



EWING GREEN TEAM

Promoting People, the Planet, and Prosperity in Ewing

MARCH 23, 2016 MINUTES

LOCATION: EWING SENIOR & COMMUNITY CENTER

PRESENT

Melissa Apuzzia
Pete Boughton*
Evan Crumiller*
JoAnna DiCiccio
Dave Ensminger
Lisa Feldman*
Aygen Hepurker
Gabriella Hill
Jamie Gerhartz
Ian Henderson
John Hoegl*

DJ Kleinherd
Courtney Maske
Joanne Mullowney*
Dennis Nettleton
Megan Nicholson
Michael Nordquist*
Natalie Nunez
Michelle Pitts
Ingrid Rosario
Caroline Steward*

INTRODUCTION

Michael and Joanne called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. The meeting began with a presentation from our featured speaker, Dennis Nettleton. It was followed by the meeting proper where Pete Boughton made a motion to approve the February minutes. It was seconded by John Hoegl. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Discussion

The highlight of the evening was our featured presentation, the Sustainable State of Ewing Township Schools, presented by Ewing Schools Business Administrator, Dennis Nettleton. In the presentation he gave an overview of many improvements and plans for improvement ongoing in the Ewing School District. We were delighted to learn that all Ewing schools are registered in Sustainable Jersey for Schools. Their approach to certification is a three year one, and each year the district schools will address a different aspect of the "people, planet and prosperity" tenet of Sustainable Jersey mantra. In the first year they will start with people and then move on the other two aspects in subsequent years. Their approach to participating in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools program is methodical and prototypical. We were pleased to learn that Sustainable Jersey also found it so.

His overview of the sustainability initiatives in our township's public schools was extremely informative, as well as inspiring. Members were excited to learn about the many wonderful things that our school district is doing, from paperless meeting documents and even voting, to the Energy Savings Improvement Program, to the plan

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for automated building control systems, to being a founding member of a new energy cooperative, how the district is building excellence and expertise in facilities staff, and even the wellness program, **Shape Up**, (and the list appears to go on...) our schools' initiatives model sustainable behaviors and appear to place our schools on the path not only to Sustainable Jersey certification, but also as a role model in the state.

REPORTS

ENERGY

The Energy Committee has been moving forward. The RFP for residential audits for township residents is out for bid with the deadline of March 24th to be received. Pete and John hosted their “learn more spend less” informational program for Township residents in conjunction with the Ewing Park Brae Burn Civic Association monthly meeting. Over 30 people attended. The evening was quite successful.

ART INVENTORY

Lisa reported that the Ewing Arts Commission will work with us on the Ewing Arts Survey that she is in the process of completing.

LIVING LOCAL EXPO

Joanne announced that the 2016 Living Local Expo, our Mercer County green fair, was held at Rider University Alumni Gymnasium on March 19th, from 11 - 4. Green Team members Pete Boughton, John Hoegl, Mark Wetherbee and Joanne Mullowney volunteered their time at the event to help with set up and to man the EGT table. Attendance was not as robust as in years past, but it was still well attended. There were between 70 – 75 vendors. The Eyes of the Wild program that Lisa secured for us was a big hit with families with kids. The facility was far improved over our past locations. It had Wi-Fi, recycling stations already in place and much more.

RECYCLING

We need to get the dates for the 2016 shred days. Barb Treacy expressed interest in helping with the recycling programs.

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY RECERTIFICATION

Jo and Michael will also be meeting with Jim McManimon, Sarah Steward, Chuck Latini and the Mayor in the next few days to exchange updates regarding the re-certification plan. The Township's Natural Resource Inventory is outdated. Township Planner Chuck Latini is currently conducting a review and update planned for completion by June 5th. This action which will earn us 20 Sustainable Jersey points.



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EGT HEALTHY LIFESTYLES WALK

A group of EGT members will be getting together on Sunday, March 27th for a canal walk. Meet at the New Jersey Manufacturers parking area by the canal on Lower Ferry Road at 10 am if interested.

BIKE ADVOCACY

Pete Boughton and Bob Kirby will be meeting with the Princeton Bike Group since they have received a grant. We will also work on completing the Sustainable Jersey bike audit action.

IN CONCLUSION

We will continue to meet the second Wednesday of each month to check in about the status of recertification efforts by individual members/teams. The next meeting is April 13th. Our next regular meeting is April 27th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Mallowney