



EWING GREEN TEAM

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



EGT MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

ATTENDEES

Joanne Mullowney, Mark Wetherbee, Heidi Furman, Joe Mirabella, Sonya Travis, Kathi Barringer, Devin Spence, Karen Steward-Sare, Karen Kissell, Daniel Coughlan, Dave Schroth, Ryan LeLache

WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER

Voted to approve March 2025 minutes

SUB COMMITTEES

SUSTAINABLE JERSEY

More feedback received: we need to clarify one item: digital public information. Once we respond satisfactorily, we'll get an additional 10 points, for a total of 225. Jennifer Keyes-Maloney will prepare the resubmission.

TREES

Friday April 25th, W. Trenton Garden Club is giving away native trees at the Ewing branch of the Mercer County Library. Starts at 9:30 am.

Annual Arbor Day celebration update is this Saturday, April 26th @ 9am. Location is across from Watson Park. \$20 donations from the Green Team and Environmental Commission members secured one 12-14 foot Red Maple. DPW is providing three more and is planting them, so we saved money on labor.

We're set to earn a Tree City USA designation in 2026

Discussed setting up a tree subcommittee comprised of Devin, Dan, Kathi and Joanne. Raise funds for 250 new trees for our nation's 250th birthday celebration.



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STORM WATER/WATER ISSUES

NJ Salt Watch – Jacobs Creek and Shabakunk are back to pre-snow levels, 49 and 48ppm.

40 people came to the annual stream cleanup. Joanne will ask about how many pounds of garbage was collected.

Discussed reporting Home Depot to the DEP to report the state of their stream. Hotline is 1-877-927-6337. When you call, record the incident number.

Rain garden workshop scheduled for May 17TH @ Hollowbrook Community Room, \$10 to cover cost of materials. pre-registration required. Look for URL on Green Team/Township websites. Child-friendly event.

Stream testing session with Mike Sherr on Saturday, June 21 with rain date June 28 @ Watson Park. Bring waders and nets if you've got them (not too child-friendly)

BIKE RIDE – GARRY

11th Anniversary this year.

CLEAN COMMUNITY – KAREN AND DEVIN

Mayor's Community Wide Spring Clean Up. Posted on Facebook and in our newsletter. Saturday, May 3rd @8:30am. Orange trash bags available at Municipal Building, Public Works. Drop off trash at any park or public works by 2:30. Scan QR code to record the trash you pick up and send pictures if possible.

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS

Twelve restaurants signed up for Restaurant Week 2025 – April 26 – May 4.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

We ask that each member pick one day in either the spring or the fall to support the shredder event. Reminder: May 10 is the spring Shred date – 3 people have signed up so far. AM shift is 8:45 to 11AM. PM shift is 11:45 to 1PM.

What we would like to promote

NATIVES COMMITTEE

Ewinggreenteam.org

Meetings: 4th Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

Contact us: ewinggreenteam@gmail.com

Hollowbrook Community Center, 320 Hollowbrook Dr., Ewing



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Recommendations for a do not plant Invasive species list to add to the MLU.

Subcommittee reviewed ordinances. Also received NJEC best practices from Chatham and Eatontown, will review language for use in Ewing. Dave S doesn't anticipate issues with adopting the 70% native rule for new development. Plan to approach Council informally, give Dave info, he'll bring up with the remainder of the Council. We need to justify the request to increase natives to 70%, what are some good reasons for doing so?

GENERAL

Open Space and Bike Plans to add to the Master Plan -- follow up with Chuck Latini Climate Change Element addition to the Master Plan must be included in any updates to the current Master Plan. Dave to ask Chuck about this.

Ewing 250 theme for next year's events...Keep America Beautiful Campaign, Mayor's Community Wide Spring Cleanup

To Do List

- Next newsletter – needs to go out this week...We need volunteer authors, Joanne will recycle some old articles for now [i.e. How NOT to landscape].
- National Gardening for Wildlife Month – May
- Bike safety... week / month ? MAY 12-18 = Bike to work week. MAY is bike safety month
- Joe Mirabella solar panel update...panels have been in operation for 26 months with no trouble. Finance \$44K for 20 years at 1% interest. Payments for the new system = or are less than old electricity bills; savings are paying for the system.

2025 MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS

- May 28th at 7 pm at Hollowbrook in Nutrition Café – guest speakers FoHVOS. We'll need a substitute secretary to take the minutes at this meeting [Kathi on vacation]
- June 25th at 7 pm at Hollowbrook - in Community Room
- July 23rd at 7 pm at Hollowbrook - in Community Room
- No August meeting
- Sept 24th at 7 pm at Hollowbrook - in Community Room
- Oct 22nd at 7 pm at Hollowbrook - in Community Room
- No November meeting
- Dec 3rd at 7 pm at Hollowbrook - in Community Room (first Wednesday due to end of the year holidays).



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Discuss moving meetings to earlier in the month to be better positioned to advertise in the Ewing Observer.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm. Minutes prepared by Kathi Barringer