



# EWING GREEN TEAM

*Promoting People, the Planet and Prosperity in Ewing*

JANUARY 25, 2017 MINUTES

LOCATION: EWING SENIOR AND COMMUNITY CENTER

## PRESENT

Malissa Arnold  
Diane Bates  
Lisa Feldman\*  
Heidi Furman  
John Hoegl\*  
Garry Keel\*  
Karen McKeon  
Anthony Messina

Joanne Mullowney\*  
Dennis Nettleton  
Michelle Pitts  
Jeff Preisichel  
David Schroth\*  
Bert Steinman  
Cait Versella  
Mark Wetherbee\*

Green Team members denoted with an asterisk \*

## INTRODUCTION

The Ewing Green Team meeting was called to order by Joanne Mullowney at 7:05. The meeting was preceded by the swearing in of several members of the Ewing Green Team (Joanne Mullowney and Lisa K. Feldman (Caroline Steward was absent)) for their current three year terms. Gary Keel was sworn in as the newest member of the Ewing Green Team following the main presentation.

The Green Team members unanimously approved the January 2017 Retreat minutes as posted on the Green Team website and hot-linked within the meeting reminder email with no additions or corrections.

Joanne put forth a request for ideas and activities for the \$2k grant. She also announced that the topic of the next meeting, February 22<sup>nd</sup> will be an outreach and educational session by local tree experts on the Emerald Ash Borer. Publicity is ongoing. Look for our ad in the Ewing Observer.

## TOPIC PRESENTATION

Dennis Nettleton, School Business Administrator gave a very informative presentation on the Ewing school system's plans to become more sustainable.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



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The following are the important dates upcoming this year.

- Shred days are Saturdays, April 22, and October 21,
- Community Fest is Saturday, September 23,
- The Mercer Green Fest is Saturday, March 18,
- The Environmental Commission hopes/plans to have an event on Arbor Day April 28. They would like to have a tree planting, as Ewing is trying to become a Tree City.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### BIKING

Garry Keel reported that the committee met on January 16<sup>th</sup>, the ride will be September 30/23(?). It will start and finish at TCNJ in conjunction with Community Fest. The American Cancer Society will be partnering with the ride, and there will be an emphasis on Prostate Cancer, as September is Prostate Cancer Awareness month. The next meeting will be March 13, focusing on logistics. The goal is to have 75-100 riders. They hope to hold a bike rodeo for kids as well.

### FURTHER NOTES

Please submit revisions for the Annual report to Joanne. She and Michael would like to complete it and submit to the Township in early February.

There was a call for ideas regarding capacity grant from Sustainable Jersey; ideas suggested were website renewals, renewal of our image subscription from Istockphoto.com, printing of the revised Green Team tri-fold brochures, a professional logo and printing of decals for the next class of recognized Ewing sustainable business. Since we have already received grants from Sustainable Jersey (an explanation of current Emerald Ash Borer grant was given), we need to make an effort to make our grant proposal very appealing. Cait, an experienced grant writer, offered to assist with grant writing. We will link projects to the strategic plan.

## CONCLUSION

The close of the meeting was announced at 8:10 by Joanne Mullowney.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Malissa K.M. Arnold, Secretary*