AVALON ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

DECEMBER 17, 2019

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

Flag salute. Roll call.

Present: Kevin Coyle, Joe Dvorak, Steve Malyska, Brian Reynolds, Donna Rothman, Beth Tipping, Claire Driscoll

A motion to approve the minutes from the November 19th, 2019 meeting was made by Kevin Coyle and seconded by Donna Rothman. Approved by all.

Report of the Sustainability Program by Business Administrator, Scott Wahl, and the request regarding “Grass- cut it & Leave it” for the program. The sustainability program recognizes what the borough does and gets a point value, for projects done throughout the borough. The “Cut it and Leave it” program would provide value to the community. The borough currently has a bronze certification for the 2019 year from the New Jersey Sustainability Program. Scott Wahl to provide a list of projects that the borough could do to obtain points, to the members of the Environmental Commission.

Aaron Baker’s input on the requests for maintenance pruning on the 37/39th Street and 65th Street DVMP projects. Both projects will be using Haberman Landscaping moving forward in early March 2020. The plans and proposal of the projects should include “no tree topping”. Aaron will be at the location when work is being done to guide the landscaper and homeowner of what can and cannot be done. The sponsors have approved the proposals from the landscaper and should be sending in a check soon for the escrow account before work can begin.

Review of the DVMP 2019 inspection reports by Aaron Baker from the LOMAX Consulting Group. The Boyce project at 63rd Street has had a successful invasive vegetation control and dune restoration. Recommended to winterize the irrigation system and turn on in spring 2020, no further actions required. The Hill project at 4099 Bayberry Drive has had a successful planting and it is recommended that the irrigation system is no longer needed and can be disconnected. Monitoring will continue in fall 2020. The Fries project at 72nd Street has had a successful planting and it is recommended for decommission. The Shea project at north 24th Street has had a successful planting and it is recommended to decommission the project. The Glaser project at north 64th Street has had 75% survivorship of planted vegetation, including the remedial planting. It is recommended that the irrigation system be removed the project be decommissioned.

Discussion on the proposed DVMP project for south 70th Street and the dunes. There is concern for the damaging vines and maintaining the property line. Most of the project will be to remove the vines and clean up the area. A few small Japanese Black Pines will need to be removed as well. Plan to include “no topping of trees”.

The Environmental Commission has received a copy of a CAFRA application for the project at 21st Street. The project includes installing a new bulkhead and pavilion at the end of 21st Street. This area is for public use.

Adjournment at 5:25.