

**AVALON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
AUGUST 20, 2013 MEETING MINUTES**

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, Harry Keyser, Brian Reynolds

Absent: Kevin Coyle, Terry Sasdelli

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2013 meeting was made by Donna Rothman and seconded by Harry Keyser. Approved by all. Brian Reynolds reviewed the Acceptable Plant Material List. The Avalon Planning Board had requested that the Environmental Commission update the List for inclusion as an Appendix in the Zoning Ordinance, the Site Plan Ordinance and Chapter 9 of the Borough Ordinance. Beth Tipping mentioned that Leyland cypress should not be included as part of living fences. A motion to approve the list as an appendix to the appropriate ordinances was made by Debanne Macaluso and seconded by Donna Rothman. Approved by all.

Discussion of the DVMP. O'Hara, 165 61st Street. Tim Raker and Joe Lomax of the Lomax Consulting Group were present. There were a lot of Japanese Black Pines on this property and a sapling full of bugs. Will be planting cedar. Brian wants to see variation in height of plantings. Any cedar already there will remain. For future reference, Joe Lomax will look into availability of milkweed. Tim Raker said in determining what to plant three things are considered: commercial availability; the plant material list; and how the plant does. A motion to approve the O'Hara plan was made by Harry Keyser and seconded by Donna Rothman. Approved by all.

DVMP for Origlio, 162 62nd Street. 20 to 25 trees to be removed. Large number of cedars on this property. Tim said there will be a diversity in height in the plantings on this property. A motion to approve the plan was made by Donna Rothman and seconded by Debanne Macaluso. Approved by all.

DVMP for Sordoni, 155 64th Street. Dense population of Japanese Black Pines and abundance of Black Cherry saplings. Will plant hard shrub plant. A motion to approve the plan was made by Donna Rothman and seconded by Debanne Macaluso. Approved by all.

DVMP for Middleton, 76th Street, North. Lot of large bayberry trees. Brian questioned the size of the cedar trees going to be planted. Tim explained these are the standard height to be planted. A motion to approve the plan was made by Harry Keyser and seconded by Donna Rothman. Approved by all.

Update on the Beach/Dune Trail project – this has been combined with the 39th Street project for the Open Space application. Donna told the Commission that she is continuing fundraising; almost \$10,000 has been pledged. They have enlisted the services of a Stockton intern for the signs. An illustrator/naturalist is helping with the illustrations.

Debanne asked why so many dead trees on the Borough right-of-way. She asked about having these trees removed. Brian said that the Acceptable Plant Material List will be distributed to Jeff Hesley and Scott Wahl for the website and should also be sent to landscapers.
Adjournment at 5:25 pm.