

Alligator Point-Saint Teresa Association

Board of Directors Meeting

The April meeting of the Alligator Pt-St Teresa Association Board of Directors was called to order by President Jim McCloy at 10:00 am on Saturday, April 9, 2016, at Mission by the Sea Church on Alligator Drive. Board members in attendance: McCloy, Murphy, Apthorp, Boldt, Houston, Lewis, Lykes, Novak, Parker and Rippee. Visitors in attendance: Rudy and Nandy Meng, and Mike Clancy.

Approval of Minutes:

Due to the absence of the Secretary at the previous meeting, the minutes of the March 12th Board meeting were not prepared. They will be available at the May meeting.

Approval of Treasurer Report:

Motion by Houston, seconded by Parker to accept Treasurer's report adopted without objection.

Committee Reports:

Social Committee - no report.

Membership - no report.

Beautification - Parker reports county picked up roadside trash. McCloy reminded members that NO DUMPING signs are available and to be put out where needed. Also that the Franklin County Commission has scheduled a public hearing on the proposed trash ordinance for April 19.

Nominating - Apthorp announced a slate of candidates will be presented at the June meeting. He welcomes any nominations from the Board members/membership.

Website - McCloy says website is up-to-date save for the minutes from March meeting.

Government Coordination - Lykes emailed report to Board members.

Fire House Building - Apthorp had nothing new to report. The next meeting of the VFD Construction Committee is scheduled for April 28 at 7pm.
Parker announced the resignation of Steve Fling as fire chief because of a disagreement over the proposed firehouse construction process.

Safety - McCloy presented Sheriff's incident report.

Old Business:

McCloy spoke regarding the suggestion that APSTA coordinate with other county organizations on issues of joint concern. So far he has contacted groups at Lanark and St George Is regarding proposed trash and animal control ordinances.

McCloy asked Capt Segree (FCSO) about the possibility of deputies issuing citations to persons violating the county leash law. He was told that Sheriff Mock does not favor his department enforcing that law. He believes Animal Control should be in charge.

Motion by Houston, seconded by Rippee to appropriate \$3,840 for hiring off-duty deputies on summer weekends and holidays to police Alligator Point and Bald Point.

Further, McCloy recommended that on those weekends when no deputies sign-up for duty, that an employee from Animal Control be hired to issue citations to leash law violators.

Houston was told by Fonda Davis (Animal Control) that he would produce some cards with the leash law printed on them to hand out to violators. McCloy said he would meet with Davis.

Alan Feifer would like to see Animal Control make random visits to this area so that their enforcement is not restricted to a predictable time or day of the week.

Parker suggested we speak to Davis regarding our proposal before presenting to the county commission.

Feifer gave a brief overview of the financial problems at Weems Memorial Hospital. The majority of the additional funding (raised via increased taxes) for construction of a new hospital facility has been used instead for operational expenses. Feifer distributed a more detailed account of the situation at Weems to Board members via email.

New Business:

Tish Beach would like APSTA's input on the ongoing bear situation. She believes removing unsecured garbage is the first step towards controlling the problem. She would like to see all garbage cans be bear-proof. Ken Osborne believes the bears began moving into the local area when hunters stopped using dogs for pursuing game. Houston noted that many rental houses are occupied over capacity, and the resulting garbage exceeds the capacity of the cans on site. Parker has spoken to Waste Pro and has been assured that they can provide all the cans needed for our area, and they can repair any that have been damaged.

Feifer reported the AP Water Resources Board is considering offering customers an "insurance" policy at \$5/month which would cover the property owner in the event a water leak developed between their house and the water meter.

Feifer also has been told the Gulf Shore Boulevard road situation will be resolved soon.

The Franklin Co School Board has agreed that the special election on the proposal to raise the local school tax by .5 mils will be conducted via a mail-in ballot.

Novak announced Kay McCord's lunch social will take place at noon (Saturday) at the Tropical Trader restaurant.

Boldt announced the Alligator Point beach renourishment permit has been renewed.

Nancy Feifer announced the recent passing of long-time APSTA member (and former treasurer) Bill Kimbrough.

There being no further business, on Motion by Parker that the meeting be adjourned, was adopted without objection. The meeting adjourned at 11:09 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

John Murphy, Secretary

Officers

Jim McCloy President, Joe Hambrose 1st Vice president, Marvin Heymann 2nd Vice President, John Murphy Secretary, Coman Leonard Treasurer

Board of Directors

Jim Apthorp, Bert Boldt, Ben Houston, Judy Lewis, Mary Jeanne Lykes, Terry Madigan, Andrea Novak, Paul Parker, Carol Rippee, Barbara Withers