

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

Richard A. LaBarbiera  
Mayor

Date: Monday, January 11, 2021

Location: Virtual Zoom meeting (ID: 521-823-3746)

- I. Meeting called to order at 8:06 PM
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
  - a. Tony Landa present
  - b. Melissa Marte present
  - c. Matt Giugliano absent
  - d. Tom Caiaffa present
  - e. Vincent Piccinich present
  - f. Jamie Love present
  - g. Mark Cristaldi present
  - h. Councilman Vartolone absent
- IV. Approval of December Minutes
  - a. Motion – Mark Cristaldi
  - b. Second – Jamie Love
  - c. All in favor
- V. Council Report – None
- VI. Planning board – None
- VII. Communications – None
- VIII. Old Business
  - a. Exemptions – none
  - b. Earth day
    - i. Vote at February meeting if should hold in person or virtual
    - ii. Met with HOPE club
      1. Tree replenish program
        - a. Calculates how many trees the school uses in paper and then plants equivalent amount in trees
        - b. 4.9 million in paper = 490 trees in 2019
        - c. Fee is \$5 to plant a tree
      2. Goal is to plant 245 trees – so far 100 have been planted
    - iii. Do a virtual event/Facebook live/ movie night
    - iv. Still thinking of a theme
      1. “Our beautiful planet”
        - a. Needs a little more “oomph”
    - v. What can and cannot be recycled
  - c. Green and clean
    - i. Task force – each department plays vital role in keeping everyone informed
      1. Resurrect Green team and use them?
    - ii. PR follow up
      1. Tom Donahue has friend who can do a press release (free of charge)
- IX. New Business
  - a. Jamie and Tom Donahue are unofficial social media “posters”
    - i. Themes to post – need ideas for June - December still
      1. Jan – recycling
      2. Feb – Paramus is our Valentine (ways to care)
      3. March – gardening/composting
      4. April – lead up to Earth Day (with theme)
      5. May – recreation and parks

- b. Resident request for clean up
    - i. Farview ave East of Police department – Borough property
      - 1. Will forward to Shade tree department
  - c. Recycle drives
    - i. Textiles – toys/batteries etc.
    - ii. Trex – recycle bags to make bench
      - 1. Wait until school is back in session
    - iii. Polystyrene collection – Hillsdale
      - 1. Drive through, stay in truck, pull up and they will take polystyrene
      - 2. 1<sup>ST</sup> hour is host town only and then 2 remaining hours is open to all Bergen County residents
      - 3. Doe through Bergen County Hub
      - 4. Possibly host at DPW
  - d. Sustainable NJ
    - i. How to achieve Gold status
      - 1. Put town on microgrid
      - 2. Electric car charging stations
- X. Adjournment 9:20 PM
- a. Motion – Tom Caiaffa
  - b. Second – Jamie Love
  - c. All in favor

Respectfully Submitted  
Nicole Smith  
Environmental Commission Secretary