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