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. 1ST 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