

<b>Members Present (Quorum Established at Four or More Members)</b>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Pearson (Chair/Planning Board Liaison)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuad Dahan	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sean DiBartolo (Vice Chair/Plan Review)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brooke Berardo	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Yauch O'Farrell	<input type="checkbox"/> Anthony Castillo (Alternate 1)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Kari Baureis (Sustainable Verona Liaison)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erdal Turnacioglu (Alternate 2)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Auteri	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cynthia Holland (Gov. Body Liaison)	
	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>
1.	<b>Call to Order by Jess:</b> a) Open Public Meetings Act Statement b) Roll Call performed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None.</li> </ul>
2.	<b>Public Comment Period:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No public members present.</li> </ul>
3.	<b>Approval of November 9, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>MOTION to Approve: Sean ; Second: Erdal .</b></li> <li><b>APPROVAL:</b> All Members Present AYE.</li> <li><b>Abstentions:</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sean will email approved minutes to Township Clerk Kiernan and Steve Neale.</li> </ul>
4.	<b>Updates:</b>	
	<b>a) Poster/PSA Contest</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jess and Brooke have been contacting administrators at the elementary schools, HBW &amp; HS to introduce the project terms.</li> <li>Jess has heard back from Brookdale, Forest, and Laning and is awaiting FN Brown, which she contacted 12/14/2022. All are interested in the digital contest.</li> <li>Brooke and Jess are all set with the HS club teacher.</li> <li>Brooke has contacted the HBW teacher and has not heard back as yet.</li> <li>The terms of the elementary contest are as follows: All elementary 4<sup>th</sup> graders will produce a poster and their parents will take a digital pic to send to their teacher. The teacher will share a google drive folder with the VEC for review and selection of winners.</li> <li>HBW and the HS will submit a digital project to their club teacher who will share a google drive file with VEC for review and selection of winners.</li> <li>The projects will be due 3/24/2023 so that the Township Clerk can prepare prize money, certificates, and clear a portion of the Agenda for the 4/17/23 Council meeting for the awards ceremony in celebration of Earth Day.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jessica and Brooke will prepare materials to be emailed to the teachers at each school.</li> <li>Project guidelines will be emailed to the teachers right after the new year to give teachers ample time to prepare students to participate.</li> </ul>
	<b>b) Website Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updates required for Water Conservation and the Treasured Trees Sections.</li> <li>Mike is working towards uploading and designing this new information to our website. He wants to redesign to make uploading new educational information easier and more organized through a module that he has developed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updates when they become available.</li> <li>Jess will ask who to contact for water usage.</li> </ul>
	<b>c) Treasured Tree Program (Tabled)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jess called C and J Trophies &amp; Promotions- new tags are about \$20 each and they can make room for a sticker if we</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow up at when more information becomes available.</li> </ul>

	<p>want them to redesign them to be slightly larger than 4"x 6"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jess will organize pictures with locations of trees to send to Mike for website.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>d) Sustainable Verona (Kari)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SV met on meeting on 12/8/2022.</li> <li>○ Discussed projects of interest and goals for upcoming year.</li> <li>○ Discussed actions to maintain Bronze Certification and build towards Silver Certification.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates at each meeting.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>e) Scout Project/Access to Peckman Trails (Sean)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bridge stringer boards are in place across the gully and has been anchored to the ground with rebar steel.</li> <li>○ Construction Official Tom Jacobsen had reviewed the build and has requested that additional support posts be installed to support the bridge span.</li> <li>○ Jess sent an email to Dr. Lanzo inquiring about what security measures could be used to deter vandalism of the signage area at the trailhead.</li> <li>○ Alternative access to the trails from Ann Street is discussed. Fences block access to the trailhead from the Anne Street side and the adjacent areas of FN Brown where a narrow public easement or public access exists. The fences may be owned by the Verona Public School System or the property owner and could have been placed there to deter access.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates as they become available.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>f) Stormwater RSIS Rules (Tabled)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Next SIAB meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2022. Stormwater is on the agenda, however it has yet to be determined whether any decisions will be made at this meeting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow up at when more information becomes available.</li> </ul>
5.	<p><b>Ordinance Updates</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
	<p><b>a) Tree Ordinance Updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Council discussed at the last two meetings.</li> <li>○ Council seems amenable to hiring an independent professional (Forester, LTE/Arborist) to make tree health assessments.</li> <li>○ Council seems to be a proponent of having all tree removal companies register with the township to conduct business in Verona.</li> <li>○ Council may want to remove the stipulation that the tree company make an assessment using an LTE from the removal firm – this will require that every tree assessment will need to be inspected by the township contractor.</li> </ul>	<p>Updates as they become available.</p>
	<p><b>b) Invasive Species Ordinance Recommendation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pending review and discussion by the Council.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates as they become available.</li> </ul>
6.	<p><b>Plan Review</b></p>	
	<p><b>a) 1 Sunset pending</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New site plans are underway for 1 Sunset Avenue. Expect new site plans to be submitted sometime this or next month.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No action</li> </ul>
7.	<p><b>New Business</b></p>	

**Regular Meeting Minutes:  
 Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at 7 p.m.  
 Via Internet Conferencing**

	<p><b>a) 2022 Annual Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jessica prepared the annual report and asks members to add any data that may have been left out</li> <li>○ <b>MOTION to approve the 2022 Annual Report:</b> Sean;  <b>Second:</b> Erdal</li> <li>○ <b>Abstentions:</b> None.</li> <li>○ <b>APPROVAL:</b> All other Members Present AYE</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jess will make any necessary amendments.</li> <li>• Jess will email the report to the Mayor and Council.</li> </ul>
8.	<p><b>Adjournment: 8:30 p.m.</b>  <b>Next Meeting Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 7 p.m.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Via Internet Conference.</li> </ul>