

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

Richard A. LaBarbiera  
Mayor

Date: Monday, March 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 present
  - e. Vincent Piccinich present
  - f. Jamie Love present
  - g. Mark Cristaldi present
  - h. Councilman Vartolone absent
- IV. Approval of February Minutes
  - a. Motion – Melissa
  - b. Second – Vincent
  - c. All in favor
- V. Council Report - None
- VI. Planning board – None
- VII. Communications
  - a. Social Media does not have a lot of shares/likes – please share and like
  - b. Instagram – suggestion to post as a story and save as a highlight that way “views” can be tracked
  - c. Question was posted “what does everyone want to see for Earth Day”
    - i. Clean up day – due to current health situation should be later than June
- VIII. Old Business
  - a. Exemptions – none
  - b. Earth day
    - i. Met with HOPE club
    - ii. Tree Replenish project – looking for volunteers
      1. Deliver and plant saplings
      2. 1<sup>st</sup> 50 will get tee shirt “Every forest begins with 1 tree”
    - iii. HOPE club presentation
      1. Shirt designs and flyer for Earth Day
        - a. “take the Earth to heart”
      2. Hand out brochures to visitors that they will need to fill out by visiting different tasks
      3. Games
        - a. Bean bag toss
        - b. Egg carton basketball
        - c. Bowling with water bottles
      4. Crafts
        - a. To go pre-packaged egg carton containers with directions
        - b. Re usable bags
      5. Prizes – TBD
    - iv. Market preview – maybe vendor selling food
    - v. Wall – E movie
      1. Do we need to purchase movie rights?
  - c. Green and Clean
    - i. Working on polystyrene drive
      1. Ridgewood having drive in April

2. Potentially look for grants to replace old town trash cans at parks
3. Sent letter to Guy Picone with 3 protentional dates for a Styrofoam drive
  - a. June 5<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> 9:30am to 11:30am 1<sup>st</sup> hour for residents only
  - b. Signage would be needed for message boards

IX. New Business

- a. "science of Styrofoam"
  - i. Need to better educate public
  - ii. EPS and XPS
    1. Only clean white EPS is recyclable

X. Adjournment 8:43PM

- a. Motion – Melissa
- b. Second – Jamie
- c. All in favor

Respectfully Submitted  
Nicole Smith  
Environmental Commission Secretary