AVALON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MARCH 19, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairman Reynolds.

Flag salute. Roll Call.

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

**Absent:** Kevin Coyle, Debanne Macaluso

A motion to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2019 meeting was made by Donna Rothman and seconded by Joe Dvorak.

Code Enforcement Officer, Paul Short, brought a matter to the commission for their opinion on how to proceed with over-grown Virginia creeper on a property. Upon inspection of the property, Mr. Short issued a violation for over-grown vegetation along with other items that were in violation of the Borough Ordinance. The main concern was the ivy growing up the side of the building. Paul Short asked for advice from the Environmental Commission of how to proceed and if the Virginia Creeper should be taken down or if it can be cut at the bottom to stop growth. After much discussion, it was agreed that the best option is to remove all of the material from the building.

Arbor Day planting, the last Friday in April, has changed the location from the 12th Street baseball field to the Dune Drive island at 36th street.

 Community Connections, April 13th, will go over the new construction hours and ordinance and a presentation on the 50th anniversary of the Wetlands Institute.

The 65thStreet DVMP is seeking authorization to repeat the project in the spring for pruning maintenance on the property and the dunes as well. There is concern for how much the plants are growing each year and if the pruning will have to continue each year. The commission has agreed to post-pone their decision until the next meeting to gather more information.

The 44thStreet DVMP is requesting to plant more trees than what was on the original approved site plan. The revised plan required twice the amount of trees to be planted in the dunes. Concerns for over-growth and how it would affect the trees are that are already matured in the area.

 Adjournment at 4:53 pm.