

AVALON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
NOVEMBER 19, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairman Reynolds. Flag salute. Chairman Reynolds read the Open Public Meetings Act. Roll call was taken.

Present: Beth Tipping, Debanne Macaluso, Donna Rothman, Kevin Coyle, Terry Sasdelli, Stuart Friedman, Brian Reynolds

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2013 meeting was made by Kevin Coyle and seconded by Beth Tipping. Approved by all.

The Avalon Planning Board had asked the Environmental Commission for their input on the vegetation on the boulevard at the entrance to Avalon. Tim Raker of The Lomax Consulting Group had mentioned that there is mimosa growing along the road which should be removed and replaced with indigenous vegetation. Three feet high shrubs could be planted as well as self-sustaining plantings. The vegetation there now acts as a wind break and erosion protection. Brian cautioned that there is no irrigation out there and grass would be mown periodically by the Borough. Donna stated that selective pruning of the vegetation is not the way to go. Brian reminded the Commission that the terrapin barrier is also there. Debanne told the members that there should be more emphasis on homeowners' landscaping than this issue. Brian told the Commission that he will pass the word along to the Planning Board that the Environmental Commission's decision is to leave the entrance along Avalon Boulevard as it currently is.

A motion to approve the 2014 dates for the meeting of the Environmental Commission was made by Terry Sasdelli and seconded by Beth Tipping. Approved by all. This schedule will be published in the Atlantic City Press.

Brian had a report from The Lomax Consulting Group about potential future problems with Japanese Black Pines in the dunes. There was also a summary of programs carried out in 2013. Ron Sandmeyer of 158 58th Street asked if there was a plan for total eradication of the Japanese Black Pines? The Lomax Consulting Group considers this an ongoing project.

Kathy Finkbiner of 1100 Ocean Drive, was present and expressed concern over the dune/beach trail. She has a problem with the signs and brought a picture of a sign which she made up and put on a fence post to demonstrate what could be done instead. Brian took the picture and said the Commission would take her suggestion under advisement.

Adjournment at 4:35 pm.