

PARAMUS ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
BOROUGH OF PARAMUS
JOCKISH SQUARE
PARAMUS, NEW JERSEY 07652

Chris DiPiazza
Mayor

Date: Monday January 9, 2023

Location: Borough Hall Caucus Room

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
 - a. Elisa Giblin present
 - b. Robert Riccoboni present
 - c. Tom Caiaffa present
 - d. Jamie Love present
 - e. Elizabeth Haines present
 - f. Tony Landa present
 - g. Sofya Haque present
 - h. Brian Bibeau present
 - i. Denis Niland present
 - j. Councilman Quintana present
- IV. Approval of December minutes
 - a. Motion – Jamie Love
 - b. Second – Brian Bibeau
 - c. All in favor
- V. Council Report – N/A
- VI. Planning Board report
 - a. Pascack road – Joy’s farm is in the works for 300 units and the information should be available at the next meeting
- VII. Communications
 - a. Social media volunteers will be Olivia, Erin and? from Paramus High School
- VIII. Old Business
 - a. Earth Day – April 30th 2-4pm
 - i. 3 flyers submitted for voting – need times and vendors
 1. Vote at February meeting
 - ii. Games and quizzes about water
 - iii. Website for rain garden should be up and ready by this time
 - iv. Cannoli truck, ice cream, kona ice, other desserts?
 - v. Entertainment – orchestra, choir, dance
 - vi. Tony Landa = MC event
 - vii. Art contest with the school will be judged by the commissioners
 - viii. Will divide up vendors to contact for interest in event
- IX. New business
 - a. Vote for new Chairperson
 - i. Brian Bibeau – motion to nominate Jamie Love to Chairperson
 - ii. Tony Landa – 2nd
 - iii. All in favor
 - b. Public comments
 - i. Diana Leicht
 1. Composting – discussed at commission meeting in December
 - a. Councilman Quintana said he would look into the topic of composting
 - b. Advised that the commission would need to research and submit a business plan to DPW director Hassan Brown would can then submit to Mayor and council

- c. Diana Liecht is requesting the town do a pilot program on composting where the town offers X number of composting bins to so many residents.
- 2. Flooding/Tree clear cuts
 - a. Diana Liecht commented that Addison now floods and it was icing over. Concerned it was from the clear cutting of trees and ongoing flooding issue.
 - i. Advised that it was in fact a water main break that was dealt with and should no longer be an issue
 - b. Councilman Quintana advised that as far as trees go, private trees cannot be dealt with by the Shade tree department and the trees that were cut down by shade tree were due to the ash borer infestation. They will be replanted when funds and equipment become available.
 - c. Jamie Love suggested planting native gardens as they soak up more rain water than trees
 - d. Commission stand by the fact that education is the key which is why Earth day is so important

X. Adjournment 8:45 PM

- a. Motion – Jamie Love
- b. Second – Tom Caiaffa
- c. All in favor

Respectfully Submitted
Nicole Smith
Environmental Commission Secretary

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