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

Richard A. LaBarbiera
Mayor

Date: Monday, March 11, 2019
Location: Borough Hall

I. Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM
II. Pledge of Allegiance
III. Roll Call
   a. Susan Golden present
   b. Tony Landa present
   c. Melissa Marte present
   d. Matt Giugliano present via phone
   e. Tom Caiaffa present
   f. Jade Sobh present
   g. Vincent Piccinich present
   h. Councilwoman Weber present
   i. Nick Matahan absent
   j. Guests – Maggie Touloughian present

IV. Approval of February Minutes - tabled till next meeting
V. Council Report – Councilwoman Weber – Nothing to report but gave info about Earth Day to the Council
VI. Communications
VII. Old Business
   a. Farmers Market - no report to discuss
      i. Matt Giugliano – The Farmers Market was listed as runner up in best of Bergen
   b. Earth Day – Saturday April 27th 12pm – 3pm at Paramus High School
      i. Flyer – “Save our Oceans”
         1. Motion to approve – Melissa Marte
         2. Second – Susan Golden
         3. All in favor
      ii. Tee shirts – Turtle with shell in shape of Earth with “what’s the wave” on back (adults)
         1. Blue and green design, would like small turtle with Paramus Environmental Commission on front/large turtle on back
            a. Gray tee shirt
            2. Motion to approve – Tom Caiaffa
            3. Second – Vincent Piccinich
            4. All in favor
      iii. Tee Shirts for kids – turtle only : children need to complete passport to receive shirt
         1. Get quote for 100 – 50 medium and 50 large
         2. Gray colored shirt
         3. Motion to approve – Tom Caiaffa
         4. Second – Tony Landa
         5. All in favor
   iv. Invitations went out Friday to about 50 vendors.
   v. Food trucks – Maggie will have teacher handling contact Gigi from Farmers market to establish 2-3 trucks
   vi. Desserts would like to be Ocean themed
   vii. Entertainment – Club is making a video; Jake Thistle to perform
   viii. Susan asked about the status of the cars
        1. Vincent – waiting to hear back from Tesla but will get in touch
        2. Matt – waiting to hear from All American and Toyota; will reach out
   ix. Give-a-ways – bags
        1. Turtle logo with “Save our Oceans”
           a. Motion to approve – Jade Sobh
           b. Second – Tom Caiaffa
c. All in favor
  x. Maggie Touloughian mentioned as it gets closer the custodians will need a map of how to set up the tables
     1. By #/name/however established

xi. Recycling initiative
    1. Office buildings do not recycle other than cardboard but Mac Cali bought out the one building and sent an email that they will start recycling - Tom Caiaffa
    2. New Bridge Medical Center does not recycle – Councilwoman Weber
       a. Spoke with Guy Picone who is on top of this issue
    3. Ridge ranch school does not have a recycling program – student town members in attendance
       a. Is there something that can be done to help teach recycling to the elementary school?
       b. Susan Golden volunteered to speak at the school
       c. Susan Golden mentioned sustainable schools and sustainable NJ

VIII. New Business
  a. Special guest presentation – Ray Simnor from the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Rochelle Park branch
     i. Will be attending Earth Day event
     ii. Coast Guard Auxiliary does recreational boating checks – must have certificates about discharging oil present on boat (for example)
     iii. Would like to work with Commission later down road with a possible town clean up or a discussion
  b.  
  IX. Adjournment 7:58 pm
    a. Motion – Jade Sobh
    b. Second – Tony Landa
    c. All in favor

Respectfully Submitted
Nicole Smith
Environmental Commission Secretary