

**Avalon Environmental Commission
February 21, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairwoman Rothman.

Pledge of allegiance.

Chairwoman Rothman read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement.

Roll call: **Present:** Kevin Coyle, Joe Dvorak, Steve Malyszka, Brian Reynolds, Donna Rothman and Chris Amacher

Absent: Dave Coskey, Claire Driscoll, Beth Tipping, and Jamie McDermott

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2023 meeting was made by Steve Malyszka and seconded by Brian Reynolds. Approved by all.

Tree Inventory Presentation: Craig Rothman gave a detailed presentation on the Avalon Tree Inventory Report and overviewed the history; benefits; key findings; assessment scope; observations; report and data uses; and the tables and figures within the report.

Review of Sustainable Landscaping and Native Plants pamphlet: Donna Rothman distributed the first draft of the Sustainable Landscaping and Native Plants pamphlet for the review by the Environmental Commission membership.

The draft pamphlet was reviewed and edits were made. Additionally, there was discussion about the format and graphics of the pamphlet. The draft will be submitted to the Administration of the Borough of Avalon once the edits from today's meeting are incorporated. Once approved the pamphlet will be sent to a graphic designer and printer. Ultimately there will be a paper version and an electronic version that lives on the Avalon Environmental Commission website. The pamphlet has been developed to educate homeowners and landscapers about the benefits of native plants to the Avalon landscape. It is hoped that the pamphlet can be completed before The Community Connections Event on April 8, 2023

Letter to Council Regarding Bay Park Marina Construction Plans for Blue Roofs: Donna Rothman referenced discussions held regarding the Bay Park Marina Construction and roof colors discussed at the January 17, 2023 Environmental Commission meeting, and reported a letter with the recommendations discussed was drafted and submitted to Borough Council and Borough Administration on February 13, 2023. A copy of the letter was reviewed and distributed to those present.

Commemorative Tree Program Update: Donna Rothman announced the Commemorative Tree Program will be presented to members of the Administration of the Borough of Avalon on Friday, February 24, 2023.

Armocost Park: Steve Malyszka indicated steps are being taken to follow the plans for the restoration of Armocost Park as approved by Mayor Pagliughi. While there is an abundance of engineering work to be done, he expressed hope the necessary steps will be taken for the betterment of Armocost Park.

Donna Rothman added there are expectations that these steps will be included in the 2023 budget.

Other Updates: Donna Rothman discussed and overviewed environmental program offerings for the students of Avalon Elementary School, and noted the student body will be provided with a survey to assess interest in new programs, and receive suggestions. This will take place in the new school year starting in September of 2023. The popular Grasses in Classes program will continue with the official dune plantings on April 6, 2023, weather permitting.

Adjournment at 5:10 pm.