



EWING GREEN TEAM

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



EGT MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

IN ATTENDANCE

Joanne Mullowney
David Schroth
John Bennett
Mark Wetherbee
Jonathan Cloyd
Daniel Bowen

Nicholas Benedetti
Evan Crumiller
Karen Kissel
Aaron Watson
Danielle Marie
Adam Grant

MINUTES

- March and April meeting minutes - Approved.

GUESTS

- Guests - introduce themselves. BA Aaron Watson in attendance.

GUEST SPEAKER

Carter Allen provided a brief overview of Holistic Habitat as it relates to the work that we do. Mission statement – educational home improvement to improve living conditions. They engage with the public and provide both services and education. Curriculum – provides the skills for home maintenance. How to compost, how to paint. Their shop is on 1515 Parkway Ave., and they are looking to expand. They offer virtual training and Interact to provide basic education.

Possible collaboration with the Mercer County Home Buyers program. Will meet with the mayor. They don't touch anything without a licensed contractor. Carter is a contractor. Also collaborates in the community including charitable work in neighboring Trenton. Helps people with lower incomes to support the community. Expanding hopefully to receive more grants. Participated in Pennington Day and all other community events. Educating on fire safety and carbon monoxide poisoning.

SUB COMMITTEES

TREES – EVAN



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- Arbor Day celebration was held on Saturday, April 27th. There was a great turnout. Things look great – this year's tree and last year's. Our goal is to become a Tree City USA and an annual Arbor Day celebration is a requirement to attain this.
- If anyone has not yet made their contribution towards the cost of the tree, your contribution will be gratefully accepted.
- Ewing Township Tree Ordinance needs to be updated as part of the requirements for the Stormwater Management Plan. Dave Schroth promised to look into this and let us know.

AARON WATSON, EWING BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Watson introduced himself and expressed his vision for Ewing and landscaping. He is very knowledgeable and cares very much about the environment. He started Outdoor Equity/Environment and supports rain gardens and all sustainability initiatives. Very committed to the expansion.

Mr. Watson would also like to come up with a "Do Not Plant" list on the municipal level. Recommendations of what not to plant; things that are better for the environment. He would like to offer homeowners alternatives to the invasives that are commonly planted.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

- May 4th Shred Day summary. Thanks to Dan, Mark, John, and Joanne for volunteering. We need to do yet a better job in educating the public about the types of materials that they cannot include for disposal during Shred Days. Despite the public warning so far, there are still issues with inappropriate materials. Also, we gave out the DPW's pamphlet on grasscycling as part of outreach about that concern. John Bennett felt that this was more of a problem by homeowners than landscapers.
- Oct 5th (Sign Up - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAEA82CA4F49-48118462-ewing>)

STORMWATER ISSUES

- **Rain Barrel presentation in the works**
Need a couple of nimble EGT volunteers.
- **Green Roof Tour at The Watershed**
Will be held on Wednesday, June 5th at 4 pm. We discussed pros and cons during the meeting. A recommendation was made that the tour be videorecorded for those who cannot attend.
- **Annual Stormwater report to be produced by DPW**
Ewing needs to earn 10 points in educational outreach for 2024 to be submitted in the annual report next May. The rain barrel presentation will count (3 points), flyers and other outreach will also count.
- Adam Grant wants to start a campaign for the electrification of lawn equipment. For additional ideas on this Sustainable Princeton is running a campaign on sustainable landscapes.



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- Dan – Anything to report on storm drains – mapping?

CLEAN COMMUNITY -

Still looking for a volunteer to take ownership of this committee now that Priya has left us. It would be great to do a Townshipwide Fall Cleanup this year. A Mayor's Campaign for cleanup.

- Delaware River Cleanup in September...

Bike Ride

- Start up after tax season. 10th Anniversary this year. Community Fest is September 21st. For anyone interested, the first subcommittee meeting will be on Monday June 3rd. It will be held at Garry's office at 1194 Parkway Avenue, Ewing, NJ 08628 beginning at 6:30 and should be done by about 7pm.

Community Outreach

- National Night Out is August 6th from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. This year the festivities will be at the Ewing Senior Community Center (ESCC) located at 999 Lower Ferry Road and they are looking to do it a bit bigger and better. We need to decide whether to participate. John Bennett has a tent we can use for some relief from the sun and the heat.

High School Environmental Club

- Nick report. He is recruiting a new volunteer to take his place once he graduates.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Jonathan D. Cloyd