



# 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 Mullowey, 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 many 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 6<sup>th</sup>. – 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 30<sup>th</sup>
- 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> . 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 29<sup>th</sup>**. 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 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 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