



# EWING GREEN TEAM

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



## EGT MEETING MINUTES

*Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 2023*

### *Meeting called to order @7 pm*

Attendance: Joanne Mulloney, Heidi Furman, Lisa Feldman, Nicholas Benedetti, Dan Bowen, John Bennett, Karen Sare, Evan Crumiller, Caroline Steward, Mark Weatherbee

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Trunk or Treat. Looking for donations from members of candy to fill our trunk.
- West Trenton Garden Club- Money collected from EGT members to purchase fundraiser brick.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- There will be a public meeting about the ESCC rebuild at Hollowbrook on Monday, November 13 at 6 pm in the Community Room. Members were encouraged to attend to give a sustainability perspective in their comments. E.g. a green roof is in the planning stages, and out long term maintenance.

### SUB COMMITTEES

#### Gardening for Wildlife- Joanne and Heidi

- Next month speaker planned – Mike Van Clef will speak on Invasive Species. Plan to be at Hollowbrook and invite friends to come hear this speaker. Refreshments will be served.

#### The Arts/Local Communities -Lisa

- The Arts Council continues to provide displays at the Municipal building.
- Scarecrow contest cancelled for this year.

#### BIKE RIDE 2023 – SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> - GARRY

- Route selected and ready to go
- Ride to benefit Meals on Wheels of Mercer County
- Reports on the Bike Rodeo -still looking for volunteers
- Bike donations will be collected for the Boys and Girls Club of Mercer County



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## Clean Community -Priya

- No report
- Fall Cleanup? – Sometime in October? -not yet scheduled
- Karen reported success in getting a trash can placed on Olden Avenue for trash by McDonald's. There are also plans for placing a no Litter sign at the same location.
- John Bennett reported that there is a shortage of recycling cans available thru the Township. Hopefully this will be resolved soon
- John B also reported that the tree we planted at Watson Park is doing well. This tree will also need to be wrapped to protect it from the deer.

## High School Environmental Club-Nick

- Working on use of single use plastics in HS. This should both encourage and reduce plastic waste
- Reports overall shortage of recycling bins at HS
- The "Garden" at the HS is improving

## STORM DRAINS- DAN AND JOANNE

- Joanne in discussion with Chuck Latini about the addition of storm drains to master plan. There seems to be some issues with software and merging abilities
- Dan aware of software issues. Will help to convert data into format that can be merged into Township maps.
- Dan also looking into grant opportunities to support this project.
- Dan will present his progress next EGT meeting.
- The Ewing Environmental Commission is planning on making a short film "How to clean out a Storm Drain" which they plan on filming on Oct 7<sup>th</sup>. Where yet to be determined.

## WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Shred Day – scheduled Oct 14, 2023 - Sign up genius will be sent around for volunteers

## Neighborhoods/Health – Caroline and Sharon

- Caroline working on reestablishing committee
- Sharon- Health Initiative- No report

## NEW BUSINESS

- Joanne soliciting ideas for guest speakers for next year



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## OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS

No other reports

Meeting Adjourned 8:26 pm

Next meeting 10/25/23 at Hollowbrook.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Steward