PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE *April 21st, 2026*

TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

MEETING 7:30 P.M. *April 21st, 2026*

VCC CONFERENCE ROOM
And
Via the internet, please click the link below to join the meeting:
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A. CALL TO ORDER

7:07 PM by CS

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. ***OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE***

Read by CS

C. ROLL CALL

In attendance: SF, MD, JZ, MP, PP, JM, JF, AR, CS via zoom

D. APPROVAL OF *MARCH* MINUTES

7:09 – CS Called for a motion to approve the March 2026 minutes. The motion was approved.

E. CHAIRPERSON REPORT

CS –New member will be at next meeting
CS –Updates on 4 recommendation letters sent to council
CS –Pool Furniture extended from 50K to 75K. Will be put into budget. Should arrive around late June.
PP – Explains had to wait for the capital budget to be approved for order to be placed
AR – Asks why does member purchase need to go through town budget? JM answers because member purchases are controlled by town administration. Might be able to preorder for next year.
CS – Says depends on revenue. Asks what 75K is buying us. PP explains $2,000 per table…so roughly 30 tables. Also need to purchase umbrellas.
CS – Social Media…no response. Pam needs more flexibility. PP responds that she spoke to Kevin and Mike and believes they will be going to set up community services socials. JM

add that there will need to be a process for posts to be proof read first. CS thanks Pam for pushing this issue with admin.

F. SUB-COMMITTEE EXPLORATION TOPICS & GOALS

PARKS & FACILITIES – Grass vs Turf: MD to set up information to be provided in May meeting for committee discussion. June Grass Meeting confirmed.

DISABILLITY PROGRAMS – Need to wait for grand surveys to be done. Will table discussion for September.

G. RECREATIONAL REPORT from the Director Community Services

Spring Programs Update – Going well.
Summer Playground – so far 310 are registered. Have caps to make sure we have enough staff. CS wants committee to visit sites, review program fees and make new recommendations for next year. AR asks if there was any feedback on increase of fee this year, PP says no feedback at all. SF asks when counselors will be notified of jobs, PP says soon.
PP – gives basketball update and explains a new way to select teams that will be more fair to all involved. CS suggests coordinating woman's softball with Caldwell.
Pool Update – Walter Steinmann will be Pool Manager, Janice Tierney and Nick Polidaro will be Asst. Pool Manager.
Non Resident Memberships – Will contact 10 people on waitlist in May to be accepted into pool. So far 732 memberships+100 non resident memberships. Do not know breakdown of non resident memberships.
CS – Council needs to amend ordinance to add waitlisted people. Need to also focus on marketing for pool.
JM – Council needs to approve additional 50 non resident memberships. The referral program worked well.
CS – 4 Pillars of Success: 1. Miscellaneous funds, 2. Non residents, 3. Residents, 4. Sponsorship Financial Model
PP – Submitted whole write up to My Verona about excitement of the pool and highlight the managers and what we are doing.
PP – Nerds Band update - $10 per person resident, $20 non
PP – Walter Bauman donating 5K and will sponsor The Nerds
PP – Update on Pool Parties booked
PP – In house swim lessons with own guards…individual and group lessons
PP – Looking into movie nights and also possible World Cup watch parties. Will continue trivia nights.
PP – Pickleball Tournament update 6/13 with 6/14 rain date.
Everett Field Update – JM says probably May, likely June turf will be put down. Sod has to sit after that.

H. OLD BUSINESS *no*

I. NEW BUSINESS

CS – Explains he joined Open Space Committee, and lets us know about a newly acquired plot of land to be used for Recreational Purposes, and says Committee will provide recommendations.

J. PUBLIC COMMENT *no*

K. NEXT MEETING *May 19th, 2026*

L. ADJOURNMENT *8:17 pm*