

**AVALON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
AUGUST 21, 2012 MEETING MINUTES**

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

Present: Beth Tipping, Debanne Macaluso, Terry Sasdelli, Terry Strobaugh, Harry Keyser, Brian Reynolds

Absent: Kevin Coyle

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 17th, 2012 meeting minutes was made by Harry Keyser and seconded by Terry Sasdelli. Approved by all.

The first discussion was on the Faulkner application at 5699 Dune Drive. Tim Raker of The Lomax Consulting Group was present. There are thirty-six Japanese Black Pines to be removed and replaced with native vegetation. There will be drip irrigation and a diversity of plants. Harry Keyser asked about the removal of Virginia creeper. Heavy equipment can't be brought in to remove the Japanese Black Pines. Terry Sasdelli would like to have photos of the site. Tim will take care of this and distribute photos to the Commission members. Brian and Beth both mentioned having either the applicant's name or address on the handouts. A motion to approve the application was made by Terry Sasdelli and seconded by Harry Keyser. Approved by all. Brian will prepare the letter to Dean Marcolongo requesting an MOA.

The second discussion was on the second project at the Scarpa property at 40th and the beach. Tim also discussed this one. Forty Japanese Black Pines will be removed here. Chuck Hess, landscape architect for the project was present. He would like to get indigenous plant material. A motion to approve the application was made by Harry Keyser and seconded by Debanne Macaluso. Approved by all. Brian will prepare a letter to Dean Marcolongo.

Brian told the Commission that the property at 70th Street owned by Thomas Kapp, which was the subject of a DVMP, had been inspected by Brian and Joe Lomax, and they found that seeds had germinated and grown over what was planted by Mr. Kapp as part of the DVMP. Joe Lomax is working with Mr. Kapp to see what can be done.

Forestry Management Plan. This year a Tree Commission needs to be formed. The members can be from the Environmental Commission. Not less than five not greater than seven members on the Commission. Appointed by the Mayor. Will discuss further at the September meeting. The annual conference of the NJ Community Forestry Association is in October. Avalon's professional CORE-trained employee is Bill Macomber and volunteer is Brian Reynolds. In order for the Borough to obtain the required CEUs for the Community Forestry program, Joe Lomax donates his CEUs to the Borough.

Winnie Britton of 63 33rd Street asked about participating in the DVMP. Upon further research, Mrs. Britton property is not eligible since it is not beachfront and therefore does not share a common boundary with the Borough.

Tim is going to give a status report at the October meeting on all the DVMP properties. He said that some animals had dug up some of the irrigation at the Sandmeyer property on Dune Drive. Regarding the Beach Management Plan at 40th to 60th Streets, the fences had been removed. The Lomax Consulting Group had been in touch with APW relative to herbicide treatment and would meet with the contractor to ensure that there would not be any overspraying and that the weather conditions were conducive for spraying.

Adjournment at 5:00 pm.