

**AVALON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
JANUARY 15, 2013 MEETING MINUTES**

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

Present: Terry Sasdelli, Harry Keyser, Donna Rothman, Kevin Coyle, Brian Reynolds, Ally Chervenak, acting secretary for Carol Mengel

Absent: Debanne Macaluso, Beth Tipping

Chairman Reynolds began by discussing the Dune Vegetation Management reports. He said there were some mistakes on dates on the Butler property. Joe Lomax and Tim Raker of The Lomax Consulting Group were present to address the mistakes and also to speak about other properties involved in the DVMP. All planting done at Rice property at 5399 Dune Dr. Bamboo has found its way into the north side of 74th Street. Joe Lomax suggested a herbicide wipe for the leaves to eradicate the bamboo.

Regarding the Rice property at 39th Street. There is a considerable amount of Japanese Black Pine. It was suggested that a planting of 4-6 feet high cedars along with male and female American Holly be made to give a varied plant height. Donna Rothman made a motion which was seconded by Harry Keyser to make suggested changes. Approved by all.

Brian brought up the topic of tree hazards on Borough land. Lomax recently did a survey of street beach paths between 9th Street to 80th Street. 48th Street, 50th and 57th as well as 44th St. are the worst. Public Works has been notified.

Brian brought up a proposed dune trail on the 44th and 48th Street beach paths. This would help satisfy educational requirements of the Borough Tree Management Plan.

Brian said that under the Tree Management Plan a tree committee/commission should be formed. A draft of a proposed resolution forming the Committee was distributed to those present and it was requested that suggested changes be sent to the Chair as soon as possible. Membership would be a three year term starting July 1st which ties in with E.C. and legal clearance from Planning Board. Joe Lomax said in order to meet requirements a shade tree commissioner is required by the DEP Forest.

Elaine Scattergood was present and asked if Avalon was interested in tree in Cape May County. Brian responded that the EC was restricted to Avalon.

A motion to approve the 2013 meeting schedule was made by Kevin Coyle and seconded by Donna Rothman. Approved by all.

Brian told the Commission that at the Planning Board meeting a resolution was passed recommending ordinances on living fences. Living fences will not exceed 8 feet in height and

cannot extend closer than 15 feet to the front property line. Any that are higher right now are grandfathered. This will go forward to Borough Council.

Paul Schroeck went before Borough Council on December 19th to report on the Discovery Phase Study of Armacost Park. They found fresh water springs in the park. Park holds some maritime forest. It is grossly overgrown by creepers and greenbrier.

Adjournment at 5:40 pm.