

Members Present (Quorum Established at Four or More Members)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Pearson (Chair/Planning Board Liaison)	<input 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 checked="" 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)	
	DISCUSSION	ACTION REQUIRED
1.	Call to Order by Jess: a) Open Public Meetings Act Statement b) Roll Call performed.	• None.
2.	Public Comment Period:	• No public members present.
3.	Approval of June 8, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes: • MOTION to Approve: Jess; Second: Mike. • APPROVAL: All Members Present AYE. • Abstentions: Erdal	• Sean will email approved minutes to Township Clerk Kiernan and Steve Neale.
4.	Updates:	
	a) Website Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Water conservation section requires uploading information. ○ Sarah and Jess need to take new pictures of trees for upload to a new page for the treasured tree. ○ The Natural Verona page: Jess will draft a short description of the two new parks that Verona has purchased. ○ 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.
	b) Sustainable Verona (Kari) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SV has a new chairperson: Danielle Zink. They are deciding when and how often to hold meetings. ○ Jess will meet with Danielle to discuss collaboration on certain projects. ○ Sarah and Jessica worked with a former VEC/SV member and two current members in July to plant a large pollinator garden. ○ Kari asked the Township to circulate rules to all residents, pointing out that Verona has a new and growing population that may not know what or how to recycle. Recreation Director Jim Cunningham is involved in this effort and plans to send a town-wide email in the next week. ○ Kari also is coordinating with Steve to possibly get more receptacles along Bloomfield Avenue and at the Pool. 	• Updates at each meeting.
	c) Stormwater RSIS Rules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NJ Site Improvement Advisory Board (SIAB) RSIS meeting occurred on June 16, 2022. ○ The SIAB agreed to convene a special meeting with DEP officials to discuss how the proposed changes may affect 	• Follow up at when more information becomes available.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> individual communities with more strict rules. ○ Next meeting is scheduled for mid-September. 	
	<p>d) Scout Project (Sean)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eagle Scout candidate is planning to build and install a new boardwalk at the Peckman Trail and a bridge over a drainage swale. However, to make sure that the project is within the rules of Recreation and Open Space Inventory (ROSI) properties, we need to send the State Land Use Department a copy of the plans for approval. This is underway. ○ The girl scouts are interested in continuing the Fairy Trail project at Grove Park. They can resume their projects and let the VEC know when they would like to conduct a walkthrough for the public. Best time for their installation would be late Spring. ○ The VEC would like to attend their opening event. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates as they become available.
6.	Ordinance Updates	
	<p>a) Recommended Planting Ordinance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Town Council's final passage occurred at their July 11, 2022 meeting. ○ The VEC will review the list annually in January and send any changes and/or updated recommendations to the Town Council by February 1st of each calendar year. If no changes exist, the VEC will send a memo to the Council stating that no changes are recommended. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates as they become available.
	<p>b) Mini Cell Towers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Township has contracted with a 5G specialist who aid the drafting of a new ordinance for both 5G and 4G tower types. ○ A draft ordinance for the two types of cellular installations as well as a zoning code chapter based upon permitted use applications for planning board hearing were discussed at length at the most recent Council meeting. ○ The ordinance for small wireless facilities, or the 5G installations, directs those contractors to install them, as per FCC laws, to Verona's ROWs on existing or potentially new pole installations. The only restrictions would be in the case of historical areas where specially designed poles or installations would occur. ○ The Zoning code ordinance directs large cell tower installations to be heard by the Planning Board, instead of the Board of Adjustments, as the installation will become a permitted use within the township, and no longer would require the D1 variance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates as they become available.
	<p>c) Tree Ordinance Updates: (Tabled)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pending introduction for discussion in new business by the Council. We assume that Mike Decarlo will be reporting at the next Council meeting. ○ Mike Decarlo is to present a list of suggested updates to the ordinance at an upcoming Council meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates as they become available.

7.	<p>Plan Review</p> <p>a) 1 Sunset Avenue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Applicants propose to demolish the existing school building and amenities, regrade the site and construct a 4-story, 200-unit residential building with associated patios, walkways, driveways, recreational areas and a pool. ○ The Applicant is not upholding the new stormwater rules and has, effectively, granted itself waiver from Green Infrastructure, Water Quality and Recharge. ○ The Applicant drilled too few soil boring tests and at a time of the year that the water table was not at a seasonal high. ○ The Applicant has not submitted any geotechnical studies or data for preparation of the site or how the foundation will be prepared for the construction of structures or how rock blasting will be managed at the site. ○ The tree planting lists from the engineer and the landscape architect provide conflicts in the number of trees planned. ○ The only type of evergreen tree the Applicant plans to plant is the American Arborvitae, which is highly susceptible to deer grazing. ○ Most of the trees require sun and the planting in understory has not been addressed. Additionally, the applicant has not discussed how plantings will occur on in areas that have near surface basalt rock. <p>MOTION to approve VEC PRC Memo 1 Sunset Avenue: Sean; Second: Jess; APPROVAL: All other Members Present AYE. ABSTAIN: Tony Castillo.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VEC PRC memo was emailed to the appropriate Board Secretary prior to this meeting.
7.	<p>New Business</p> <p>a) No planned meeting for August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jess reminds Commissioners that there is no scheduled August meeting. During that time, subcommittees may meet to review plans or discuss further information. <p>b) T-shirts have arrived for new members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jessica will deliver shirts to members' homes. <p>c) Cleanup at Park Place</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cleanup will occur in early October and will be discussed at our September meeting. <p>d) Tony discusses new proposed rule on construction elevations in Flood Plains</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tony is working with the state on these new rule parameters. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No action needed. • Jess will deliver to new members. • Update at next meeting. • Updates as they become available.
8.	<p>Adjournment: 8:15 p.m. Next Meeting Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 7 p.m.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Via Internet Conference.