

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

Richard A. LaBarbiera
Mayor

Date: Monday, October 15, 2018
Location: Borough Hall

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
 - a. Susan Golden present
 - b. Tony Landa present
 - c. Melissa Marte present
 - d. Matt Giugliano present
 - e. Tom Caiaffa present
 - f. Vincent Piccinich present
 - g. Councilman DiPiazza present
 - h. Nick Matahan absent
- IV. Approval of May and June Minutes
 - a. Motion by Tom Caiaffa
 - b. All in favor
- V. Council Report – Councilman DiPiazza
 - a. Council was thrilled about Pride in Paramus event
 - b. The Council is considering disbanding the Shade Tree Commission
 - i. They set policies for the Shade Tree department
 - ii. Environmental Commission concerned how the lack of the Shade Tree commission will impact care of Paramus' natural resources
- VI. Communications – Tony Landa
 - a. 330 likes on the Environmental Facebook page
 - b. Neil Stewart was recognized at Mayor and Council for his services at Farmers market
- VII. Farmers Market - Matt Giugliano
 - a. Last day is Wednesday October 17th
- VIII. Earth Day
 - a. Planning to have at Paramus High School
 - i. Will eliminate need for tents and tables
 - ii. Will include students
 - iii. Asking for use of cafeteria/commons area and small gym
 - b. Melding of Earth Day and Green fair this year
 - c. Sustainable NJ certificate
 - i. Town has bronze
 - ii. the high school earned bronze certificate this year
 - d. Give away – seeds? /prizes/contests etc.
 - e. Date – would prefer April 27th but also considering April 13th as a reserve date
 - i. Need date by November 1st to be published in town recycling calendar
- IX. Old Business
 - a. Paramus Business outreach
 - i. Businesses will call Borough Hall to express concerns about not recycling
 - b. Pride in Paramus
 - i. Was a great success this year! over 150 participants cleaned 8 sites and removed a ton of trash
 - ii. The DPW was a terrific help! Thank you to the entire staff!
 - iii. Discussed suggestions to hold this event more than once a year
 - iv. Discussed ways to incorporate schools/challenge children who play sports, scout groups and independents
 - v. Planning to repeat event annually on last Saturday in September (next one: 9/28/19)
 1. Needs to be Saturday for help of DPW workers
 2. Need to get word out starting in May/June of next year

3. Start planning in February/March

X. New Business

- a. ANJEC 45th annual Congress
 - i. Voted in new president
 - ii. DEP head of NJ was to give presentation but Assistant gave instead
 - iii. Former Governor Whitman spoke about climate change New Jersey's environmental success stories and the need to continue our conservation efforts
 - iv. Workshop on trails
 1. Free audit to determine safety of streets towards biking and walking
- b. Moonachie Resolution opposing proposed Meadowlands Natural Gas Power Plant
 - i. After a brief discussion, the commission decided to ask Mayor and Council to support the resolution
 1. Melissa Marte - motion
 2. Tony Landa - second
 3. All
- c. Susan Golden suggested that the commission explore a ban on styrofoam containers

XI. Adjournment 8:10pm

- a. Melissa - motion
- b. Tom - second
- c. All in favor