquist*
Sarah Steward *
Brian McGair

Dave Byers *
Lisa Feldman *
Joanne Mullowney *
Caroline Steward *
Mark Weatherbee *

INTRODUCTION

The meeting had guest Brian McGair from Schneider Electric observing the meeting. He wanted to learn about the community. Schneider Electric has submitted a RFP to the School district.

The June meeting minutes from were approved.

Tomorrow, Wednesday, July 23rd is the Farm to Table fund raiser at Terhune Orchards. There is still time to buy a ticket or work for attendance. Its purpose is to promote local food and to raise monies for the Mercer County Sustainability Coalition, the partnership of Mercer communities working to promote sustainability actions in the county.

DISCUSSION

We went through the Sustainable Jersey site at <http://www.sustainablejersey.org> to identify where we may get points for our reapplication next June. Many possibilities were recognized for things that are already underway or newly undertaken. It was suggested that with additional effort we might be able to obtain Silver certification because we already seem to have accomplished enough actions to qualify for the Bronze. In regards to the energy activities we will next want to look at the Public Works Building and Hollowbrook.



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TEAM REPORTS

RECYCLING

Lisa reported that approximately 350 cars came through on Shred Day, Saturday, June 27th. Good feedback was received about the Recycling Maps that we created from our Community Asset Mapping project that were handed out. Thanks go to Tom Elder for printing them for the distribution. Another Shred Day is scheduled for the fall, date uncertain. Tom Elder also supplied his Grass Recycling flyers.

ARTS

Lisa discussed the possibility of going to the Creative Placemaking program sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts. We need to get out and meet other art groups. She discussed the possibility of a Student Artwork Contest and displaying the art at local businesses. We will once again have a scarecrow contest in October. The teachers at Antheil are interested and we are working to make other inroads with the Ewing Schools. We may want to run it onsite at Community Days.

GARDENS

The term of the last Advisory Board has expired and we are trying to get people to volunteer for positions. Response has been lukewarm.

BIKE ADVOCACY

Pete reported that we will have a Bike Tour of Ewing on Oct 24th in conjunction with the scaled down Community Day celebration being planned by Ted Forst of the Recreation Department. We need to decide which local business to order tee shirts and signs from. Five members biked the proposed route for feasibility. Dave is working on a logo and the Brewery is willing to open for a break to use restrooms and provide water. There is a meeting next Thursday.

BEAUTIFY EWING

Dave discussed the need to have bark mulch added to the plantings at the Municipal buildings. The gardens also need weeding. The plants are doing well and Joanne reported that Kris Olsen asked if staff can be given plant care instructions.

ENERGY

Mark stated we are waiting on the report from Sandra about the participation in the Direct Install program.

Following the excellent EC and EGT tour of the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association, it was suggested that we recommend that the Mayor and Council get a private tour.

Dave had taken a private tour of Duke Gardens with the Mercer County Master Gardeners which he said was excellent. Joanne thought it would be great to arrange for a similar tour of the property for the EGT, EC and Gardeners. It would help us garner continuing education credits for the Community Gardens endeavor.



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Council and Commission reports were given.

IN CONCLUSION

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Corrigan