

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

Richard A. LaBarbiera
Mayor

Date: Monday, October 18, 2021

Location: Virtual Zoom meeting (ID: 521-823-3746)

- I. Meeting called to order at 8110 PM
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
 - a. Tony Landa present
 - b. Matt Giugliano present
 - c. Tom Caiaffa absent
 - d. Robert Riccoboni present
 - e. Jamie Love present
 - f. Shelli Rigolosi present
 - g. Mark Cristaldi present
 - h. Councilman Vartolone absent
- IV. Approval September Minutes
 - a. Motion – Shelli
 - b. Second – Mark
 - c. All in favor
- V. Council Report - None
- VI. Planning board – None
- VII. Communications – posted videos about plastic and farmers market
 - a. Look into having a student liaison/intern to assist in social media posts
- VIII. Old Business
 - a. Pride in Paramus – Paramus Community Clean up day
 - i. Successful event
 1. Picked up 1.5 tons of metal and about 2 tons of trash
 2. 179 signed up to participate at 7 different sites in town
 - ii. Feedback – participants want to see this done more often
 - iii. Need to purchase more grabbers for next event
 - iv. Look into ways to get local businesses involved – maybe a plaque at boro hall or free advertisement at the event
 - v. Valley would like to sponsor next event – need a w9 and a letter
 - b. Styrofoam drive
 - i. Would like to hang banner at recycling center for 1/8/22 event
 - ii. Use digital signs to advertise
 - iii. Looked into donation of coupons from Duck Donuts and Krispy Kreme
 1. Duck donuts needs email on what requesting
 - a. Maybe 1st 50 people get coupon
 - iv. Open to all Bergen County
 1. 1st hour is Paramus residents only
 - c. Farmers market
 - i. Attended last day and some vendors had stated desire to not return for future
 - ii. Questions about centralizing market with other markets in Bergen co. Maybe merging with Bergen Co, itself
 - iii. Location/day and time not necessarily conducive
 - iv. Not environmentally friendly
 - v. Maybe look into earlier hours for farm/get rid of “farmers” title and just keep as market/change day of week and location
 - vi. Make more competitive with similar vendors not just 1 of each
 - vii. Take a social media poll on what people would like to see
- IX. New Business
 - a. Book drop donation bin – www.newlegacybooks.com

- i. Desired location is at DPW and second-best option is recreation
 - b. Need to look into Brian Bibeau's application to Environmental commission
 - c. Interest in a second Community cleanup day on April 23rd
 - i. Motion – Jamie
 - ii. Second – Mark
 - iii. All in favor
- X. Adjournment 9:45 PM
 - a. Motion –
 - b. Second –
 - c. All in favor

Respectfully Submitted
Nicole Smith
Environmental Commission Secretary