



# EWING GREEN TEAM

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



## EGT MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 22, 2025

### ATTENDEES

Sonya Travis, Deborah Miliaresis, Erin Mayo, Karen Sare, Heidi Furman, Karen Kissel, Ryan Lelache, Lexy Freiling, Mark Wetherbee, Devin Spence

### OPENING

- Call to order at 7:02pm
- Approve September minutes (<https://ewinggreenteam.org/meeting-minutes/>) Approved
- Discussion on meeting dates next year. We agreed to move our meeting to the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm.
- Our guests this evening were Debra Miliaresis and Erin Mayo from the Flower Hill Preservation Team to discuss the Bull Run Road Development Project

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### REPORT ON EGT EVENTS

- **CommFest**- October 18<sup>th</sup> abt. 8 am – 4pm – Lexy, Sonya, Heidi, Karen Sare, Joanne, Karen Kissel Thank you!!!
- **Bike Ride** - October 18<sup>th</sup> 7:30 am – Joanne - Appr. 40 riders. Rest stops at Ewing Town Center and Benjamin Temple House. Beautiful sunny and cool day. Chuck spoke at ETC and gave a bit of historical information about ETC and development throughout Ewing. A lot of new riders and there were even a few that had started with us the first year in 2015. Benefit of Younity (WomanSpace). Ted and his staff did a great job with the organizing for check in and supplies for the rest stops. The mayor spoke, as did George Steward. The police were great as was the SAG support. Check FB for pics.

#### GUEST SPEAKER

- Our guest speaker was Justine Gray from the Mercer County Agricultural Extension Service and she gave a wonderful presentation of native plants/trees, the importance of leaving your leaves this season and the resources the Agricultural Extension can provide for residents. She also volunteered to help (where applicable) with EGT's Native Planting Initiative.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 250 Tree Initiative update – Julie has been sending out in every weekly newsletter. Joanne will be speaking at the West Trenton Garden Club on Monday night Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> (probably). Devin will follow up with Aaron on approving the letter for businesses.



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- Trees – CFMP report – request for volunteers We need a total of 7 volunteers between the EC and the GT. **Sonya, Karen Sare, Deborah, Karen Kissel, Ryan, Lexy, Mark and Devin all volunteered. Devin will help anyone who does not have an updated resume.**
- Native Plant Initiative – Will work with the Mercer County Agricultural Extension Service to see if they can present to council with us.
- SJ – anyone interested in representing the GT and attending the League of Municipalities Conference to receive our bronze award? Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at the Sheraton Convention Center Hotel, Crown Ball, Atlantic City. \$40 per person. I believe that the Township will reimburse. No one volunteered to attend.  
<https://www.sustainablejersey.com/events/annual-luncheon/>

## UPCOMING NEW BUSINESS POSSIBILITIES

- Pennington Affordable Housing development off Bull Run Road - Debra and Erin shared photos from the land including a creek, pond, extensive mature trees and wildlife. EGT agreed to support the Flower Hill Preservation Team where applicable. **David Schroth did not attend this meeting so we were not able to give a proper update from Ewing Township.**
- Guest speaker from NJUCFM for early this winter ? We need more publicity to get more bodies in attendance when we have speakers.
- **Guest speaker – Chuck Latini – Township Planner – Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> (6 pm meeting?) Can we make it early? The team cannot accommodate an early meeting. We suggested pushing it until January.**
- Don't forget continuing ed...
  - A lot of us have minimal actual environmental training and we need to do what we can to up our game. More speakers... more webinars, CEUs. Perhaps someone can volunteer to stay on top of continuing ed opportunities and share them with the group...?
  - **See Rutgers Cooperative Extension Every Day Earth Day Webinar Series. Topics range from NJ wetlands, to light pollution, to hurricane science – See descriptions and sign up at [https://rutgers.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0PrtpQaXmQa2MYK](https://rutgers.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0PrtpQaXmQa2MYK)**
- EGT Strategic Plan needs to be revisited. <https://ewingnj.org/documents-list/department-documents/green-team/113-ewing-green-teamstrategic-plan/file>
- Outreach assistance needed **Ryan Lelache agreed to volunteer to help**
  - Newsletters...
  - Website updates.... The website needs an overhaul. Remove old stuff, add new. An additional administrator would be very helpful. (Lexy volunteered)
  - FB updates...



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- Planning and Zoning Boards – staying on top of development issues
- Natives - percentage upgrade in the ordinance
- SJ – grants? Use for trees next year? What else?
- Next year
  - New members? Student Ambassador?
  - Annual report?
  - EGT will attempt to work with TCNJ's Green Team to create awareness of the Bull Run Development and gain their support for future EGT initiatives.

## REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- Council
- EEC
- ETRA
- Condemnation

## CONCLUSION

Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm

## 2025 MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS

- No November meeting
- Dec 3rd at 7 pm at Hollowbrook - in Community Room (first Wednesday due to end of the year holidays)