

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

Richard A. LaBarbiera
Mayor

Date: Monday, April 08, 2019
Location: Borough Hall

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:04 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. Jade Sobh present
 - f. Vincent Piccinich present
 - g. Councilwoman Weber present
 - h. Nick Matahan absent
 - i. Guests – Maggie Touloughian and students present
- IV. Approval of February and March Minutes
 - a. Motion – Matt Giugliano
 - b. Second – Jade Sobh
 - c. All in favor
- V. Council Report – Councilwoman Weber – Nothing to report
 - a. Planning board report – Commission would like to know what an environmental review consists of and would like a copy of plans (Nicole will work on getting copies of plans sent from Boswell moving forward)
- VI. Communications – an event was posted advertising Earth day
- VII. Old Business
 - a. Earth Day
 - i. Will be 2 rooms (cafeteria and small gym)
 - ii. Cafeteria will be clubs selling desserts and vendors
 - iii. Commons area will have ocean themed exhibit
 - iv. Small gym will be children’s activities and DJ
 - v. Stop and shop/Trader Joes/Metropolitan have donated so far
 - vi. Face painting will be outside with sponge race
 - vii. Melissa will send out places that need phone calls to be reminded to RSVP
 - viii. What should the Environmental commission have at the table?
 1. Talk about plastic ban – Jade
 2. Pride in Paramus info
 3. Information about town recycling – Tom
 4. Raffles and seed give away
 - b. Farmers Market
 - i. Alpaca farmer (Humor me farms) might be interested in participating in Earth day
 - ii. Market has moved to front lot of Petruska
 - c. 2 empty seats on commission
 - d. Pride in Paramus
 - i. Motion to vote on dates – September 28th, Saturday
 1. Motion – Matt
 2. Second – Melissa
 3. All in favor

- VIII. New Business
- a. Susan Golden resigned from the commission
 - b. Vote on New chair and vice chair
 - i. Nomination for Tony Landa as Chair– Matt
 - ii. All in favor
 - iii. Nomination for Melissa Marte for Vice Chair – Tom
 - iv. Second – Matt
 - v. All in favor
 - c. Discussion of changing meeting dates/times to Tuesdays at 8pm
 - i. 1st or 3rd Tuesday maybe keep Monday and move to 8pm
 - ii. Motion to change – Tom
 - iii. Second – Matt
 - iv. All in favor of investing a move in date/times
 - d. Plastic bag ban
 - i. California has state wide single use ban; DC and NY also have bans
 - ii. Questions brought up:
 1. What were the sizes of other towns that have a ban?
 2. How long were other towns given to implement the ban?
 3. Can we meet with Garden State Plaza to figure out an efficient way to implement without hurting business?
 - iii. Commission should put together a statement about waiting to move forward with this – Councilwoman Weber
 - iv. There should be a committee to see how much money would be saved or lost
 - e. Earth day 2020
 - i. Possible date of Saturday 4/25/20
 1. All agreed the commission should wait and see how this year's event goes
 - f. Resident from Paramus mentioned how West Brook Middle School has recycling barrels that are not held down
 - i. Very littered area and brook is clogged
 - ii. Asked whose responsibility is it to clean to the wetland area
 - iii. Asked about Styrofoam recycling or a place to take to remove it
 1. Currently do not recycling Styrofoam
 2. Another resident mentioned Wyckoff has a Styrofoam collection day
 - iv. Mentioned Midland school cans become frozen and cannot be emptied
 - v. Construction workers should be responsible for their trash that blows out of dumpsters
- IX. Adjournment 8:35 pm
- a. Motion – Jade Sobh
 - b. Second – Matt Giugliano
 - c. All in favor

Respectfully Submitted
Nicole Smith
Environmental Commission Secretary