



EWING GREEN TEAM

Promoting People, the Planet, and Prosperity in Ewing

APRIL 27, 2016 MINUTES

LOCATION: EWING SENIOR & COMMUNITY CENTER

PRESENT

Pete Boughton*
Evan Crumiller*
Joe Mirabella*
Lisa Feldman*
Sarah Steward*
Mark Wetherbee*
Michelle Pitts

Mary Corrigan*
John Hoegl*
Joanne Mullowney*
Carolyn Steward*
Aury Ciffents
Aygen Hepurker
Megan Nicholson

INTRODUCTION

Joanne called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. The minutes from the March meeting are not yet available to approve.

Discussion

We discussed more of the requirements for the Sustainable Jersey recertification process, our primary focus for the first half of 2016. We went over the Sustainable Jersey website in detail, reminding all members where to find additional information about their actions and what Sustainable Jersey has found acceptable from past submissions. Joanne issued a reminder that the deadline for resubmission is June 5th. She and Michael would like to have all of the write-ups by May 31st. This includes the 300 word overviews and any supporting documentation, photographs, advertising, etc. Once our documentation has been uploaded and finalized and the application has been submitted, we will be locked out from making any changes on the Sustainable Jersey website until the review has been completed by the various Sustainable Jersey review committees. Then, if any actions are rejected, we will have July and August to review and update our submissions. The second deadline for resubmittal will be in early September.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARTS

Lisa is working on an extensive ***Ewing Art Survey*** to solicit Ewing artist information in order to better promote them and the arts in town. This project is being conducted in collaboration with the Ewing Arts Commission. The survey will be posted to our website, the Arts Commission website and will be advertised in the May

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edition of the Observer. It will also be available in print format. The Arts Commission is currently heavily involved in a Student Art Show at the Elks this past week.

NEIGHBORHOODS

Caroline has been busy making contacts with other Neighborhood Associations. She reported that the next Neighborhood meetings are scheduled for May 12 and June 16. The Trenton Neighborhood Organization will present to the group. The Glendale Neighborhood Association, a very successful and long term civic association will also present at the other meeting.

Aygen Hepurker, our Bonner student who has worked with us on a number of projects including the Community Asset Mapping, demonstrated the work that he has completed with Caroline for the Neighborhoods project in Google Maps. Neighborhood boundaries were outlined in his new map that we will be able to upload to our website in support of this action. He also introduced Aury Ciffents who will be his replacement next year, now that he is graduating. Megan Nicholson, the TCNJ staff member who took Michael's place was also present. She will be working with the students on transferring the work that we did in the street audits to digital format (Excel, for now).

COUNCIL

Sarah reported that the May 10 Council meeting agenda includes a number of EGT "asks" for our Sustainable Jersey certification. The Pledge Supporting NJ's Wildlife Action Plan, the Smoke and Tobacco-Free Ban in outdoor public areas, the resolution in support of our Community Visioning and Strategic Plan, and a re-affirmation of the Township Sustainable Land Use Pledge will all be on the agenda. They are also going to introduce a resolution in support of our recommendations for updates to the Personnel Manual for Township staff, a Best Practices section for energy conservation and waste reducing behavioral policies.

BEAUTIFICATION CAMPAIGN

Jo reported that the EGT will be presenting a Garden Tour of between 15 and 20 standout gardens of Ewing and its environs on June 11th in partnership with the Ewing Girl Scout Troop #70138 and the West Trenton Garden Club. It is our belief that showcasing some of Ewing's noteworthy gardens is a great way to help us engage more people in beautifying our town. A beautiful town elicits pride among its residents and helps to build community.

DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

The Ewing Police are also participating in the DEA sponsored Drug Take Back on Saturday, April 30th. Drop off expired drugs or drugs no longer needed at the Police Station from 10 -2. This action will gain us 10 Sustainable Jersey credits. We need to insure that we promote it as required for the credits.

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IN CONCLUSION

The second Wed of each month we will have continue our check in meetings to check on the progress of our Sustainable Jersey actions for upload. The deadline for which is June 5th. The next check-in meeting is May 11th. Our next regular monthly meeting is May 25th.

The meeting was adjourned 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Corrigan