

**EWING TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
**Board Room at Ewing Senior Center**  
**999 Lower Ferry Road**  
**Ewing, NJ 08628**  
**March 24, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

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

Chair Joe Mirabella 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, 2016 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: Joe Mirabella, John Hoegl, Joann Povia, Lee Farnham, Dan Burke, Jeff Passe

Guests: Susan Lee

III. Minutes from 1-19-16 were approved.

**IV. Chair's Comments:**

- Former Chair Lee Farnham was recognized for his stellar leadership.
- Joe would like to organize the list of members and their projects. (John is interested in rain gardens.)
- Best wishes for a healthy recovery were sent to Ann Farnham.

**V. Committee Reports**

a. Planning Board (Dan) Ann Farnham reporting via notes:

- The Kids Day Center landscape plan was done by an unlicensed landscaper.
- PSE&G substation plan was done by a landscaper but needs work

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b. Green Team: (John Hoegl, Joe Mirabella.)

- Environmental Insights presentation went well. 24 attendees were present. Many could not attend due to weather. An encore and a Part II are planned.
- Energy Subcommittee is seeking an energy audit company to do audits by request. A committee will act on the first submission. The search may be reopened.
- GM rental project may be 1200 units, seeking an urban environment.

c. Johnson Trolley Trail: (Lee Farnham, Dan Burke)

- Grant ends on March 31, 2016. Two signs are being made, delivered tomorrow, and then installed soon. Grant will pay for the signs. Sign will include names of mayor and council members. Bridge painting budget was sent to Jim M.

- Watson Park request was approved too. Painting volunteers are being sought for two day project for 4/2 and 4/9 beginning at 9 am. Pete Boughton will be approached to assist. Jay Watson wants to improve the pathway. Ribbon cutting will be 4/22. Town dignitaries will be invited.

d. Tree of Month, aka The Green Scene: (Ann Farnham by message)

- Seeking suggestions for articles for the website.

e. Website, etc.: (Joanne Mallowney)

- Joanne needs copies of meeting minutes. Compliments on the website were expressed in her absence.

f. ANJEC (Jeff):

- New commissioner training was held in March. Training had some value.
- ANJEC fundraiser will be held in May at Stony Brook-Millstone.

## VI. Old Business

a. Pipeline News: (Jo Ann Povia)

- Rethink New Jersey put out an ad with expert testimony saying that the pipeline is not needed. Report is at [Skippingstone.com](http://Skippingstone.com). Discussion ensued about whether the pipeline was for supplying gas to NJ residents or for shipping it overseas.

b. Watson Park update: (Dan Burke)

- April 16 will have TCNJ students do invasive pull and cleanup. A series of events will follow, concluding about 4/29. The Watson family will be invited. Budget is \$3000. To be reimbursed by Township and donors.

c. EAB meeting of 2/16/16

- Presentations were well-received. Attendees will earn 2 CEU points.

d. Community Forestry Management Plan: (Lee)

- Annual report was sent to DEP and has been approved. We can now make certain grant applications.
- A tree inventory may be in store.
- New plan due by 9/9.

e. ERI: (Lee)

- No news. Available online.

f. Green Team Points

- EEC can get 10 points for an annual report. June 5th deadline. Site plan review is 10 points. CFMP is 20 points. Natural Resource Inventory is 20.

## VII. New Business

a. Monthly Walk/Bike Rides was proposed. Joe will work on it. Jeff will send a proposal to Joe.

b. Lawrence Living Expo update: (John, Joe)

- Our presentation on EAB was popular.

c. Scudder Falls Bridge/No Net Loss update: (Lee)

- Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission will reduce acres it is responsible for. Number of trees will increase from 300 to 600, delivered later in the year. Decisions have yet to be made as to where they'll be planted.
- Assistant Chief Engineer will give a presentation to a joint meeting of EEC and Green Team. Maybe 4/19 or 4/27.
- Committee will be formed to propose a policy for distribution.

d. FMC Dollars for Doers. (Lee)

- \$1000 check from FMC has arrived to honor volunteers from its company. A photo op will be planned.

e. 501(c)3

- LegalZoom charges are \$100 plus fees to set one up. It would probably be a "Friends of..." John will check with Hal Moeller who predicted a \$500 cost with Hal's services. An attorney will be contacted for advice.

VIII. Correspondence AECOM is a company that contacted us about taking down trees by the bridge. They propose to contribute to license plate fund.

IX. 8:41 adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

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Joseph Mirabella, Chair

Jeff Passe, Secretary