

Members Present (Quorum Established at Four or More Members)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Pearson (Chair/Planning Board Liaison)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adam Bulger (Alternate I)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sean DiBartolo (Vice Chair/Plan Review)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christopher Tamburro (Gov. Body Liaison)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Yauch O'Farrell	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuad Dahan	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walter Steinmann		
	DISCUSSION	ACTION REQUIRED
1.	Call to Order by Jess: a) Open Public Meetings Act Statement. b) Roll Call performed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None.
2.	Public Comment Period:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
3.	Approval of July 10, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOTION to Approve: Adam Second: Walter APPROVAL: All Members Present AYE. Abstentions: Sean, Fuad 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sean will email approved minutes to Township Clerk Kiernan and Public Information Officer Northrop and post them to the VEC website.
4.	Updates:	
	a) Peckman Kiosk Plans /Cleanup Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kiosk has been stained; lock has been removed to seek possible re-keying by a locksmith. Jess, Walter, and Sean need to meet to discuss content and design. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lock re-keying in inquiry process. Meetings should occur for layout and content between Sean, Walter, and Jess.
	b) Newsletter: Fall 2024 focus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jess has put together Sarah's and Adam's drafts for the Fall Newsletter. Adam and Sarah produced a quiz, which has been included. The issue is pending any last minute edits from Adam or Sarah. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates as they become available. Fall newsletter should be sent in early October.

	<p>c) Sustainable Verona</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SV submission made to SJ; VEC submitted 190 of the 415; it appears that all actions were accepted. 350 were needed for Silver and 415 have been accepted. ○ An overall analysis of Centennial Field was successfully presented to the Council on 8/5/2024. The study went into detail on 6 major points including environmental impact, chemical exposure, playing time, injuries, surface heat and cost benefit analysis. ○ The findings of this group were that reverting to a grass field would be healthier, and more cost effective while not taking away from any substantial playing time. ○ Mark your calendars: There will be an EV Fair on 10/5/2024 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Verona Pool lower parking lot. Rain date is 10/6/2024, same hours. ○ Cars that will be presented so far include Ford Lightening F150, Mustang Mach E, Acura ZDX, Subaru Solterra, Nissan Ariya, an Electric Audi- not sure which one, VW ID4, Hybrid from Hyundai- either the Santa Fe or Tuscan. We are working on Chevy, BMW, Voltaire E bikes, and a Kia. Also trying to contact Tesla and trying to contact owners of the Cyber Truck from Verona to attend with their vehicle. There will be a DeeJay, food trucks and giveaways. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Updates at each meeting.
	<p>d) Junior Commissioners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nia: Finished with research and will be working on formatting into a presentation. ○ Cece: Finished with research and will be working on formatting into a presentation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Projects to be reviewed by commissioners- dry runs in October. ● Jess needs to speak with Admin. to seek VCC or Council Chambers for presentations.
	<p>e) Everett Field Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Plans have no changes; there is a plan for a 17-foot-tall building that will likely exceed the slope height behind it in certain areas. ○ Even though three residents spoke against it, and a member of VBSL stated, on record, that the lack of a PA system was not a “deal-breaker”, a PA system will likely be incorporated into the 2nd story. ○ Steep slope infringement and tree removal remains unchanged from the plans issued in January 2024; there is considerable disturbance of the slope as well as tree root systems for the trees that are marked to remain. ○ No investigations have been undertaken insofar as the seasonable high water table; therefore, it is still unknown as to how stormwater management will occur on this major development site. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Updates when they become available.

	<p>f) Ordinance: Meeting Attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ordinance was discussed in new business and stipulates that missing three consecutive meetings in a 12-month period may result in removal of the volunteer from the committee, commission or board. ○ All public members of any Township of Verona board or commission are required to attend at least 70% of the meetings held on a rolling 12-month period. ○ The Township Clerk will be tracking meeting minutes for the Council to assess attendance of all committee/commission/board members. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates as they become available.
5.	<p>Ordinance Updates</p> <p>a) Verona Tree Ordinance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No new information- no movement on any updates at this time. ○ Jess asked our Deputy Manager whether we would be revisiting the ordinance for updates, and he thinks we should; perhaps after some other more pressing issues are moved off of the Council's agenda. ○ West Orange Manor owner and Elmwood Service Inc. removed upwards of 247 trees without any township registration or tree permits. ○ Elmwood Services was not registered in West Orange, but it is our understanding that they had registered to do business in Verona prior to their alleged infractions in West Orange. ○ Jess requested that they be placed on the suspension list until this matter is adjudicated, but since the infraction did not occur in Verona, this will not likely be done. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates as they become available.
6.	<p>Plan Review</p> <p>a) 15 Parkhurst Place</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Applicant added impervious coverage on the site in the form of patios, etc. that exceeds the allowable 35% by more than double: 73%. ○ The applicant offered to remove 218 ft² to mitigate for the coverage; however, that does not really impact the total coverage in any meaningful way. ○ The site requires stormwater management for a minor development as it exceeds the 400 ft² that triggers the ordinance. ○ Recommended reliance upon Verona's Recommended Plant Selection list for any planned plantings that may coincide with stormwater management. ○ MOTION to approve VEC PRC recommendations for 15 Parkhurst Place Avenue: Fuad; Second: Adam. ○ APPROVAL: All other Members Present AYE. ○ ABSTAIN: None. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VEC PRC memo was emailed to the appropriate Board prior to this meeting.
7.	<p>New Business</p> <p>a) Potential Subcommittee Formations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jess supplied a checklist for planning cleanup events with the meeting documents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion at next meeting.

**Regular Meeting Minutes:
 Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 7 p.m.
 Via Internet Conferencing**

	b) Walk and Roll to School Day is Wednesday, October 9. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jess is sending the schools information this week. ○ Sarah and Jess will attend FN Brown's event. ○ Forest will be attended by Forest area commissioners. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
	c) Member Drive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Due to a loss of two members and three open seats, members are encouraged to reach out to people that may be interested or would thrive working with us on our goals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates at next meeting.
	d) Pool Recycling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Walter began to do the recycling himself and he recommends the VEC to produce material and support information, recommendations to apply to the 2025 season. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates as they become available.
8.	Adjournment: 8:10 p.m. Next Meeting Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 7 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Via Internet Conference.
9.	Meeting Minutes Approved: 10/9/2024. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jessica Pearson, Chair, Verona Environmental Commission 	