

## **Avalon Environmental Commission**

**September 15, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 4pm by Chairwoman Rothman.

Flag salute. Roll call.

**Present:** Kevin Coyle, Joe Dvorak, Steve Malyszka, Brian Reynolds, Donna Rothman, Claire Driscoll

**Absent:** Beth Tipping

A motion to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2020 meeting was made by Steve Malyszka and seconded by Joe Dvorak. Approved by all.

The presentation from Emily Richards, Director of The Yard Reform Organization – “Clean Avalon’s Yards and Green Spaces’ has been cancelled and will be postponed until the next meeting.

Update on Butterfly Garden at Armacost Park. Donna stated the sign for the types of vegetation has not been completed yet, but the commission would like to view it before it is finished. Replacement plantings and new plantings of milkweed were completed in late August.

Donna discussed the 2021 development plan for the Environmental Commission (EC). Major environmental projects or issues within the Borough should be overseen by individual EC members. Assignments are based on expertise and interest. Project and duty appointments included: Kevin Coyle—The Bay and Marina Park, Claire Driscoll—Butterfly Garden, Joe Dvorak—Avalon Trees, Steve Malyszka--Armacost Park, Dr. Brian Reynolds—Planning Board and Ordinances, Beth Tipping--Dune and Beach Trail and Environmental issues in the media. Progress reports will be given at each monthly meeting.

The Borough would like to pull out of the Sustainable New Jersey program. The board disagrees and plans to speak to the administration about staying within the program.

Adjournment at 4:48.