

EDISON TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (ETEC)

1/18/24 @ 7:00pm

-AGENDA-

Meeting Facilitator: **Sally Yabra (Chair)**

ETEC Members Present: **David Weintraub, Maria Orchid. Charles Backmann, Tom White**

Guests Present: **None**

Student Representatives Present: **Elikem Amenuvor, Pannaga Kosaraju, Edith Zhao**

I.) Call To Order-

☒ II.) Roll Call- David, Tom, Charlie, Maria, Sally

II.) Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (11/16/23)- **motion Charlie, second Maria**

III.) Student Representative Updates-

Elikem (St. Joe's)-

Pannaga (JPS)- Need a plastic drop off location for the trex plastic program. We have provided her with a contact.

Edith (JPS)- Raffles and fundraising is going poorly. Ther are more fundraising opportunities planned,

V.) Old Business-

A. Electric LawnTool Presentation/ Demo Update(MIZELA)- Charlie/ David's Report

B. ETEC Calendar Updates & Revisions- Clean-Up Schedule/ Important Dates/ Annual Plan.

C. Dwyer Park Update-

D. Scholarships- (See attached)- if we have time

VI.) New Business-

A. Financial Fact Finding- What money is available?

VII.) Open Space-

A. Walter's Projects

VIII.) Public Comments-

IX.) Our next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2024

ETEC Scholarship(s):

1. *A committee will be appointed at any general meeting prior to the first meeting in November. The committee will consist of a minimum of three (3) members but not to exceed five (5) members.*
2. *A scholarship may be distributed only if the Edison Township Environmental Commission(ETEC) accounts can afford to reward a scholarship. Awarding a scholarship will be determined on a year-to- year basis by the Executive Board, by a 2/3 majority.*
3. *The Scholarship Fund shall consist of a maximum of \$500.00, set aside one (1) calendar year prior to award. The scholarship awarded will be a maximum of \$250.00 to be dispensed at the discretion of the scholarship committee dependent on the criteria listed below.*
4. *In order to be considered for a scholarship, the following criteria must be met:*
 - a. *Two (2) full years of service with the Edison Township Environmental Commission(ETEC).*
 - b. *Minimum unweighted GPA of 3.0 with all those meeting this criteria being ranked in descending order.*
 - c. *Favorable evaluation from the members of the ETEC.*
 - d. *Must provide a 500 word writing sample.*
5. *Once named, the scholarship winner must follow the guidelines below in order to receive his/her money:*
 - a. *A copy of the bill from any post-secondary institution must be presented to the Vice President of the organization.*
 - b. *The scholarship must be claimed by October of the same calendar year the award is given.*
 - c. *Scholarship money will be sent directly to the aforementioned institution.*

Writing Sample Questions:

- *How have your academic pursuits and extracurricular activities demonstrated a commitment to environmental conservation and sustainability?*
- *Discuss a project or initiative you have undertaken to raise awareness about environmental issues. What were the outcomes, and what did you learn from the experience?*
- *The Edison Township Environmental Commission values collaboration and teamwork. Provide an example from your past experiences where you successfully worked with others to address a common goal, and how you plan to apply these skills in the context of environmental advocacy.*
- *Describe a specific environmental challenge faced by Edison Township, and propose innovative solutions that you believe could be implemented with the support of the scholarship.*