

Members Present (Quorum Established at Four or More Members)		
<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 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)	
	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 May 10 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes: • MOTION to Approve : Sean; Second: Sarah. • APPROVAL: All Members Present AYE. • Abstentions: None.	• Sean will email approved minutes to Township Clerk Kiernan and Steve Neale.
4.	Updates:	
	a) Website Updates ○ The Treasured Tree page is up; Jess added a description of the program and a chart showing the best times of year to view each tree species. ○ Mike also will continue to search for a collage plug in so that the pictures can be labeled.	• Updates when they become available.
	b) Treasured Tree Program ○ Dogwood tree on Montclair Avenue nominated. ○ Public education on social media has begun on social media and will continue.	• Jess will order a tag for the Dogwood Tree.
	c) Sustainable Verona (Kari) ○ SV met on meeting on 6/5/2023. ○ Kari has secured 5-inch x 7-inch table tent reminders for the pool tables and new recycling containers will be used. ○ Discussion on the Tree removal on Derwent continued. Shade Tree Commission co-chair expressed their displeasure that they were not made aware of those removal plans and ensure replacements will occur. ○ There will be a Solar open house tour of local solar home installations: Prout and the Holy Spirit will be included in the tour. ○ The VEC will be helping in drafting reports for certification purposes.	• Updates at each meeting.

	<p>d) Scout Project Ceremony: June 17, 2020 at 10 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Date for Ayden's ceremony is 6/17/2023 at the Peckman River Trails behind FN Brown. ○ Sean indicated that the rope on the bridge has been replaced and that the boardwalks on the south side of the trail have been properly positioned. ○ Jess has ribbon and scissors for the event. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All to attend if possible.
	<p>e) Recycling Assembly (3 R's) Pilot for FN Brown</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We should plan to send emails out for this at the beginning of the school year in September, which gives us time to decide if we need to update or change our current presentation. ○ Sarah suggests adding slides on no idling to coincide with Walk to School Day. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up when more information becomes available.
5.	<p>Ordinance Updates</p>	
	<p>a) Invasive Species Ordinance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The first reading occurred and passed, and our memo was discussed to incorporate some of our suggestions. ○ The second reading occurred at the 6/12/2023, Council meeting and the ordinance was passed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.
6.	<p>Plan Review</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 110 Forest Avenue ○ The Applicant proposes to add a curb cut to Marion Road frontage of property, adding a second driveway. ○ The property coverage is maintained under the allowable 40%, the new impervious is under the trigger for a minor development and no trees will be removed for this driveway. ○ The VEC PRC recommended that the applicant use a paver system for the driveway that would allow for runoff infiltration between the paver joints. ○ A public Sycamore Tree is within a few feet of the proposed driveway; nonporous driveway may obstruct root nutrition. ○ The VEC PRC sent a low impact development checklist and recommended proper disposal and recycling of all construction waste. ○ MOTION to approve VEC PRC Memo 110 Forest Avenue: Sean; Second: Fuad. ○ APPROVAL: All Members Present AYE. ○ ABSTAIN: None. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VEC PRC memo was emailed to the appropriate Board prior to this meeting.
7.	<p>New Business</p>	
	<p>a) Summer Plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Since we do not meet in August, we floated the idea to have a group outing or event in the summer or fall. ○ Suggestion was offered to have the VEC take a table at one or more of the Concert events to engage with the public. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up at next meeting.

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Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 7 p.m.
Via Internet Conferencing**

	<p>b) Budget: Signage projects and Tree Tags</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sean was quoted \$60 for the FN Brown Sign kiosk acrylic sheet. ○ Sean created a more accurate trail map for us to mark trees on. ○ Sarah and Jessica will begin a tree inventory at the FN Trail, to be completed during the summer on Sean's new map. ○ Tree tags cost \$15/each. One resident offered to pay for their tag. Commissioners agree that we may accept offers from residents to pay for the tags, but we cannot solicit donations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up at next meeting.
	<p>c) Cleanups and other ideas for public engagement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussed overall decline in numbers of public volunteers throughout the community. ○ Perhaps reduce our cleanup events and or introduce different types of engagement events. ○ Pool recycling engagement; education at the pool: Sarah will contact Steve to initiate her receptacle labels. ○ Continue our relationship with the Fairy Trail Scouts. ○ Jr. Commissioner: Mike will investigate. ○ Proposal to work with other town's commissions. ○ Walk in the Memorial Day Parade. ○ Concert Series attendance with education table. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike will make contact with other commission programs for junior commissioners. • Snappy logos offer cost-friendly patches. • Cleanup flyers to have QR Code of SignUp Genius page for event for participant to sign waiver from smartphone. Timeslots to be 15-minute intervals to allow more volunteer flexibility.
8.	<p>Adjournment: 8:54 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next Meeting Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 7 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Via Internet Conference.
9.	<p>Meeting Minutes Approved: 7/12/2023. Jessica Pearson, Chair, Verona Environmental Commission</p>	