

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