



# EWING GREEN TEAM

*Promoting People, the Planet and Prosperity in Ewing*

JANUARY 24, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: EWING SENIOR AND COMMUNITY CENTER

## PRESENT

Green Team members denoted with an asterisk \*

Malissa Arnold \*  
Mya Bittner  
Peter Boughton  
Mary Corrigan \*  
Evan Crumiller \*  
Lisa Feldman\*  
Heidi Furman  
John Hoegl\*  
Kylie King \*  
Karen Kissel

Charlie Maack  
Anthony Messina  
Joe Mirabella\*  
Joanne Mullowney\*  
Dennis Nettleton  
Laurie Ruffenach  
Lillian Seu  
Caroline Steward\*  
Jocelyn Wallace  
Mark Wetherbee\*

## INTRODUCTION

The February meeting was called to order by Joanne Mullowney at 6:36 PM. Green Team members were asked to approve the January 2018 Retreat minutes as posted on our website and hot-linked within the meeting reminder email. They were unanimously approved with no additions or corrections.

## DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Discussions on Sustainable Jersey process and point system. We have non-expiring points from our last certification in 2016 and in order to plan, we should review the spreadsheet of Sustainable Jersey actions.
- There was an announcement that the rain garden needs upkeep and signage.
- City planner said that he should be able to complete the Township Open Space Plan done by June 2019 for Sustainable Jersey submission, including a bike plan for Ewing.
- EGT should begin brainstorming for Special Initiatives
- EGT will merge the green business recognition committee with the Energy Committee



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- It was reported that the tree assessment we applied for a CSIP grant- has been turned down twice- possibly we could check with school green efforts to combine efforts Tom Elder is an appointee to green team- he is the recycling coordinator from Public Works
- **Community Committee-** Could EGT continue the Plastic Bag education outreach conducted last year at Shoprite, Trenton Farmers Market, and Ewing Farmer's Market again with the Scouts? Could we get reusable bags with Logo to promote the Green Team?
- Mercer Green Fest on March 17<sup>th</sup>. We need vendors- companies with green design, products, etc.

## FEATURED PROGRAM

Report on the Ewing School District by Dennis J. Nettleton, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

He reported on efforts by school district. For the last 3 years, they have been working on obtaining a Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification. They have some issues with holding contractors to green standards. They have received a series of grants for Antheil, Ewing High and Parkway to create an Audubon Eco-School. They have enhanced the school efforts by using compostable trays, utilizing recycling containers, holding discussions on green roofing in construction, green HVAC, adding more bike racks, and measuring the district's carbon footprint before and after for accountability. They also want to improve lighting, but as it is a line item, it not part of proposed referendum. Working with ESIP program (a rebate program for improvements), the district will test lead in water every 2 years instead of just as a response to emergencies, and debt servicing will be investigated. The EGT Education Committee had questions for Mr. Nettleton and concerns about what students actually see and do in schools. Possible projects: the school can continue to look into funding for bike racks, more recycling containers, hydroponics, or a green roof. The Green Team was encouraged to check the district website for more information on the referendum. Also, Anthony Messina, a Ewing School Board member, discussed why passing the referendum is important to Ewing and to sustainability efforts.

## NEW BUSINESS

Evan Crumiller, Caroline Stewart, and Malissa Arnold were sworn in as members of the Green Team, and Kylie King was sworn in as a Student Ambassador to the Green Team.

## NOMINATION AND SELECTION OF OFFICERS

Joanne Mullowney for Chair, nominated by Mark Wetherbee, Full Approval.

Evan Crumiller for Vice-chair, nominated by Lisa Feldman, full approval.



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Malissa Arnold for Secretary, nominated by Lisa Feldman, full approval.

Caroline Stewart for Membership, nominated by Malissa Arnold, full approval.

The EGT membership was asked to research areas for point certification, and members for each category were added. The members were asked to meet, discuss, and report back at the March 2018 meeting.

## BROAD CATEGORY - VOLUNTEERS

**Animals in the Community** - Joanne, Jocelyn, Mary, Joe

**Arts & Creative Culture** - Lisa, Heidi

**Brownfields** - Chuck

**Community Partnership & Outreach** - Joanne, Joe, Laurie

**Community Partnership & Outreach : Green Fairs** - Joanne, Lisa, John

**Community Partnership & Outreach: Green Your Green Fair** - Joanne, Lisa, John

**Diversity and Equity** - Caroline & Joanne, Pete, Jenn?

**Emergency Management and Resiliency** - Joanne

**Energy Efficiency** - John, Mark, Pete, Evan

**Food** - Laurie, Malissa, Lillian

**Green Design** -

**Health & Wellness** - Malissa, Jocelyn, Caroline?

**Innovative & Demonstration Projects - 1 – Neighborhoods** - Caroline, Joanne, Lisa?

**Innovative & Demonstration Projects - 2 - Bike Advocacy** - Garry, Pete, Joe, Joanne

**Innovative & Demonstration Projects - 3 – Beautification** - Joanne

**Innovative & Demonstration Projects - Rain Garden** - Joanne, (John & Pete?), Env. Commission

**Land Use and Transportation** - Sarah

**Local Economies** - Evan & Energy Team

**Natural Resources** - Joe, Joanne, Karen, Mark

**Operations and Management** - Tom Elder?

**Public Information and Engagement** - Joanne, Sarah, Malissa

**Sustainability Planning** - most of these actions are still good

**Waste Management** - Charlie, Lillian, Heidi, Lisa, Karen, John

## CONCLUSION

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Malissa K.M. Arnold, Secretary*

[Ewinggreenteam.org](http://Ewinggreenteam.org)

Monthly Meetings at Ewing Senior & Community Center, 999 Lower Ferry Rd, Ewing, NJ 08618, 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of each month

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