

APTA – Alligator Point Taxpayers Association
Minutes of General Membership/Board Meeting – April 12, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Ken Osborne at 9:00 am. There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion made to approve by Sam Rogers; second by Bob Deibel; motion passed. There were no additions or corrections to the treasurer's report for this month. The ending balance for February was \$28,492.34 and the ending balance for March was \$33,418.95. Motion made to approve by Frank Gibson; second by Bob Deibel; motion passed. Ken stated that he had received a question as to how the money in our treasury was used. Discussion regarding the possibility of a newsletter article to clarify for the general membership what happens to the money collected by this organization.

Road/Beach – Ken Osborne

Ken has been present at a couple of meetings but there is nothing definitive at this point except that the road (CR 370) will be protected in some way – the method of protection has yet to be determined. There is ongoing repetitive negotiation as to the route of the road in relation to South Shoals. The bids for the paving of the road will be opened on April 22. It was decided that we would obtain a copy of the plans – Rob Hinchee and Ann Maruszak will pursue. General discussion of possibility of having input into method/options of road protection. It was also mentioned that a group of homeowners has asked for legal interpretation of the erosion control line which was established by the state.

Communications – Ann Maruszak

Our newsletter editor, 'beth Hayes, is moving to Hawaii. She will help with the next issue but we may need to get a new editor if there are too many logistical problems to overcome.

Membership – Joann Deibel

We currently have 184 members. This puts us back to the pre-Dennis levels. There was a surge in membership for a couple of years. There was a question as to when are our general membership meetings – April and December plus our election meeting in September. The boom truck will be here on 4/14 & 4/15 for debris pickup.

Juanita Gibson presented an in-depth study of the costs of mailings using different methods. After discussion and comparing the pros and cons of all the types, it was decided that we would use first class mail for our mailings.

Development/P & Z – Ken Osborne/John Murphy

Nothing going on. We need volunteers who can attend various county meetings to keep up with various projects. The plat for the commercial property purchased by Paul Parker from the South Shoals project has been approved by P & Z and the county commission.

There was general discussion in the group as to our position on the road protection. There were various options discussed (sheet piling, armoring, etc.) but everyone agreed that

debris removal was a priority. Debris removal has been defined by the county as exactly that – removal of debris and leaving the granite rock. Bill Wargo made a motion that we recommend that debris removal include all rocks along with the debris as defined by the county. The motion died for lack of a second. Bill made a motion to ask for an engineering study prior to any action to protect the road to insure that it will not aggravate erosion on adjacent properties. Jim Cummins seconded the motion. After discussion of how comprehensive the analysis should be to accurately study the impact of the actions, the motions was restated by Ken that before any further work to protect the road is done, a study be done to determine the effect of the actions. The president then called for a vote: six in favor; none opposed; motion passed. It was decided that this be brought up to the commission when they start considering their options. It was later mentioned that a workshop might be more appealing than a study.

Bill Wargo presented a very informative demonstration/discussion of the turtle situation on Alligator Point. We had 28 crawls resulting in 14 nests last year. He illustrated how he marks and protects each nest. He also records the GPS location of each nest. The incubation period is 65 days. After 55 days, he places a light-shield barrier upland of the nest. He uses a 4 foot piece of garden edging approximately 2-3” high which acts as a barrier to shield the landward lighting from the baby turtles. The turtle nesting season is May thru mid-August; the hatching season is August thru October.

Ken announced that he will not be here for the May meeting and then called for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Bob Deibel; second by Jim Cummins; meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Camilla Godfrey, Secretary

Members absent: Joe Hambrose, Don Munroe, Greg Suber, Dick Waters