

EDISON TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION (ETEC)

3/21/24 @ 7:00pm

-AGENDA-

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

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

Guests Present:

Student Representatives Present: **Elikem Amenuvor(St. Joes), Pannaga Kosaraju(JPS) , Edith Zhao(EHS)**

I.) Call To Order-

☒ II.) Roll Call

II.) Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (2/15/24)- **Motion: Charlie, Second: Tom, Unanimous “Yes” Vote.**

III.) Student Representative Updates-

A. Welcome new student representatives:

- a. Jorik Saramba (EHS)-**
- b. Divyesh Kuppam/ Dhruv Khilari (Woodbridge Academy Magnet School)-**
Collaborating on an “Acute Respiratory Disease” project. Mitigating the effects of fumes from fossil fuels. They want to develop a recyclable exhaust system from electronic materials that are thrown away. The fan will be comparable to a small scale exhaust fan powered by solar. They are working on a partnership with Mark Brown.
- c. Ishan Chanduka (JPS)-** currently working on a pollinator garden at Dwyer Park. This garden falls under the scope of an Eagle Scout Project and ETEC. Could use additional support to stay under his \$600 cap.
- d. Vedant Bhatnagar (JPS)-** Interested in environmentally sustainable machinery for local small businesses. Created a prototype of an app to connect businesses with service providers in the area. UN Sustainability goals will be linked to the app. The goals he will be focusing are:
 - Clean Water/ Sanitisation

- Affordable Clean Energy
- Industry Innovation and Infrastructure
- Sustainable Cities and Communities
- Responsible Consumption and Production

Edith (JPS)- No major updates with the Greenhouse. The Museum of Stories (DEI) Showcase event is upcoming.

V.) Old Business-

A. Electric LawnTool Presentation/ Demo Update(MIZELA)- Charlie/ David's Report- April 14 at Yelencis Park.

B. Vote on ETEC Scholarship. Motion: Tom Second: Maria, Unanimous "Yes" Vote

C. Student Project Grant Opportunities:

- Application for funding.
- Deadline?
- What is the monetary cap for a project?
- Vote on topic.

Tom made a motion to create a committee to establish grant guidelines. Second- David, **Unanimous "Yes" Vote.** Committee will consist of Tom and Charlie.

D. Review- Clean-Up- Raritan Ravine- Very successful event. Only was able to cover the lower half of the valley. Planning on starting tree planting.

E. ECGI Updates- Garden is opening soon. Swales all boxes are taken. Dwyer has a few that are still open. Running water is at both gardens but we need a water meter.

F. Earth Day Events- April 13

- April 6 Clean-Ups at John Adams and Edison Boat Docks.
- Highland Park Alternate Earth Day

VI.) New Business-

A. ETEC Partnership/ Stakeholders List- Make a list of contributors, partners, stakeholders, and sister groups in Edison and in the towns around us.

B. NJAC Fees- Sonia will pay the \$200 annual fee.

C. ETEC Calendar Updates & Revisions- Finalizing Clean-Up Schedule/ Important Dates

- Clean-Up this Sunday at 56 Ridge Rd.

D. Millbrook Nature Preserve Rescheduled 3/24/24

E. Pollinator Gardens

VII.) Open Space-

A. Walter's Projects

VIII.) Public Comments-

IX.) Our next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2024