



EWING GREEN TEAM

Promoting People, the Planet, and Prosperity in Ewing

JUNE 22, 2016 MINUTES

Location: Ewing Senior and Community Center

PRESENT

Pete Boughton*
Lisa Feldman*
Joanne Mallowney*
Sarah Steward*

Mary Corrigan*
Joe Mirabella*
Carolyn Steward*
Mark Wetherbee*

Green Team members denoted with an asterisk *

INTRODUCTION

Joanne called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. The May minutes were accepted with amendments. Caroline's name was misspelled.

DISCUSSION

REPORTS

Creative Assets Survey

Lisa noted there was nothing new with the Creative Assets Survey. A public meeting in conjunction with the Arts Commission is being planned. We will have a table at National Night Out to advertise it.

Neighborhoods

Caroline reported that a third neighborhood meeting has taken place. The speakers from the Trenton Civic Association did not come however John Anastasio from the Glendale Civic Association came and gave an overview of their organization which has been in existence since the neighborhood was built. The meetings are becoming a meeting of neighborhood representatives instead of Neighborhood groups.

Energy

Pete reported that John Hoegl was arranging to meet with someone from Princeton Air and Home Energy Audits to get pricing for the Home Energy Audits action. Mark is also working on setting up a date for the Energy Team to present to the Kiwanis for the required public meetings for the Energy Education and Outreach action.

Bike Ride

Pete is also working with the Bike tour group to solicit funds to support the bike ride. So far NJ Manufacturers has agreed to provide a \$250 sponsorship plus printing.

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Smoke Free Ordinance

Sarah reported that the Smoke Free Ordinance passed on second reading. It goes into effect July first. The Recreation Department is distributing the information.

Bi-Weekly Trail Meet-ups

Joe Mirabella and JoAnn Povia have started a bike/walk group that will be a joint effort between the Ewing Green Team and the Ewing Environmental Commission. The group will operate independently of our appointed boards and will meet to explore local and regional trails, enjoy nature, get a little exercise and just have some fun while walking/hiking/biking. It is open to everyone. They will ride or walk trails in Mercer County area. The first expedition is scheduled for Saturday, July 9, 7:00 a.m. starting at the [Brearley House](#), a historic Georgian brick house built in 1761 in Lawrenceville.

Beautification Campaign – Garden Tour

Jo reported that at least 45 people attended the Garden Tour that we co-hosted along with the West Trenton Garden Club and Girl Scout Troop 70138. The event earned \$450 which was split equally between the three organizers. Our share, \$150, will be put toward prizes for the Scarecrow Contest in October. The partnership worked extremely well and the Ewing Township Historical Preservation Society provided excellent support. Our hope is for an even bigger and better event next year. We might try to run some kind of contest for the neighborhoods with the best looking gardens? ... That would tie in with Caroline's neighborhood work. Suggestions for expansion included running a native plant sale and yard crafts. See Appendix for some representative photos.

Emerald Ash Borer

Tomorrow Jo and Lee Farnham will meet with Bill Brash, our NJ State Certified Forester, regarding the Ash Borer grant.

Sustainable Jersey Recertification Submission

On June 5th Michael and Joanne finished the uploads for our Sustainable Jersey recertification. Our actions were worth a total of 480 points. This would qualify us for Silver certification if all actions were accepted. We should begin to hear from Sustainable Jersey in about 4 -6 weeks with specific feedback for our submissions. We will have an opportunity to correct/complete any actions requiring additional work. The second submission deadline is Sunday, Sept 11th.

IN CONCLUSION

We viewed the photos from the Garden Tour. The meeting was adjourned 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Corrigan

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APPENDIX



FIGURE 1- VOLUNTEERS AT THE ETHPS GARDEN



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FIGURE 2 - HISTORICAL REENACTOR AT THE BIRMINGHAM GARDEN



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FIGURE 3 - HIDDEN TREASURE - THE ANTHEIL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COURTYARD GARDEN

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FIGURE 4 - GARDEN POND



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FIGURE 5- RAILROAD GARDEN - A UNIQUE ENTRY

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FIGURE 6 - PALISI ROSE GARDEN

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