

Alligator Point Taxpayers Association

General Meeting

The General Membership meeting of APTA was called to order by President John Murphy at 10:00 AM, Saturday, September 5, 2009, at Mission by the Sea Church on Alligator Drive.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 8, 2009. The motion passed.

Approval of Treasurer Report:

Motion was made by Don Munroe and seconded by Sam Rogers to accept the treasurer's report. The motion passed.

Election Report:

A motion to approve the election results was made by Jim Cummins, seconded by Don Munroe, and passed.

The report is as follows:

203 Ballots Mailed/ 73 Ballots Returned/ about 36% turnout

President	Sam Rogers	66 votes
1 st Vice President	Eddie Sosebee	63 votes
2 nd Vice President	Joe Hambrose	63 votes
Secretary	John Murphy	65 votes
Treasurer	Bill Kimbrough	67 votes

Board of Directors

John Brown	34 votes
Jim Cummins	50 votes
Allen Feifer	46 votes
Harper Field	35 votes
Andy Kandel	30 votes
Jim McCloy	47 votes
Bucky Mitchell	46 votes
Dick Waters	47 votes

Write-in votes for Board of Directors: one each: Paul Parker and Camilla Godfrey

Two spoiled ballots.

Held over board members are as follows:

Bob Diebel, Kevin Griffin, Ken Osborne, Greg Suber, and Barbara Withers

MSBU Report:

Steve Fling reported on the final approval of the MSBU for fire protection in our district.

Assessments for fire protection will be made as follows:

Single family dwelling	\$50.00
Property parcels	\$10.00
Commercial parcels	\$100.00

There are other assessment categories with varying rates that apply to those classifications.

The MSBU will generate about \$54,000.00 toward the operation and maintenance of the Alligator Point and St. Teresa Volunteer Fire Department. This increases income from the MSBU from \$31,500.00 to a projected amount of \$54,000.00.

Steve reported that the acquisition process for acquiring the property for the new fire station from St. Joe Company is almost complete. There were discussions regarding the need for a ladder truck and the construction of a new fire station. Steve explained the need for a sub-station on Alligator Point and stated that there will always be one on the point. There is hope of eventually selling the current station to fund the construction of new stations.

There was a discussion concerning the construction of a new fire station and the possible need for community involvement in this endeavor.

Property Assessment:

Allen Feifer informed the members of the change in calculating property values on Alligator and Bald Point by the Property Appraiser for Franklin County. The value is now being established by a value placed on the total square footage of property, rather than the number of front feet. This change applies to all properties on Alligator and Bald Point. Appraisal values on the point for property range from \$11.00 to \$17.00 per square foot depending on the location of the property.

Allen pointed out that 62% of all sales on the point have been disqualified by Property Appraiser Doris Pendleton for the purpose of establishing values for assessment purposes. It was mentioned that property values have been reduced by 22% on the point according to Mrs. Pendleton.

Individual property owners have until September 10, 2009, to appeal values established by tax trim notices mailed for the tax year of 2009.

A motion was made by Allen Feifer that the President become knowledgeable about the subject and to determine a strategy for dealing with the method of assessment being used on Alligator and Bald Point. The President is to communicate with board members at the earliest possible moment as to how this issue should be dealt with. The motion was seconded by Jim Cummins, and passed.

President Elect Rogers assured the board of no expenditures on lawyers at this time. He also

stated that he wanted to create a committee of concerned property owners to meet with Mrs. Pendleton regarding the assessment issue. This committee would allow her to explain her methodology and the group would then return to the board with a report.

Traffic Control:

Steve Fling presented to the members a proposal regarding speed humps, changes in speed limits, posting of signs regarding beach cross-walks, the erection of some type of protection of Alligator Drive at South Shoals, and the posting of golf cart warning signs.

There was a long discussion regarding the use of golf carts and the enforcement of current laws regarding speeding and the legality of a vehicle being on the public roads.

A motion was made by Ken Osborne and seconded by Don Munroe to accept the proposed speed limit changes and install speed humps at the following locations:

1. The Marina
2. The "S" Curve
3. Carnival Drive
4. Peterman's House
5. Chip Morrison Drive
6. Keith Sumner's House
7. Pelican Street
8. Hidden Harbor II

The motion was amended by Sam Rogers and seconded by Jim Cummins that the speed humps and the speed limits be handled as separate issues. The amendment passed.

A motion was made by Don Munroe and seconded by Sam Rogers that the following speed limits be approved.

1. From highway 98 to the cell tower be changed to 45 MPH.
2. From the cell tower to Tom Roberts Road be 35 MPH.
3. From Tom Roberts Road to the end of Alligator Point Drive be 25 MPH except that portion in front of South Shoals.

Motion passed.

Ken Osborne made a motion to limit the number of speed humps up to 8 including those needed at beach cross-walks. The motion was seconded by Allan Feifer and passed.

The cross-walk sign will state that the driver must stop if a pedestrian is present.

A motion was made by Bill Kimbrough and seconded by Don Munroe that the issue regarding signs to share the road with golf carts being erected along Alligator Drive be tabled until the next meeting. The motion passed.

President Elect Rogers made a statement regarding members' involvement in such

committees as Beautification and Membership. He asked that anyone that has an interest in these committees to contact him. He also informed the membership of a committee to meet with Doris Pendleton that he will appoint.

A motion to adjourn was made by Don Munroe and seconded by Bill Kimbrough. The motion passed and the meeting ended at 12:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Munroe, Secretary

Officers and directors absent: Bob Deibel, Gregg Suber, Dick Waters, Joe Hambrose.

Officers

***John Murphy President, Eddie Sosebee 1st Vice president, Joe Hambrose 2nd Vice President, Don Munroe Secretary,
Bill Kimbrough Treasurer***

Board of Directors

***Jim Cummins, Bob Deibel, Allan Feifer, Frank Gibson, Kevin Griffin, Ken Osborne, Sam Rogers, Greg Suber,
Dick Waters, Barbara Withers***