

## **APTA – Alligator Point Taxpayers Association**

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting – November 11, 2006

President Ken Osborne called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. He called for any corrections or additions to minutes. The secretary announced that she was moving the two paragraphs following the Communications Committee Report to another location in the minutes for better clarification. Motion made to accept the minutes as corrected by Ann Maruszak; motion seconded by Bill Kimbrough; motion passed.

Treasurer Bill Kimbrough gave the following report: beginning balance \$16,766; after paying bills, ending balance was \$16,884; CD value is \$10,211.79; total assets are \$27,139.64. Motion made to accept the report by Don Munroe; motion seconded by Paul Parker; motion passed.

Bill stated that he would be issuing a check to the church for \$300 which covers our use of the meeting hall from July thru December. He asked approval for setting up payment to the church on a semi-annual basis. Motion made to approve by Don Munroe; seconded by Frank Gibson; motion passed.

Turtle report called for but no one was present to give end of season report. Will request it at next meeting. President Osborne noted that \$910 had been moved into the turtle account since July.

### **Committee Reports**

#### Development Committee (Allan Feifer)

There is nothing relating to Alligator Point scheduled at the upcoming P & Z Meeting. The BOA agreed to allow construction of one house restricted to 1000sf footprint into the critical habitat zone. South Shoals is basically still up in the air. There has been no real forward movement. APTA is supportive of getting this project moving. It is APTA's position that if there are any substantial changes to the original Phase One plat, the public hearings required under the PUD ordinance must take place. Steve Fling has stated his intention to build his original Phase One and it would be up to the county to build the rest of the road. There are many questions to be answered and many issues to be resolved. In response to a question regarding the prospect of the Hidden Harbor development using a house they own on the beach as a beach club, this is being closely watched by APTA. This type of use would require a "special use permit" along with public hearings and if this property is observed being used for this purpose, please contact Allan Feifer.

Communications Committee (Ann Maruszak)

Ann thanked Cheryl Sanders and Don Ashley for their participation in the Ask the Candidates Forum on our web site. They will be given the opportunity to post a final comment. She also requested that if you use content from our website to post to people on your distribution list, please state that the information came from the APTA web site and/or give the web address so that they can get further information.

Membership/Beautification Committees (Joann Deibel)

JoAnn will be sending out membership notifications to people on the property list.

Public Safety Committee (John Murphy)

In John's absence, Ken stated that while John will continue to handle the identification decals for Point residents, he would like to have someone else take over the balance of his duties on this committee.

Beach Renourishment and Road Protection (Dick Waters)

In Dick's absence, Ken reported that the road contract that is presently underway is for the 1400 feet from the Cummins' property to Tom Roberts Road and repairs at the washed out road portion between the S-curve and the marina, a portion at Bald Point and Chip Morrison Rd. We will be down to one lane and can expect delays during this construction.

There is another paving project in the works for repaving and widening Alligator Drive from US 98 to the Phipps Preserve. There was discussion regarding what the scope of work would be on this project and the effect it would have on our community. When the paving contract is let for this project, APTA would like to see the project start at the Phipps end and proceed towards US 98. Motion made by Frank Gibson for that to be the official position of APTA; motion seconded by Greg Suber; motion passed.

In order for the beach renourishment project to start in 2007, several things must be done in 2006. One is a non-binding resolution that (1) the county wants to do the project and (2) authorizing the establishment of a funding mechanism. There will be report and recommendation on funding options on 11/21 at 5 pm. Some possibilities are MSBU, MSTU and incremental financing in the form of a CRA. Ken explained that a Community Redevelopment Act (CRA) starts with a base year, and any tax increase in the area in question (milage rate increase, increase in appraisals, new construction, etc.) would be set aside and a ratio of no less than 50% of the funds up to 95% of the funds can be used as matching funds that the community has to provide for the beach renourishment. This process is being done all over Florida but it is unknown if Franklin County would go along with this. This could be a more palatable option than a direct tax increase on property owners. We need people at the hearing on 11/21 at 5 PM. Final votes will probably be 12/19 but it is possible that it could happen earlier in December.

Westi Jo deHaven reported that the subcommittees are progressing with their work on the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).

Ann Maruszak thanked the poll workers and reported that all the election results are available at [votefranklin.com](http://votefranklin.com).

Allan Feifer announced that the Concerned Citizens of Franklin County (CCFC) would be meeting at his home at 12:30 on Sunday, November 12. They will also be sending out an information letter to property owners.

Since it is Veterans Day, Ann Maruszak took the opportunity to express our appreciation to all the Veterans who have served our country so valiantly.

President Osborne stated that the Department of Forestry and the Park Service would be presenting a program on how to create a "Firewise" community after our regular meeting. There will be information on this on our web site.

Motion was made by Bill Kimbrough to adjourn; motion seconded by Frank Gibson; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Camilla Godfrey, Secretary

Members absent: Waters, Hambrose, Hinchee, Houston, Mensching, Decker