AVALON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

OCTOBER 16, 2018

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

**Present:** Joe Dvorak, Debanne Macaluso, Steve Malyszka, Brian Reynolds, Donna Rothman, Beth Tipping

**Absent:** Kevin Coyle

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2018 meeting was made by Joe Dvorak, seconded by Beth Tipping.

Review of the revisions to the Borough Landscaping ordinance. A sub-committee is working through the site plan and zoning ordinances of the borough. The landscaping plan is part of Chapter 27 of the zoning ordinance. Dr. Reynolds gave the commission copies of the draft indicating some of the changes that should be made. Dr. Reynolds made a comment about hot tubs being excluding from the landscaping ordinance. Debanne suggested changing the wording of planting annuals and perennials per the homeowner’s discretion. It was suggested that the plant list be mailed to all homeowners in the borough or to the local landscapers. Discussion on how the ordinance will be enforced. Changes to the tree definition of diameter and height to simplify it. Comment on type of dwelling the ordinance pertains to. Steve Malyszka suggested issuing a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for all new construction until the landscaping is completed. The list of acceptable plant species will be updated as needed. Dr. Reynolds to make revisions and send to the commission for approvals.

Update on the Tree Grant situation. The tree committee has met and made a final selection of a vendor who will supply the 81 trees. The next step is for Steve Camp and Bill Macomber from Public Works, to meet with the vendor and select the trees appropriated for the fall planting.

The Environmental Commission will be receiving a Dune Vegetation Management request for 3103-3105 Avalon Avenue to discuss at the next meeting in December.

Adjournment at 5:10 pm