



EWING GREEN TEAM

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



EGT MINUTES WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22ND

Meeting Called to Order by Joanne @7:02

Location: Hollowbrook Community Center

Present: Evan Crumiller, Priya Vimalasseny, Mark Wetherbee, Heidi Furman, Caroline Steward, Joanne Mallowey, Dan Brower, John Bennett, Charlie Corrielle, Nicholas Bennedetti, Shelby Edouard, Karen Kissel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We still have two vacancies to make 13.
 - Karen Sare has just been appointed.
- EGT Annual Report – Please submit any materials to Joanne ASAP.
- Busy April/first weekend in May.
 - Will be needing may volunteers over this time
- Meetings moving to large community room in June.
- April 3-5 Antheil clean up scheduled – Alisa Demomo coordination project
 - Heidi volunteered to help

GUESTS

- Charlie Corrielle – AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassador – Introduction
 - Offered to assist our group
 - Could possibly assist with rain barrel program May/June

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS

GARDENING FOR WILDLIFE -JOANNE

- Handout for bad gardening habits. Karen, Heidi, and Joanne ?
 - ☐ Continue to work to condense information to fit onto a trifold
 - ☐ Still aiming to have completed for May Shred Day.
- Presentation for West Trenton Garden Club Monday, March 6th. – Joanne
 - ☐ Heidi suggested that Garden Club might be interested in cooperation with us for the Garden Tour

Bike Ride – Garry

- Garry might not make it back until the May meeting. Be thinking of who we might want to support this year.
- Bike ride date - Community Fest 2023 will be on Sept 30th
- Bike Rodeo beforehand?-



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CLEAN COMMUNITY—PRIYA

- Priya and Donna presented a sample poster for the litter campaign. It was well received by the group. Great Job!
- Clean ups in general – educational handouts to distribute to the spring teams that use our parks...
- Stream cleanup on April 15th Location Home Depot. Has everyone signed up? The Signup Link from The Watershed is <https://thewatershed.doubleknot.com/event/ewing-stream-cleanup-2023/2968618>.
 - ☐ Giving out trees instead of t-shirts (9-11) use link to register)
- Clean up day for Ewing parks – April 22nd. Best available day in coordination with Ted Forst. Multiple parks/storm drain cleaning? Haven't heard from Mike Meenan or Ted Forst regarding the location.
 - ☐ Jenn to take TCNJ students to do clean up around Hollowbrook

High School Environmental Club

- Nick and Shelby reported on HS activities
 - Soil testing underway at High School
 - Planning Earth Day celebration
 - Robotics event – use in watering

LOCAL ECONOMIES

- Scarecrow - survey?- no update
- Restaurant Week - began Saturday, the 25th and ends Friday, March 3rd.
 - 10 restaurants participating
 - Dan volunteered to post Restaurant week information on TCNJ website to help market event

NATURAL RESOURCES – WITH EEC

TREES

- **Arbor Day Celebration – Saturday, April 29th.** Group purchase and donation of another tree for Shabakunk Creek/Municipal Center by the rain garden....
- Tree giveaway to residents– Lucy Walter, Mercer County?
- CFMP – Jim McManimon has approved redoing the CFMP. Joanne has reached out to Bill Brash. The CORE training schedule for this spring has been announced.

WATER

STORMWATER EDUCATION

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- 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.
- Monitoring the impact of road salt on our Ewing fresh water sources- Year 2 - Watershed Project <https://njwatershedwatch.org/road-salt/> It's been difficult to get dates to do monitoring because of the lack of snow/ice/cold weather. One more date left – Heidi.
- John Bennett reported that there are problems cleaning the storm drains due to equipment. Supposedly the township has purchased a new truck to use.
- John saw the value of the data gathered regarding storm drain location. Hopefully we will be able to come up with a way to utilize it.

NEIGHBORHOODS – CAROLINE/ SHARON

- Neighborhood groups / Welcome booklet – Caroline
- Anything we can work on with the Health Department – Sharon? SJ Health Initiatives?

WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Shred Dates 2023 – May 6 and Oct 14
- Work on straw outreach – decided at retreat.

ANY OTHER TOPICS?

- What about lining up guest speakers?
 - Charlie Coriell volunteered to get a bird expert as a potential speaker
 - Joanne will plan to present the 12 Don'ts of gardening

OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council, ETRA, Condemnation, EEC, Site Review and Planning, Arts...

No reports

Next meeting scheduled 4/28/32

Meeting Adjourned 8:29 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Caroline Steward