

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

Richard A. LaBarbiera
Mayor

Date: Monday, May 14, 2018
Location: Borough Hall

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
 - a. Tom Caiaffa present
 - b. Susan Golden present
 - c. Melissa Marte absent
 - d. Matt Giugliano present
 - e. Tony Landa present
 - f. Joseph Garcia present
 - g. Vincent Piccinich present
 - h. Councilman DiPiazza present
 - i. Special guests
- IV. Approval of April Minutes
 - a. Susan - motion to approve
 - b. Tom - second
 - c. All in favor
- V. Council Report – Councilman DiPiazza
 - a. Will be able to sync phone for updates to website
 - b. Liaison from planning commission has been missing for over a year and half despite repeated requests for a replacement
 - i. Councilman DiPiazza has notified Mayor and Council at April’s meeting
- VI. Communications
- VII. Farmers Market - Gigi Manasse Market Manager / Matt Giugliano
 - a. Several commissions attended the Town council meeting in April to learn about the peddler’s permit
 - i. We can waive the fee for the permit, but every market vendor and employee will have to file for a permit in order to participate in the market and other town sponsored activities. It is an attempt to consolidate three different permits required of vendors by the town
 - b. Reached out to high school for band but Mr. Gizzi did not get back to us
 - c. Thinking about Jake Thistle/London Calling for opening day
 - d. Getting FB comments that it is the “best weekday farmers market”
 - e. Would like Environmental Commission to have a table at the market (who are they/what do they do?)
 - f. Bought flag for market
 - g. Special events will be held during market this year (artists etc.)
 - h. Holy Name Hospital wellness check – will be hosting blood pressure and other health screenings
 - i. Paramus Senior bus offers rides 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month to market and county offers senior coupons for farm
- VIII. Earth Day
 - a. Thank you to all who participated in event – special thank you to Melissa Marte for Chairing the event
 - b. consider moving event to the High school next year
 - c. Successful turn out despite the cold and rainy weather
- IX. Old Business
 - a. Pride in Paramus Day
 - i. October 13th
 - b. Commercial Recycling – we pay to get rid of commingled – will not pick up for free from businesses
 - i. Looking into a way to improve participation of commercial businesses at no cost to residents
 - c. Financial disclosure – all commissioners must complete form with the state
 - i. Due April 30th per Boro clerk’s office
 - d. Green Fair – Saturday May 19th 10-2 (moved to Friday June 1st 2:30 – 6:30pm)
 - i. Planning on having table
 - ii. Movie/story time/do it yourself composting/bees, bats and butterflies etc.
 - iii. Need display on digital board – Green fair may 19th 10-2 at PHS cafeteria
- X. New Business

- a. Bergen SWAN – approached commission via Facebook page asking commission to take a stance on a gas pipeline enlargement project that runs through Paramus
 - i. Commission discussed situation and decided to address on individual basis
- XI. Special presentation: Emerald Ash Borer Infestation – Shade Tree: Ken Raschen and Jay Sexton
 - a. Shade tree currently doing inventory of ash trees in Paramus – just shy of 3,000
 - b. After looking into several options, the Shade Tree commission has decided to remove trees that cannot be saved and to treat the remaining trees with an injection that should protect them for at least 2-3 years
 - c. For every tree removed looking to replant a tree
 - d. Shade Tree commission planning to do a public notification to help residents with ash trees on their property
 - i. The Environmental Commission will help disseminate this information on social media and other ways
- XII. Adjournment
 - a. Meeting adjourned 8:20pm
 - i. Tom moved
 - ii. Matt seconded