

Members Present (Quorum Established at Four or More Members)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Pearson (Chair/Planning Board Liaison)	<input type="checkbox"/> Jean Deo	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sean DiBartolo (Vice Chair/Plan Review)	<input type="checkbox"/> Kelly DiGeronimo	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah Yauch O'Farrell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Sudia (Alternate I)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walter Steinmann	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anthony Triolo (Alternate II)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Adam Bulger	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alex Roman (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: Kelly Drury, Verona: Discussed the options for limiting the use of gas-powered leaf blowers. Discussion with members included options for seasonal use bans during summer and winter months when use of gas leaf blowers is not considered a necessity.	• A discussion of a seasonal use change should be discussed.
3.	Approval of March 11, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes: • MOTION to Approve: Sarah; Second: Anthony. • APPROVAL: All Members Present, AYE. • Abstentions: None.	• Sean will email approved minutes to Township Clerk Kiernan and Public Information Officer Northrop and post them to the VEC website.
4.	Updates:	
	a) Peckman Kiosk Plans (Tabled until action is undertaken) o Jess, Walter and Sean still need to meet to discuss content and design.	• Lock replacement awaiting further discussion. • Awaiting meeting schedule.
	b) Summer Newsletter: (Tabled)	• Discussion at May meeting.
	c) Sustainable Verona (Anthony Tabled)	• Updates as available.

	<p>d) Junior Commissioner Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Violet Palmer and Scarlett, working as a team: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Gained permission to proceed and construct two 2' x 6' beds that will be 1' deep. ● Jaeger Lumber/Walter will donate the raised beds. ● Juniors, Parents and Commissioners will help with. Bed construction ● Approaching Hillcrest/Pleasantdale for soil donation 12 to 24 ft³ of soil needed. ● Water source: There is a hose bib in courtyard. Will look into the possibility of a rain barrel and perforated hoses for extended watering. ● The Juniors will be the primary caretakers for the garden. This will include watering throughout the summer months, weeding, and caring for fall cutback, mulching, etc. ○ Commission members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Suggested involving the Environmental Club members for inclusion in the project; the Juniors will lead the actions. This will potentially help with summer watering care, building raised beds, donation of items like old hoses or garden equipment, etc. It will also set up legacy care for the garden after the Juniors graduate. ● Suggested that the Juniors work with Sarah and Joe to compile a strong list of available native perennials for inclusion in the garden. ● Suggested that they speak with Principal Cogdill to schedule acceptable hours and dates that enable Commission members to come to the high school and help with construction, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Updates at every meeting.
	<p>e) Vest Attire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jess has received the vests and reminded members to pick them up at her home. ○ Newer members are reminded to try on polo tees at Academy Apparel ASAP. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jess is awaiting member pick up.
	<p>f) Poster Contest – Winners and Awards Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Poster Contest Winners: Landon Turnacioglu and McKenzie Pietrucha from Forest and Rose Pashman, and Lotanna Ezema from FN Brown. ○ Awards Ceremony is 4/20/2026 at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Commissioners are encouraged to attend the awards ceremony.
	<p>g) Earth Day Cleanup Event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Cleanup Event discussed will occur on 4/25/2026 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at and around the Verona Community Center. ○ We often do our cleanups in isolated wooded parklands in town and want to raise awareness and visibility this Earth Day. ○ The Sustainable Verona crew is doing a tree-giveaway event with the Library and Jess has asked them to recommend to join us after picking up their trees. ○ Sarah reminds members that the Verona Park Conservancy is holding the Park Cleanup on 4/18/2026 from 9 to 11 a.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Members should attend.

**Regular Meeting Minutes:
Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 7 p.m.
Via Internet Conferencing**

	<p>h) Native Gardening 101</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Tuesday, 4/28/2026 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Verona Library. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members are encouraged to attend.
5.	<p>Ordinance Updates</p> <p>a) Tree Ordinance (Tabled until new updates)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates when they are available.
6.	<p>Plan Review: None</p>	
7.	<p>New Business:</p> <p>a) Financial Disclosure Filing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Mandatory filing due 4/30/2026. <p>b) Next Meeting reminder- 1st Tuesday in May (5/5/2026)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Please mark your calendars. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • File before 4/30/2026. • Reminder.
8.	<p>Adjournment: 8:03 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Next Meeting Tuesday, May 5, 2026. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Via Internet Conference.
9.	<p>Meeting Minutes Approved: 5/5/2026.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Jessica Pearson, Chair, Verona Environmental Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes to be sent to Municipal Clerk, PIO and posted to the VEC website upon approval.