

**AVALON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 18, 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, Kevin Coyle, Brian Reynolds

Absent: Harry Keyser

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2012 meeting was made by Debanne Macaluso and seconded by Beth Tipping. Approved by all.

The Chairman advised the Commission members that Scott Wahl had told him that day that there had been a washup on the beaches between 32nd Street in Avalon and Wildwood of headless and tailless bunker. Scott Wahl also informed the Chairman that the Cape May County Mosquito Control Board had one case of West Nile Virus in Cape May County and that mosquitoes carrying the virus had been found in Avalon.

Revisiting the Community Forestry Management Plan – there will be a meeting October 26 and 27 of the New Jersey Shade Tree Federation. Under the CFMP, Avalon needs to form a Shade Tree Committee. There will be core training either day from 8:30 to 5:00. Need at least two people certified in the Borough; one of whom is an employee and the other a volunteer and there should be additional volunteers who have taken the training. Brian is working with Joe Lomax to draft an Ordinance for Shade Tree Committee.

Joe Lomax is also developing an educational program. On October 1, Brian will walk along beach paths with Joe. The plan is to have posts with photos for classroom use at various paths with the greatest ecological diversity. Terry Sasdelli suggested that Brian talk to Stu Friedman who has conducted beach path walks.

EC has been asked by the Planning and Zoning Board for input on Living Fences. The fences will probably need to be greater than four feet and less than eight feet. Need to look at species, security.

DVMP status – MOAs for Scarpa (Project II) and Faulkner are being prepared by Dean Marcolongo. Cohen MOA has been signed off on and sent to the County for recording. Around the end of the year, the Lomax Consulting Group will review how the planting have fared so far.

Debanne questioned the removal of trees relating to the DVMP. Is the Borough being proactive or reactive? Brian responded that currently the Borough and the EC are relying on the homeowners to pay for removal of dead trees and planting of new vegetation. Adjournment at 5:20 pm.