

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

Richard A. LaBarbiera  
Mayor

Date: Monday, February 8, 2021

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

- I. Meeting called to order at 8:00 PM
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
  - a. Tony Landa present
  - b. Melissa Marte present
  - c. Matt Giugliano absent
  - d. Tom Caiaffa absent
  - e. Vincent Piccinich present
  - f. Jamie Love present
  - g. Mark Cristaldi present
  - h. Councilman Vartolone present
- IV. Approval of January Minutes
  - a. Motion – Jamie
  - b. Second – Vincent
  - c. All in favor
- V. Council Report
  - a. Had reorg meeting for new year
  - b. Appear to be in good shape as far as vaccines
- VI. Planning board – None
- VII. Communications
  - a. Would like more communication on social media (like/comment/share)
  - b. Need some more ideas to post
    - i. Theme for February is “Be Paramus’ Valentine” – how can you love your community
- VIII. Old Business
  - a. Exemptions – none
    - i. Marshalls/Burlington, big lots and 711 rt17 south are using plastic bags
      1. Need health dept/ quality of life to check on status of these business
  - b. Earth day
    - i. Heading in right direction as far as COVID regulations go
    - ii. Do we want indoor or outdoor event?
      1. Resident poll – outside event
      2. Vote – unanimous for outdoor event if allowed
    - iii. Possible movie night – 8pm
    - iv. Students would have events planned that could potentially go virtual if needed
    - v. Should vendors be invited?
      1. Not COVID friendly to be passing out free items
    - vi. Keep event simple
  - c. Green and Clean
    - i. Tom Donahue will be operating individually moving forward
    - ii. Met with Guy Picone in regards to task force
      1. More time consuming than initially thought.
      2. Pros – everyone is on the same page
      3. Cons – effect of time for members and staff
      4. Idea to create a group email to keep everyone up to date instead of a task force
    - iii. What projects are able to get done efficiently and effectively
- IX. New Business
  - a. Polystyrene drive

- i. Jamie attended Bergen County hub meeting – still has questions
    - ii. Need to pick a day
      - 1. A Saturday is preferable
    - b. Have room for 1 or 2 more initiatives
- X. Adjournment 8:57 PM
  - a. Motion – Jamie
  - b. Second – Mark
  - c. All in favor

Respectfully Submitted  
Nicole Smith  
Environmental Commission Secretary