Date: Monday, February 10, 2020
Location: Borough Hall

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 present
   d. Tom Caiaffa present
   e. Vincent Piccinich absent
   f. Jamie Love present
   g. Jade Sobh present
   h. Mark Cristoldi present
   i. Councilwoman Weber present

IV. Approval of January Minutes
   a. Motion – Jade Sobh
   b. Second – Jamie Love
   c. All in favor

V. Council Report – Paramus settled with fair share housing group for affordable housing units
   a. 259 units and the town is good until 2025

VI. Planning board – None
VII. Communications – None

VIII. Old Business
   a. By-laws – tabled
   b. Ordinance 19-16 plastic bag/ polystyrene ban
      i. Request for exemption – Shop Rite
         1. Supplier is not able to acquire extra paper bags for supply as NY’s ban has taken up most of the supply and there is a paper bag shortage
         2. Motion to deny based on an incomplete request – no evidence they cannot acquire bags
            a. Motion – Jade Sobh
            b. Second – Melissa Marte
            c. All in favor
   c. State legislative update – would ban single use plastic bags, Styrofoam and single use straws
      i. Bill did not pass in time at State level
      ii. Being reintroduced from scratch
   d. Earth Day
      i. Invites sent out
      ii. Some old vendors and some new vendors were invited
      iii. High school is working on flyers and projects
      iv. Clubs: choir will sing; some floating volunteers from National Honors Society; culinary club wants to sell food; photo club will take pictures; forum press to write article; art club and national art society
      v. Video on the plastic bag ban to play
         1. Being worked on by high school
vi. Would like a carnival treasure hunt contest – vendors will have games where kids can gain tokens and win prizes
e. Farmers market
i. Moved back to original location
ii. Times changed to 12-6pm
IX. New Business
a. Property of old Dutch building - Paramus Rd and Midland Ave
i. Historical; may include wetlands
b. ANJEC grant
i. Pollinator garden
   1. Cub scouts are working on a plot of land owned by Board of Education
   2. Usable community space with fully native plants
   3. Adjacent to ridge ranch
   4. Could help with plants and top soil with organic matter
   5. Motion to apply for ANJEC grant for pollinator garden
      a. Motion – Jamie Love
      b. Second – Jade Sobh
      c. All in favor
c. Water quality in Bergen County
   i. Article passed out by Tony Landa
d. LED street lights
   i. 30th in nation lagging with LED
   ii. Can save 30% on electricity
   iii. Some questions for concern: How much is the cost? Are they easily disposed of?
e. 100% renewable energy
   i. PSEG power comes from wherever; this would allow the town to enter a contract with a third party renewable energy company to provide town with power
   ii. Bulk discount provided
   iii. See if town wants to do a 1 year agreement with wind or solar company to provide energy to town
f. Grant from Shade Tree
   i. For efforts with plastic bag ban
   ii. Deadline is Friday 2/14/20
X. Adjournment pm
a. Motion –
b. Second –
c. All in favor

Respectfully Submitted
Nicole Smith
Environmental Commission Secretary