Monroe Township
Environmental Commission

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Meeting March 5, 2025, at 7:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER- Chairman, Mihir Majmundar**
   Pledge to Flag

2. **Sunshine Law-** Read into the record

3. **Roll Call – (Commissioners and Associates)**
   _√_ Mihir Majmundar (Chair), _×_ Terry Van Dzura (Council Liaison)
   _√_ Renee Haider, _√_ Roger Dreyling
   _√_ Ken Konya, _×_ Carolyn Barna
   _√_ Matthew Bassily (Student liaison)
   _√_ Surabhi Agarwal
   _×_ Jamie Cullen
   _√_ Theresa Zamorski (Secretary)

Adoption of Minutes–: A Motion to approve January 8, 2025, minutes made by Roger Dreyling and seconded by Renee Haider. All in favor.

Applicant A. No applicants.

4. **Committee Reports:**

   a. **<u>High School Student Liaison</u>-** Matthew Bassily-

ECONIGHT

- Econight will be held on Thursday, April 10th, from 4pm-6pm in the MTHS commons.
- Econight event team includes:
  EcoNight Chairperson: Tarun Sriram
  Participant Relations Committee
  - Executive Liaison : Laasini Kavuri & Shloka Voonna
  - Co-Chairs: Shreya Harish, Ivanna Samuel, Dhara Shah

  Marketing Committee
  - Executive Liaison: Madeleine Agcaoili
  - Co-Chairs: Amaan Farooq, Addison Lu, Varsha Peddu

  Hospitality Committee
  - Executive Liaison: Tarun Sriram
  - Co-Chairs: Smarini Duggala, Abhinav Ramakrishnan, Archithaa Venkatesh

  Speaker Panel Committee
  - Executive Liaisons : Sandra Chiang & Eshaan Gandhi

    - Co-Chairs: Bhavishya Jammuladinne, Diya Modi, Saanvi Tatti
- EAC members will be presenting 15 different projects on niche environmental topics.

GENERAL MEETINGS

- EAC held 2 general meetings in January and 1 in February for EcoNight Planning.
- Updates on the Green Team:

    Executive Co-chairs: Diya Modi, Shloka Voonna, Laasini Kavuri

    - Planning Team: Ananya Naveen, Shriya Peddu
    - Action Team: Bhavishya Reddy Jammuladinne, Laasini Kavuri
    - Documentation Team: Ivanna Samuel, Architaa Venkatesh
    - Grant Team: Anurag Kolla, Diya Modi, Dhara Shah

    Ongoing tasks:

    - Establish a School Wellness Council
        - The goal of the School Wellness Council is to help a school actively advocate for and promote student and staff health as well as a healthy learning environment. They ensure that students and staff are in a restorative and nourishing environment.
    - Build planter boxes outside the school
        - Working with an Eagle Scout to do this project

NEW STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

- As part of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, two new representatives will be attending MTEC meetings: Diya Modi and Jannat Zannoun
- New student representatives, along with Matthew, will work with the commission to develop environmental initiatives in Monroe Township (Separate from Monroe Township Environmental Action Club).

b. **Trails and Bike Paths Committee-** Coordinator- Jamie Cullen- Nothing to report.
c. **Storm Water & Streams Committee**- Coordinator Carolynn Barna- Nothing to report.
d. **Energy Committee** – Coordinator Ken Konya-nothing to report.
e. **Open Space**- Roger Dreyling- Nothing to report
f. **Education Committee Report**- Coordinator Renee Haider- Joe Harvie Scholarship is due soon.
g. **Sustainable New Jersey** – Coordinator Renee Haider-

5. Green Fair Committee Report – Coordinator Mihir Majmundar-
6. **planning Board** – Rick Siemon – Nothing to report.
7. **Old Business** – New Business – Nothing to report.
8. **Open to Public –**Comments—Shriyaa Madineni and Diya Modi from the Siera Club Youth Committee, would like to discuss implementing a composting program in Monroe Township. She would like to do a presentation to the Environmental Commission at our next meeting.
9. **Adjournment 8:00 PM** MOTION**:** Renee Haider **Second**: Roger Dreyling.
10. **NEXT MEETING DATE:** April 3, 2025