

**AVALON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 19, 2013 MEETING MINUTES**

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

Present: Donna Rothman, Terry Sasdelli, Harry Keyser, Brian Reynolds

Absent: Beth Tipping, Debanne Macaluso, Kevin Coyle

Chairman Reynolds began a discussion on the Tree Committee which is required by the Tree Management Plan. All the Environmental Commission members were given a draft by The Lomax Consulting Group. The purpose of the Committee is to put the Borough in a better position regarding trees on public property. There would be five members and two alternate members, appointed by the Mayor with terms beginning July 1st. The Committee would make recommendations to Borough Council for changes to ordinances or tree removals. Brian met with Joe Lomax and Tim Raker and came up with a draft organizational chart. Donna suggested that the maritime forest should be included in the plan. Harry asked about jurisdiction between the Tree Committee and the Garden Club.

Brian said that this year's Shade Tree Conference will be held October 25th and 26th. He has attended it the past several years and there are always sessions on core training and Joe Lomax contributes his credits to the Borough. He recommended that some members of the Tree Committee obtain the training.

Donna discussed the proposed dune trail. A draft was sent out and she has gotten some comments back. She can send these to Joe Lomax if Brian wants. The walk would be for the sixth grade level. Harry has started doing some video and photography and Donna has started doing some text. Brian said there is a need to figure out the format that the trail would take and then go after grants. Donna said it is very important to get the right kind of signs.

Rice project at 3945 First Avenue – TLCG came back with revised drawings. Brian will send a letter to TLCG letting them know EC approves of the revised drawings, including taller vegetation.

Middleton property at 75th/76th Streets. TLCG communicated with adjacent neighbor, Mr. and Mrs. Kent, and they support the Middleton DVMP project and the water connection. Some plants have died at the Butler property at 74th Street and the Middleton project will help here too.

Adjournment at 5:15 pm.