

Regular Meeting Minutes: Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 7 p.m. Via Internet Conferencing

Mem	bers Present (Quorum Established at Four or More Members)	
⊠ Se ⊠ Sa □ Ka	essica Pearson (Chair/Planning Board Liaison) ean DiBartolo (Vice Chair/Plan Review) arah Yauch O'Farrell ari Baureis (Sustainable Verona Liaison) ichael Auteri Sustainable Verona Liaison Cynthia Holland (i (Alternate 2)
	DISCUSSION	ACTION REQUIRED
1.	Call to Order by Jess:a) Open Public Meetings Act Statementb) Roll Call performed.	None.
2.	Public Comment Period:	No public members present.
3.	 Approval of September 14, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes: MOTION to Approve: Mike; Second: Fuad. APPROVAL: All Members Present AYE. Abstentions: None 	Sean will email approved minutes to Township Clerk Kiernan and Steve Neale.
4.	Updates:	
	 a) Website Updates Opdates required for Water Conservation Section, Treasured Trees Section, Natural Verona Section (2 new parks) 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. 	 Updates when they become available. Jess will ask who to contact for water usage data and send info to Fuad.
	b) Treasured Tree Program	Follow up at when more
	 Jess is continuing to compile data and get in contact with current tree properties to replace tags Update from Sean on UV and water-resistant stickers with a QR code for the tags: The sheets cost \$0.25 per label and are approximately 2"x 2". We need to assess whether they can fit on existing tag design and see if we need to slightly increase the size of the tags moving forward. 	information becomes available.
	c) Sustainable Verona (Kari)	Updates at each meeting.
	 SV cancelled their October Meeting; next schedule meeting on November 2, 2022. 	
	 d) Scout Project (Sean) Sean received some pictures of the boardwalk in construction and shared with the Commission. We discussed the display area near the frontage of the trail and the possibility of redesigning an updated map of the trails. Concerns continue about repetitive vandalism. 	 Updates as they become available. Jess will contact Dr. Lanzo about vandalism and ideas to secure the area.
	e) Stormwater RSIS Rules (Tabled)	Follow up at when more
	 Next meeting is scheduled for mid-December. 	information becomes available.
5.	Ordinance Updates	
	 a) Tree Ordinance Updates: o Pending review and discussion by the Council. 	Updates as they become available.
	• There was a formal presentation given by Engineering Manager	



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	 Next Meeting Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 7 p.m. 	
8.	Adjournment: 8:15 p.m.	Via Internet Conference.
	 The webinar requires registration and takes place on Tuesday, 10/18/2022 at 7 p.m. 	email to all members.
	c) ANJEC Webinar on Native Species and Pollinators	Jess will email the registration
	 For the Middle and HS kids, the contest would be multimedia- to include videos or digital work- same due date. 	
	• Possible due date for projects: before Earth Day: April 5, 2023.	
	need to collect and review the posters for a determination of the best entry from each school and another group would be responsible for posting on social media. Digital pics of the posters are necessary for this to occur.	
	 to the 4th graders and that the posters are digitally sent to us via google drive from the teachers. This will eliminate our need to enter the schools. Coordination and teamwork are necessary. One group would 	multimedia projectContinue discussion next month.
	 Unsure if Township will pay the prize money (\$300). Suggestion that if we do a poster contest that it is only available 	and VHS environmental club teachers to gauge interest in a
	 Members discuss which projects to move forward with for the Fall and Winter. 	available.Brooke will contact the HBW
	b) School Outreach/Poster Contest/High School	Updates as they become
	 Collaboration with SV should be ongoing for cleanups. 	
	 Events related to eradicating lanternflies can occur any weekend morning subject to short notice. 	 Sign in sheet is uploaded.
	 Cleanup will occur on October 15th. 	been shared with SV members.
	a) October 15, 2022 Cleanup at Park Place-Peckman River	Flyer is uploaded and has
7.	New Business	
	 New site testing is underway at 1 Sunset Ave. Expect new site plans to be submitted sometime next month. 	
	a) No reviews	None
<u>.</u>	Plan Review	
	 These species have a high spread threshold and are destructive to both the local ecology, native species, homes, infrastructure like roads, walkways and water and drainage utilities and accessory structures Pending review and discussion by the Council. 	
	 The VEC sent a recommendation to the Council last month for planting regulations, control, or removal of certain invasive plants including the Tree of Heaven, Bamboo (running and clumping), Oriental Bittersweet, Poison, English and Boston Ivy, and Japanese Knotweed. 	available.
	b) Invasive Species Ordinance Recommendation:	Updates as they become
	 We also would recommend that the Tree of Heaven would be listed in that ordinance as a tree that requires a permit, with no fee and no replacement. 	
	DeCarlo a few Council meetings ago, and in it, he described a number of loopholes that exist that some residents and tree removal companies have taken advantage of.	