

Trip to Delaware Botanical Garden: Donna Rothman mentioned a recent phone conversation with Joseph Lomax, who recommended the best time to visit the Botanical Gardens as late spring or during the fall, to coincide with their educational tours about native grasses. She would like the Environmental Commission members to consider making a trip in the future, and will revisit this potential at a future meeting to evaluate interest and schedule a day to go.

Reminder of upcoming speakers: Donna Rothman reminded all of the upcoming educational programs co-sponsored by the Environmental Commission with speakers such as Joe Martucci, Mike McGrath, Doug Tallamy, Pat Sutton, and Erin Rawls of The Wetlands Institute.

Pollinator Garden: Donna Rothman reported the volunteers are close to completing the maintenance of the Pollinator Garden, which shows much improvement; however, there is a small amount of mugwort remaining at this time. There are hopes more will be removed in the immediate future through the volunteer efforts.

Tree Committee: Joe Dvorak noted the Tree Memorial Program is still in progress at this time, with Donna Rothman adding there has been some interest from residents and visitors in participating in the program.

Other Updates: Donna Rothman announced the acceptable plant list will be reformatted in a way similar to the well-received native plants pamphlet. Victoria Deever happily offered to help with the redesign, and overviewed the draft layout while noting pictures added to the plant list.

Public Comments: Joyce Johnson inquired if the Environmental Commission or the Borough has explored the potential of restricting the height of trees planted on private property, with Donna Rothman responding that the Borough of Avalon has implemented maintenance requirements for trees.

Adjournment at 5:05 pm.