

| <b>Members Present (Quorum Established at Four or More Members)</b>  |   |  |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Pearson (Chair/Planning Board Liaison) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walter Steinmann<br><input type="checkbox"/> Sean DiBartolo (Vice Chair/Plan Review) <input type="checkbox"/> Erdal Turnacioglu<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Yauch O'Farrell <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adam Bulger (Alternate I)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Auteri <input type="checkbox"/> Christopher Tamburro (Gov. Body Liaison)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Fuad Dahan |   |  |
|  | <b>DISCUSSION</b>   | <b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>   |
| 1.   | <b>Call to Order by Jess:</b><br>a) Open Public Meetings Act Statement.<br>b) Roll Call performed.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None.</li> </ul>  |
| 2.   | <b>Public Comment Period:</b><br>The meeting was joined by Junior Commissioners Cece and Nia.<br><b>Jimmy McHugh:</b> stated his dismay with the lack of a recycling policy at the Verona Community Pool. Indicated that the multiple receptacles that are meant for recycling are consistently contaminated by non-recyclable garbage. Indicated that the pool staff attempts to correct and sort the garbage out but does not have the time or manpower to do this fully and properly and adds that the town does not recycle even those uncontaminated recycling materials, but rather throws them in with the garbage for pickup by our waste company. He feels that the Township should stop providing recycling containers when they simply do not recycle, until they formulate and implement a real policy. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The VEC recommended that concerned pool employees and residents alike, should speak about the need for a firm recycling policy at our municipal pool at an upcoming Verona Town Council Meeting.</li> </ul> |
| 3.   | <b>Approval of June 12, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>MOTION to Approve:</b> Sarah; <b>Second:</b> Adam</li> <li><b>APPROVAL:</b> All Members Present AYE.</li> <li><b>Abstentions:</b> None.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sean will email approved minutes to Township Clerk Kiernan and Public Information Officer Northrop and post them to the VEC website.</li> </ul>   |
| 4.   | <b>Updates:</b>   |  |
|  | <b>a) Peckman Kiosk Plans /Cleanup Schedule</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kiosk has been stained; lock has been removed to seek possible re-keying by a locksmith.</li> <li>Jess, Walter and Sean still need to meet to discuss content and design.</li> <li>Plexiglass and poster board has been cut to size and is awaiting content, printing and installation.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lock re-keying in inquiry process.</li> <li>Meetings should occur for layout and content between Sean, Walter and Jess.</li> </ul>  |
|  | <b>b) Newsletter: Fall 2024 focus</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adam: Junior Commissioners articles underway; needs pictures of the juniors or their projects</li> <li>Adam suggests adding a quiz; will work with Sarah on this.</li> <li>Erdal: Article focused on the liability of Artificial Turf: will schedule a call to confirm this is underway.</li> <li>Sarah: Leave the leaves article to be sent to Adam and Jess for editing.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updates as they become available.</li> <li>Fall newsletter should be sent in early October.</li> </ul>  |

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Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at 7 p.m.  
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|    | <p><b>c) Sustainable Verona</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SV submission made to SJ; VEC submitted 155 of the 300 approved points worth of actions and awaiting about 10 to 20 more. 350 points are needed for Silver Certification.</li> <li>○ Final Submissions are due on 7/31/2024.</li> <li>○ An overall analysis of Centennial Field will be presented to the Council on 8/5/2024. The study seeks to evaluate best course of action insofar as artificial turf replacement or reverting to natural grass.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates at each meeting.</li> <li>• Commission members are urged to attend the 8/5/2024 Council meeting to hear the report on Centennial Field turf.</li> </ul> |
|    | <p><b>d) Junior Commissioners</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nia: microbiome diversity in Verona's wooded and green spaces (without the use of fertilizer). Progress Update: Bio-controllers research underway. Will be testing nitrogen content in invasive species to measure for any effect on beneficial native species for comparison in a power point presentation.</li> <li>○ Cece: water quality; testing of cyanobacteria at Verona Lake and the Peckman River. Progress Update. Was waiting for response from certain members of her watershed group but is ready to move forward without one. Hopes to send commission an outline by the end of July.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects must be chosen by the VEC's May meeting.</li> <li>• Updates every month.</li> </ul>  |
|    | <p><b>e) Everett Field Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Plans are still forthcoming. No new information.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates when they become available.</li> </ul>  |
| 5. | <b>Ordinance Updates:</b>  |  |
|    | <p><b>a) Verona Tree Ordinance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No new information</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates as they become available.</li> </ul>  |
| 6. | <b>Plan Review</b>   |  |
|    | <p><b>a) 8 Randolph Place</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Applicant seeks to add a patio and retaining walls to backyard, while leveling the rear part of the property, which includes the removal of two large live trees.</li> <li>○ The additional impervious coverage triggers the necessity to mitigate stormwater runoff using green infrastructure. This requirement is not included in the Applicant's plans</li> <li>○ The plans refer to a mudroom and exterior stairs that had been approved prior to this application, however, are not included in the new impervious coverage. This additional coverage should be included in the total improved lot coverage.</li> <li>○ Provide tree measurements and mitigation for removal along with areas on the site where new trees would be planted, relying upon Verona's Recommended Plant Selection list.</li> <li>○ <b>MOTION to approve VEC PRC recommendations for AU* Randolph Place Avenue: Sarah; Second : Walt.</b></li> <li>○ <b>APPROVAL:</b> All other Members Present AYE.</li> <li>○ <b>ABSTAIN:</b> None.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VEC PRC memo was emailed to the appropriate Board prior to this meeting.</li> </ul>   |
| 7. | <b>New Business</b>  |  |
|    | <p><b>a) Potential Subcommittee Formations: TABLED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jessica supplied a checklist for planning cleanup events with the meeting documents</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion at next meeting.</li> </ul>  |

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|    | <b>b) Council Meeting August 5, 2024 7 p.m.: MSU Students report on Centennial Field.</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commissioners are encouraged to attend.</li> </ul> |
| 8. | <b>Adjournment: 7:39 p.m.<br/>         Next Meeting Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 7 p.m.</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Via Internet Conference.</li> </ul>                |
| 9. | <b>Meeting Minutes Approved: 9/11/2024.</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>Jessica Pearson, Chair, Verona Environmental Commission</b></li> </ul> |   |