

Tanner Creek Citizens' Association

December 12, 2009

The association meeting was called to order by President Mark Adelman at 10:35 on December 12, 2009. Mark introduced the officers, Vice President Linda Gibbons, Secretary, Carol Bates, Treasure, Betsy Gay. The agenda was approved with the addition of mosquito abatement as a topic.

The minutes from the July 25, 2009 meeting were approved and will be posted to the website.

Treasurer's Report:

TCCA Account: 2,639.75 Balance as of July meeting

2,793.39 Balance as of 12/12/09

Mosquito Account: 920.23 Balance as of July meeting

1,280.23 Balance of 12/12/09

Motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report.

Community Beach Discussion (Gretta Kottler, Martha Helmandollar, Betsy Gay and Kathryn Conant)

Kathryn Conant noted a photo and property description including the community beach being listed for sale as part of the Aiken property. She called the real estate agent, and they are aware that there are issues with the property description/ownership. The Aiken's are trying to claim ownership of the "meandering sandbar." The realtor did indicate that there are no current offers on the property. It is currently listed for \$130,000.

The State is looking into the issue, as it appears that the beach may include state property (from lots that have been submerged). Mark has contacted DNR.

Martha Helmandollar couldn't find any information in public records of any transfer to Aiken. A title search will cost approximately \$800. A motion was made and seconded to approve \$1,000 to do a title search into property ownership. The motion was approved, but not unanimously.

There was a lot of discussion at the meeting, by numerous attendees. Items included:

- Community recreational use
- Original edge was the existing channel versus the new channel which was cut later.
- Title search includes all owners, taxes
- May need a survey to find actual property lines, and state property lines for submerged/reemerged parcels
- Access – right-of-ways and immanent domain. May need to document use by the community for the past 30 or 40 years. The community clean-up of the beach shows community use, and should continue.

- Kathryn Conant contacted Department of Public Work with the County about the right-of-way for the revetment; it doesn't include anything about public right-of-way.
- Milton Kotler contacted the realtor, Paul Sullivan, to ask about an option to buy.
- Martha Helmandollar will have the opportunity to discuss the title work with the attorney when it is completed. She suggested that we get together a list of questions we'd like her to ask.
- Grones (spelling?) were put in by the state to protect the beach, the state doesn't put these in to protect private property.
- There was discussion about residents purchasing the property (either as a community or private individuals), possibly turning it over to the community association or state. Beverly Beach (in Anne Arundel County) has a private community beach and marina that they lease from the state for \$1 per year, may need more information on this process.

There is a lot of concern about protecting the community beach, the title search will be a starting point.

Mosquito Control – The State currently sprays once a week, but the park sprays 2-3 times per week . The south side of Tanner Creek has a serious mosquito problem. Mike Rice has contacted DNR and individuals can request pellets to be applied to standing water beginning in March that should help to control larvae until spraying begins in June. He will get DNR contact information out to the community at the beginning of mosquito season. A committee was formed to look into mosquito abatement options: Mike Rice, Elizabeth Howze, and Art Coates.