

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

Chris DiPiazza
Mayor

Date: Monday February 13, 2023

Location: Borough Hall Caucus Room

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
 - a. Elisa Giblin present
 - b. Robert Riccoboni present
 - c. Tom Caiaffa present
 - d. Jamie Love absent
 - e. Elizabeth Haines present
 - f. Tony Landa absent
 - g. Sofya Haque present
 - h. Brian Bibeau present
 - i. Denis Niland absent
 - j. Councilman Quintana present
- IV. Approval of January minutes
 - a. Motion – Elisa
 - b. Second – Sofiya
 - c. All in favor
- V. Council Report – Shade tree meeting was January 18th it was stated that PSE&G will be assisting in the removal of Ash trees in certain areas because they are doing work in those areas.
 - a. Shade tree purchased some equipment which will help them with the removal of the rest of the infected town trees.
 - i. 164 trees were planted in the fall and 700 ash trees are still to be removed. 350 trees are to be planted by an outside contractor and Shade tree is going to plant another 150.
 - ii. Shade tree is looking to hire 4 additional workers to catch up. They purchased 2 trucks but they are unable to be used until the end of the year.
 - iii. Shade tree applied for 300 seedlings to give out at the Earth day celebration
 - b. Bottle neck study for route 17 was done - \$600,000 donated to do this study
 - i. Looking into adding 1 lane on each side of the highway
- VI. Planning Board report – n/a
- VII. Communications – n/a
- VIII. Old Business
 - a. Clean up event – May 6th
 - i. Any purchases must be approved and completed by April
 - b. Earth Day – April 30th 2-4pm
 - i. BCUA is giving away a compost bin
 - ii. Some vendors need the forms and possibly the tax ID information
 - iii. Golf course donated tickets for golf and mini golf
 - iv. Van Saun Park donated passes to the zoo
 - v. Flyer – approval of the Turtle image
 - vi. Next meeting will get updates from the High School students
 - vii. Styrofoam clean up at Earth Day – located in HS lot
 - c. Social media – should put up monthly initiatives and helpful hints
- IX. New business
 - a. Office supply recycling collection – follow up at next meeting
 - b. Looking to do environmental education as much as possible

- c. 3-year vision plan still needs work before the commission can complete and put into use
 - d. Special guest – Kim talked about the success she has using an at home composter
 - e. Commission is going to look further into the issue of composting as well as the possibility of donating old sweeper brooms to local animal sanctuaries
- X. Adjournment 8:20 PM
- a. Motion – Bob
 - b. Second – Elisa
 - c. All in favor

Respectfully Submitted
Nicole Smith
Environmental Commission Secretary

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