



# EWING GREEN TEAM

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



## EGT MEETING MINUTES

*Wednesday, June 25, 2025*

### WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER@7:05 PM

In Attendance" Joanne Malloweny, Heidi Furman, Devin Spence, Caroline Steward, Lisa Feldman, Lexy Freiling, Dan Coghlan, David Schroth

### GUESTS

- Guests – George Steward, Richard Ruck

### EGT EWING 250 PLANNING SESSION

Green Team Ideas ---

- Walking tours in partnership with the Historic Preservation Commission/Health Department (Bear Tavern Road/River Road)?
- Planting 250 trees-
  - Possible local business support
    - Letter being drafted
  - Community Education about care and planting of trees
  - Possible tax credit
- Bike Ride - Ewing Fall Spin - Revolutionary themed -visit historic sites of the time, the cemetery?
- Clean ups -- themed for getting ready for America 250 - Keep America Beautiful.
  - Suggestions to utilize TCNJ students, ELKS, High School Student
- Scarecrows - Revolutionary themed...?-
  - 250 celebration -Revolutionary or militia men along 1776 trail as theme
- Garden Tour with the West Trenton Garden Club - focusing on native plants/gardens that would have been what available to plant in Rev times. Date 9/27/25 10-3pm

### SUB COMMITTEES

#### Natives Committee

- Presentation By Dan Coghlan



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- Presentation of results from study of other local areas.
- Recommendations for a do not plant Invasive species list to add to our ordinances.
- Change the % of native plants required for new projects. It is now 45%. See <https://ecode360.com/12146593#12146593> The recommended number is 70% biomass.
- Discussion- What is our goal – 100% or 70%
  - How will it be implemented (township?)
  - Possible tax benefit
  - Dan and his committee will continue to work with council on ordinance

## Bike Ride

- Date: Saturday, October 18, 2025
- Kickoff to the Ewing Township Fall Community Fest
- George Steward will chair
- Progress report
  - Route has been chosen
  - Need to determine organization that will receive donation from event
  - Permits need to be submitted to council for approval
  - Working with Joanne on 250 birthday celebration

## SUSTAINABLE JERSEY

SJ Overview and Ewing participation. Submission and revisions have been made.

## TREES

- 250 trees... Tree committee-see above

## STORMWATER/WATER ISSUES

- Stream educational testing session with Mike Sherr Stream was held on Saturday, June 21 at Watson Park. Report.

## CLEAN COMMUNITY – KAREN AND DEVIN

- Suggestions for the fall cleanup: set the date by the July meeting. Start advertising. Reach out to local groups for their participation, Ewing Schools, Elks, Historic Preservation Society, Kiwanis, churches... We need to partner with local organizations to get better turn out.
- Delaware River Cleanup – Ryan will get the date. Usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in September.



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## Events

Need to decide about outreach. Necessary for bike ride and 250 initiatives such as 250 trees...?

- NNO – Tuesday, Aug 5<sup>th</sup> behind the municipal building. Rain date – Aug 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Need volunteers to man table
  - Will combine bike ride table with Green Team
- CommFest – Oct 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Will need volunteers

## What we would like to promote

### NATIVES COMMITTEE

#### GENERAL

- Open Space and Bike Plans to add to the Master Plan-
- Climate Change Element addition to the Master Plan
- Ewing 250 theme for next year's events...

## To Do List

- Karen Sare was going to check with getting someone from the Extension Service to speak...

## OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council, ETRA, Condemnation, EEC, Site Review and Planning

Dave gave update on Council activities.

- Trash can removal ordinance in place- cans need to be removed by 6am on the day following trash collection
- Astro turf for Moody Park voted down and removed from budget
- Addition of splash pad (Somerset Street) was voted down and removed from budget
- New ladder fire truck was approved

## 2025 MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS

- July 23rd at 7 pm at Hollowbrook - in the 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



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- Dec 3rd at 7 pm at Hollowbrook - in Community Room (first Wednesday due to end of the year holidays).
- Meeting Adjourned at 9:05 pm

Respectfully submitted

Caroline Steward