AVALON ENVIROMENTAL COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 19, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairman Reynolds. Flag salute. Roll call.

Present: Joe Dvorak, Debanne Macaluso, Steve Malyszka, Brian Reynolds, Donna Rothman, Beth Tipping

Absent: Kevin Coyle

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2017 meeting was made by Brian Reynolds and seconded by Donna Rothman. Approved by all.

Further discussion of the artificial turf was brought up. Concerns were made by Brian Reynolds of the strict procedures and who was to enforce these rules and who will follow them. Debanne brought up the issue of the town being a “Green” town and how the runoff of water into the streets may cause more flooding. Dust and dirt can clog the pores of the backing of the artificial turf. Discussion of landscaping approval before Certificate of Occupancy is issued was brought up. Donna stated using native landscaping instead of artificial turf or non-native landscaping along with annual plants, organic material or stone for landscaping. Concerns of the amount of heat the artificial turf absorbs compared to asphalt, grass, and sand. Motion to propose to committee of the artificial turf made by Beth Tipping and seconded by Steve Malyszka. Approved by all.

A request from Mr. Middleton for additional planting under the DVMP, on the North side of the path of 75th Street. Plants to go adjacent to fence. Arron to check on site. A motion to approve additional planting was made by Debanne Macaluso and seconded by Donna Rothman. Approved by all.

 Discussion of suggestions from Scott Wahl for the Tree Committee charter. Committee to include an employee of public works. Notes to be made of correction of Section 2, last sentence. Section 5.I: Impact of routine tree trimming by committee. Notification of tree removal should be made prior to work rather than after. Brian brought up possibly going to planning board then council. Implemented to fall under an ordinance. Section 6, agreement of not advertising. Section 8, Brian to discuss with Scott of budget for paying fees and travel.

Concerns for dead pine trees along 58th Street of Dune Drive to the North were brought up. Trees on private properties would receive violations from Paul Short. No red bands from LOMAX. Attention to be brought to them of new dead trees. Motion made by Debanne Macaluso and seconded by Donna Rothman. Approved by all.

Adjournment at 5:00 pm.