



Verona Environmental Commission

600 Bloomfield Avenue
Verona, New Jersey 07044

Minutes of May 18, 2010

Verona Community Center, Conference Room, 880 Bloomfield Ave

Members: Gerard Shimonaski, James Loudon, Tom Freeman, Virginia Citrano, Anthony Saltalamacchia, Gloria Machnowski, guest Marjorie Williams

Absent were : guest Carl Cascone and Cinzia Cortese, AGENDA ITEMS

- I. Approval of the March minutes
All/5minutes
Minutes approved with no changes
- II. Continued discussion on co-mingle recycling in HBW. Follow – up report by Tony about his discussions with Rich Hoatson and status of comingle in VHS.
AS/CC 20 minutes
Tony discussed what was going on at HBW. They can not use the flat collection container at HBW as halls are too narrow. Tony is taking some of the commingle overage to Verona recycling center and cardboard is being recycled
- III. Discussions on what other projects we want to do for the remainder of the year :

- * Rain Garden
 - *Walk to School /Poster Contest
 - *Peckman River Clean-up
- All/ 20 minutes

Our guest Marjorie Williams informed our members that the Service League has awarded her on behalf of the VEC 5,000 dollars for construction and maintenance of a Rain Garden in front of HBW. The rain garden received approval from the School District to use by the science teachers as a teaching tool to prevent stormwater runoff and a demonstration site for the town residents. Marjorie needs a site to place monies for maintenance. Jerry suggested the VEC Trust Fund. He will discuss the matter with Dee Trimmer and Joe Martin. Construction to begin July 2010.

Agreed to have Walk to School program

Peckman River Clean up will be held on May 21st and was approved by the School District. Environmental Club members, Science students from freshman to seniors and

teachers will participate. Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission to supply plastic bags, gloves, waders and tools.

IV. Discussion of the leadership of the VEC 2010/2011

All / 10 minutes

Jerry Shimonaski asked if anyone would like to serve as Chair of the VEC . Tom Freeman suggested that Jerry continue as Chair . Jerry agreed to a fifth term as the Chair of the VEC. Gloria would be our Vice Chair.

V. Earth Day April 17

GM/ 10 minutes

Gloria had stated all the information and pictures were on our web site.

VI. Ownership of the website and deletion of materials

GM/GS 20 minutes

Not discussed to be on June agenda

VII. Project Management

GS/15minutes

Not discussed will be on June agenda

Hilltop 2---James Loudon ,Jerry and Marjorie Williams reviewed the site plans for Hilltop 2 as proposed by Cenrose. They proposed the use of permable pavers on the decks and in front of the club house. In addition , recommended some plant changes that were more hardy for this area. The property was previously owned by K. Hovainian and was approved for age restricted housing . The market changed and age restricted housing was difficult to sell. KHov. In late 2009 sold the property to Cenrose . This required the original ordinance to be changed and approve by the Township Council. It was an now Cenrose is again before the Planning Board for approval of new market value apartments.

On May 27th,2010 Jerry attended the first meeting of the PB to discuss Hilltop2 site plan proposal from Cenrose. Before the discussions began Fred Sambataro, Chairman of the Planning Board recognized Jerry Shimonaski and Tom Freeman (liaison to VEC) for receiving the Verona Community Service Award.

The discussion centered on the increase in impervious space by 20,000 square feet due to additional parking spaces and changes to the court yard by the addition of a pool and pergola . One bedroom apts range from 700 – 900 sq. ft and two bedroom apts range from 1200 – 1376 sq. ft.