



Verona Environmental Commission

600 Bloomfield Avenue
Verona, New Jersey 07044

VEC Public Meeting at the Verona Community Center – June 19, 2013

Members present: Gerard Shimonaski, Gloria Machnowski, Virginia Citrano and Kevin Ryan. Started at 7:30 pm - Adjourned at 9:00 pm

MINUTES

I. Not enough members were present to approve the May 5th 2013 Minutes.

II. BOE pesticide application: In June the BOE notified the public of a pesticide application scheduled for F. N. Brown School to control poison ivy. Gloria contacted Paul McDevitt, Director of Public School Facilities, to provide information about alternative organic herbicides in an attempt to avoid using chemical based products. The chemical pesticide application was canceled due to rain. Meanwhile Mr. McDevitt found an organic alternative, horticultural vinegar, and it will be used at F.N.Brown school instead of common glyphosate based pesticides.

III. Jerry will pick up plans and drawings and meet Jim and Virginia to review and submit VEC comments for the application of the Site Plan with related variances DMH2, LLC, 176 and 200 Bloomfield Avenue, Block 8, Lots 1 & 23.

IV. Update about planting a tree and placing a plaque at the Community Center to commemorate the VEC's 20 year anniversary: Gloria sent an email to Mr. Martin, he didn't reply yet. The Town Manager last year agreed to plant the tree this Spring. Gloria will contact Jim Cunningham, Verona Recreational Director, and Kevin will contact Mr. Martin again.

V. Feedback from last VEC report sent to Mr. Ryan, including plans to have one weekly pick up for garbage (instead of the current 2) and one weekly pick up for single stream recyclables, reduce the current White Goods/Metal/Bulk curbside collection from 3 days per month to one day per month and have 2 monthly corrugated cardboard collection days. Kevin doesn't have any news from the Town Manager yet.

VI. Jerry will schedule a Steep Slope Ordinance presentation during the September Council Meeting.