

**EWING TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
**Board Room at Ewing Senior Center**  
**999 Lower Ferry Road**  
**Ewing, NJ 08628**  
**December 15, 2015 Meeting Minutes**

**I. CALL TO ORDER-OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT:**

Chair Lee Farnham called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. He began by reading the following statement: "The notice requirements provided for in the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied. The Ewing Township Council properly gave notice of this meeting in the resolution on January 1, 2015 which was filed with the Clerk and posted in the Ewing Township Municipal Complex, and has been sent to the Times of Trenton and the Trentonian newspapers."

**II. Roll Call:** Lee Farnham, Ann Farnham, Bruce Bowers, Joann Povia, Dan Burke, Joe Mirabella  
Excused: Joanne Mullowney  
Guest: Christian Tappe

**III. Minutes**

November 17 minutes approved  
September 15 minutes approved

**IV. Committee Reports**

Site Review. (Ann) [Dec 9](#) meeting. Three proposals: 1) Lattimers Childcare Center will return because many changes are needed. 2) TEO McTeel house proposal was discussed. 3) TJC at Ewing, 35 houses proposed. Because they're adding one house from 34 to 35, it needs a new site plan.

Haverford development was approved after revisions.

Redevelopment. (Joe) GM Site: Developer is dropping out. Atlantic may take over. Expenses have changed due to oil contamination. Development will now have more rental units.

Green Team held a party at its last session. February meeting will feature Joe Mirabella on environmentalism.

Social Media. No social media reports.

TOM. No January Tree of the Month was published. Ann will continue to write for the website but not the Observer.

Johnson Trolley Trail. Only two beds were prepared. Much more to do. Arbor Day 4/24 is the goal for ribbon cutting. A schedule and list of purchases was presented. Joe thinks there is no problem with the bridge because most of the paint has eroded. Planks look weak, some are missing. Lawrenceville says Ewing owns the bridge. It's ready to be primed and painted. No regulatory issues.

**V. Old Business**

Pipeline. (Joann) Bills were proposed in the legislature related to railroad inspection reports and bridges' ability to carry additional traffic.

Watson Park. (Dan) Waiting to hear back from Susan re: planting seeds.

Outreach. (Bruce) Consultation with Lower Mayfield PA committee revealed that they have not done much on the Emerald Ash Borer, but are interested in interacting with us in a regional effort. They were successful with sidewalks and recycling. Political action includes lobbying for a carbon tax. It was suggested that we invite a speaker to talk about their activities with the EEC and Green Team. They loved our website. They're trying to ban bamboo from their township. A toxic waste incinerator is being built in Lower Falls Township, NJ that evokes concern.

**VI. New Business**

Recap from December planning meeting will be distributed.

There is nothing to do right now on the Emerald Ash Borer.

**VII. Correspondence** (none)

**VIII. Other.** We should let Lee know how many hours we spent on EEC business in 2015.

**IX. Adjourned** at 7:48.