

TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY



**PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

MEETING 7:30 P.M. *DECEMBER 16th, 2025*

VCC CONFERENCE ROOM

And

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A. CALL TO ORDER

7:30 PM by CS

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. *OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE*

Read by CS

C. ROLL CALL

In attendance: CS, JF, PP, SF, MD, AR

D. APPROVAL OF *OCTOBER* MINUTES

7:31 – CS Called for a motion to approve the October 2025 minutes. The motion was approved.

E. CHAIRPERSON ANNOUNCEMENTS

7:32 – CS pays respects to Jim Cunningham.

7:33 – CS thanks committee members who are leaving...Shannon, Andrea and Clariza.

7:34 – CS congratulates Council Liason Holland on her re-election.

7:35 – CS reviews previous night's council meeting, explains everything this committee recommended for the pool was passed.

F. INTRODUCTION OF NEW DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, PAM PRISCOE

7:37 – PP gives introduction of herself, is happy to serve Verona. Explains the pool came at her immediately once she started in her role.

G. POOL UPDATE & DISCUSSION

7:40 – PP 2% membership raise, allowing a payment plan, opening to non-residents, starting with family referral first, 100 memberships being sold at \$1000, February will be month for referrals, then in March any non-resident 1.5 miles from Verona, no payment plan for non-residents. Pam answers some committee questions on these announcements.

7:53 – CS brings up pool events, success of past events and says we need to keep the momentum going forward. Adds sponsorships need to be at 50K.

7:55 - MD brings up free memberships and service agreement, and sponsorships for the free memberships.

7:56 - CS asks about the pool furniture plan. PP says putting 50K in capital to replace furniture. AR asks about the style of the furniture, asks if there is a way to keep the blue aesthetic. PP says she has looked into this, and explains they still make the blue furniture and that she wants to move forward with this style. She agrees the new brown tables look out of place.

8:00 - SF asks about the snack bar contract. CS says there is 1 year left on current contract. A quick explainer on this is given to Pam.

8:02 - CS thanks committee for all of the work on the pool.

H. RECREATIONAL BUDGET FY2026

8:02 – CS explains this is something we need to get into moving forward. CS explains some of the process he and John went through last year to review the budget. Says would like to get budget details sooner so committee can provide guidance. John adds in we can guide better if we have better data. Pam agrees, will look into how much can be given before council reviews.

I. AGE FRIENDLY DISABILITY SUMMARY

8:07 – CS says when new committee members come on board, he would like to have a sub-committee get more involved. Pam reviews with committee the 2 different types of grants we have, and how they are being used. Pam adds it is in the very early stages.

J. RECREATION COORDINATOR REPORT

8:10 – PP gives fall season summary and report, explains winter registration is underway, suburban basketball is happening now, rec basketball has also started practices. Pam gives some insight into how much the rec department is handling, and that she has requested more staff.

8:15 - MD asks if any winter programs are waitlisted. Pam says tennis and art are waitlisted. CS asks if waitlists can be a thing of the past. Pam explains budget and

availability are an issue. She says annex is getting painted and new carpet installed and then will come back to rec department. Police left.

8:19 – PP gives Everett Field update. Says underground is done, retaining wall done, but explains weather could be an issue.

8:21 – CS says EF will be a pilot program to see if real grass can work if managed properly. PP says she feels strongly that Centennial Field needs to stay turf based on how much use it receives.

K. TOWN MANAGER REPORT *PP says nothing we haven't already discussed.*

L. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT *CH not in attendance tonight.*

M. OLD BUSINESS *no*

N. NEW BUSINESS *PP says July Fireworks will be July 1st with a rain date of July 2nd.*

O. PUBLIC COMMENT

8:28 – A Verona resident asks for more clarification on sponsorship program for the pool. PP explains the TV screens when you first walk in will list the sponsorships. PP confirms we will not do banners around the pool.

P. NEXT MEETING *January 13th, 2026*

Q. ADJOURNMENT *8:32pm*

