



# EWING GREEN TEAM

*Promoting People, the Planet, and Prosperity in  
Ewing*



## EGT MEETING MINUTES

*Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>*

*Called to Order 7 pm – Meeting held via Zoom*

*Present: Caroline, Evan, Lisa, Mark, Joanne, Priya, Mark, Heidi, Joe Mirabella, Sara Marie Henderson, Victoria Marks, Karen Kissel, Dan Brower, John Bennett, Nicholas Beneditti*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We still have vacancies.
- EGT Annual Report – Please submit any materials to Joanne ASAP.
  - Submit committee reports to Joanne
- Restaurant Week - begins Saturday, the 25th and ends Friday, March 3rd. The list of participating restaurants is at <https://ewingnj.org/restaurant-week>.
  - 9 restaurants signed up so far
  - Looking forward to successful Restaurant Week

### SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### GARDENING FOR WILDLIFE - JOANNE

- Handout for bad gardening habits. Karen and Heidi are working on updating Joanne's first try. Hope to have it ready by the first Shred Day.
- Heidi has agreed to help with editing.
- Goal remains to have ready for distribution on May Shred Day

#### THE ARTS - LISA ?

- No report at this time.

#### Bike Ride – Garry

- Bike ride date? Same as Community Fest 2023
- Bike Rodeo beforehand?
  - No report- will anticipate Garry's continued leadership with this activity
  - Will anticipated need for volunteers during Ewing Community Day (2023)

#### CLEAN COMMUNITY – PRIYA

- Clean ups in general – educational handouts to distribute to the spring teams that use our parks...



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- Stream clean up on April 15<sup>th</sup> Location Home Depot. We should see links for sign up available from The Watershed shortly.
  - Discussion from Sara regarding need for clean up on Olden Avenue near the BP and Wells Fargo Bank; as well as area behind Auto Zone (Also on Olden Avenue)
    - Sara volunteered to discuss possible clean up with these businesses
    - Sara also to discuss with Priya list from Code Enforcement to target actions.
- Clean up day for park. Multiple parks/storm drain cleaning? Haven't heard from Mike Meenan or Ted Forst regarding the location.
  - Priya Reported subcommittee met
    - decided on planning a litter campaign.
    - Presented developed poster that would be posted around town. (along highway and a key intersections.)
    - Suggested idea for school children to enter contest of children developed slogans or posters
    - Other ideas- use of social media, and programs focused on picking up trash
    - Will continue to work on implementation

## LOCAL ECONOMIES

- Scarecrow - survey?
  - Lisa: No progress on survey

## NATURAL RESOURCES – WITH EEC

### WATER

### STORMWATER EDUCATION

- Adopt a drain outreach – The Watershed a good partner, also DWP.
- Work with TCNJ student to create a map interface? Waiting to hear back from Jenn about this.
- Work with the new Watershed Ambassador Charlie Coriell ?
  - No Progress/report
- Monitoring the impact of road salt on our Ewing fresh water sources- Year 2 - Watershed Project
- <https://njwatershedwatch.org/road-salt/> Looking for volunteers to sign up. We need two more. It's been difficult to get dates to do monitoring because of the lack of snow/ice/cold weather.
  - Contact Joanne to volunteer to do water testing- still need 2 more samples sent

## NEIGHBORHOODS – CAROLINE/ SHARON



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- Neighborhood Buddy program - [https://princetonnj.gov/217/Princeton- Neighborhood-Buddy- Initiative](https://princetonnj.gov/217/Princeton-Neighborhood-Buddy- Initiative) No go. Princeton has discontinued their program due to liability issues.
- Neighborhood groups / Welcome booklet – Caroline
  - Caroline- No report

## WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Shred Dates 2023 – May 6 and Oct 14.
  - Long discussion on what can be shredded.
  - Need for more information regarding what can be appropriately shredded.
    - No books, staples or other non-paper items.
- The collection of books or ability to sort thru shred donations by Green Team is not within the previously agreed upon duties. These duties have been focused on ID validation, traffic direction, and distribution of educational materials. The Green team members are there to support not police the activity.
- Work on straw outreach – decided at retreat.
  - Work continues on straw re-education.

## OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS

### COUNCIL REPORT

- Progress being made on plans for Restoration of the Ewing Senior and Community Center recently destroyed by fire. Mayor will schedule community meetings to discuss these plans.
- This years Budget is under development.

### ETRA

- No report from Joe

### CONDEMNATION

- one property has been purchased and will be removed from the list.

Meeting Adjourned 8:10 pm

Next Meeting scheduled for 3/22/23 at the Hollowbrook Community Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Caroline Steward