



EWING GREEN TEAM

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Ewing*



EGT MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER @ 7:03 PM – HOLLOWBROOK COMMUNITY CENTER

Announcements: ECT meetings will be held in the Nutrition Café until May

MINUTES

- Next time.

GUESTS/ECT MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Joanne Mallowney, Caroline Steward, Mark Wetherbee, Heidi Furman, Karen Sare, John Bennett, Nick Benedetti, Jonathan D. Cloyd, Dan Bowen, David Schroth

- Guests -
- Carten Allen - Hollisitic Habitat Representative- Volunteered to provide donations for supplies used in cleanup operations.
- Matt Lankford TCNJ student- Kappa Sigma Fraternity – volunteered to assist with cleanups.
- Alexandra Bianculli - interested citizen.

LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS

- Chair- Joanne agreed to only 1 more year
- Vice Chair- Jonathan D. Cloyd
- Secretary- Caroline agreed to another year, Lisa will assist

SOFT LANDINGS

- Joanne provided a brief overview of need to provide a soft landing for insects underneath our (native trees) with information available in a handout.

SUB COMMITTEES

RESTAURANT WEEK - JOANNE

- April 13 – 21. A second email went out the other day and signs are being erected around town. At this point we have four signups. Need people to go door to door. Can we each take an equal number and hand them out?



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- Members encouraged continue to solicit more restaurants to participate
- Members also encouraged to visit participating restaurants and thank them for participating in this activity

TREES – EVAN

- Arbor Day celebration – Saturday, April 27th Purchase and donate another tree to Twp lands in cooperation with the EC? It usually comes to about \$20 per person. Another Black Gum at Watson Park would be nice, as Watson Park has lost a lot of trees.
 - Joanne will collect \$20 from all interested ECT members.
 - Fencing will need to be purchased and places on new trees plated to protect from hungry deer.
 - Will most likely plant more trees at Watson Park
 - Suggestions for other places to plant trees welcome.
- Ewing Township Tree Ordinance needs to be updated as part of the requirements for the Stormwater Management Plan.

WASTE MANAGEMENT - REMINDER

- Shred dates for 2024
 - May 4th (Sign Up - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COD4EAEA82CA4F49-48118183-ewing>) and
 - Oct 5th (Sign Up - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COD4EAEA82CA4F49-48118462-ewing>)
 - Need four people to sign up for each event- go on sign up genius and volunteer.

WATER ISSUES

- **NJ Salt Watch** update?
Reminder Participation in NJ Salt Watch also earns points for municipalities toward the new Sustainable Jersey action [Winter Best Practices to Reduce Road Salt Impact](#). (Between 5 – 15 points)
 - Karen and John volunteered to do required testing
- The Watershed's annual stream cleanup – Saturday, April 13th – early shift (9 – 11 am). To be held at Hollowbrook.
 - Plan to come and help.
- Dan – Anything to report on storm drains – mapping?
 - Dan provided overview of software that can be used to monitor storm drains



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- Information still being gathered for more complete data- includes both storm drains and drainage basin
- Still working on interfacing and data coordination

CLEAN COMMUNITY -

Does anyone want to take ownership of this committee now that Priya has left us?

Chairperson Volunteer?

- Spring Cleanups this year?
 - 4/13/27- Watershed clean up scheduled at Hollowbrook
 - Always looking for volunteers
 - Second Clean up Suggestion- Watson Park would benefit from a clean up project
 - Perhaps could be in conjunction with Arbor Day celebration 4/27/24
 - Several groups have reached out to us about volunteering to help at a cleanup.
1. Alexandra Rocco and from the Service and Outreach for Theta Tau, a professional engineering fraternity at TCNJ. She was looking to schedule a clean-up opportunity for her members for a fall cleanup. Still available?
 2. Alexis Demello has a group of 15 people who would like to help doing clean ups. Her contact info is (from Rec Dept.)
 3. Matt Lankford - TCNJ student- Kappa Sigma Fraternity – volunteered to assist with cleanups

The Arts

- No report

NEIGHBORHOODS – CAROLINE

- Neighborhood groups / Welcome booklet – Caroline
 - Committee off volunteers created
 - Caroline Hoping to be able to utilize software and make changes
 - Joanne to send file with current Booklet

HEALTH – SHARON

- Anything we can work on with the Health Department – Sharon? SJ Health Initiatives?
 - No report

Bike Ride – Garry

No report



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- Start up after tax season.
- 10th Anniversary this year.

High School Environmental Club

- Nick is graduating this year- thank you for your wonderful participation.
- Nick is looking for a replacement at the High School.
- HS group held a successful Athletic field cleanup.

OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ewing Council-

- Reviewing Storm water resolution
Needs updating
- Tree Ordinance
Needs updating

ECC-

- Working on Storm drain educational video
- Looking into use of survey regarding use alternatives to plastic bags

New Business:

Investigation into Drainage Basins located on Scenic Drive suggested.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30

Next meeting scheduled Wednesday 4/24/24 at Hollowbrook

Respectfully Submitted,

Caroline Steward