

**AVALON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MAY 21, 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, Donna Rothman, Terry Sasdelli, Harry Keyser, Brian Reynolds

Absent: Debanne Macaluso, Kevin Coyle

A motion to approve the February 19, 2013 meeting minutes was made by Beth Tipping and seconded by Terry Sasdelli. Approved by all. A motion to approve the April 16, 2013 meeting minutes was made by Donna Rothman and seconded by Terry Sasdelli. Approved by all.

A presentation was given by Terry O’Leary on the types of signage used in nature trails which he has developed. It was an hour long power point presentation on the types of trees, shrubs and vines which can be found in the maritime forest. He then addressed the question of signage and which kinds of signs would work best. There are also “talking” trees. Tapestries in Manahawkin was the company he recommended to develop signs for the beach path. They would help with fonts, size, graphics, etc. He doesn’t recommend fiberglass embedment. The average cost of a sign is \$150.00 without a stand.

Joe Lomax was present to address Living Fences. He recommended plant selection and putting species in categories. EC needs to approve as appendix to zoning ordinance and site plan ordinance Brian proposed looking at three lists and combining into three appendices and putting on Borough website. Beth Tipping made a motion to accept revised draft to pass on to Jeff Hesley which was seconded by Terry Sasdell. Approved by all.

Joe Lomax gave an update on DVMP projects.

Buerger – 43rd and Bayberry – no work until fall 2013 –some trees have lost their tags on the Buerger/Vosbikian project

Potential projects in the next few months for fall planting season:

Origlio – 62nd Street

Sasso – 38th Street

Hyman – 34th Street

O’Hara – 61st Street

Brian putting together application for possible grant for up to \$20,000 with \$10,000 from the Borough. Request must be submitted by 5/31/13. Need more emphasis on maritime forest as part of this.

Joe Lomax talked about the landscaper training session on May 9th. Not well attended. Outreach letter will be sent out to landscapers, pool and demo contractors with info from meeting. Training for Public Works on beach nesting birds and plants. Will have training for seasonal employees.

Adjournment at 5:50 pm.