

## TIMBER FARMS CIVIC ASSOCIATION – GENERAL MEETING

Date/Time: Tuesday, March 16, 2004 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Bob Oakes, Treasurer  
Christine Verdi, Secretary  
Janet Taylor, President

Board Members Absent: Jennifer Daggett, Vice-President

Guest Speakers Present: John Viola, State Representative  
Karen Venezky, County Councilwoman  
Bud Friel, DelDOT

The meeting was called to order by Janet Taylor. Due to time constraints, reading the minutes of the previous meeting was waived. Bob Oakes submitted the treasurer's report in writing.

1. **Update on Barricade (Anthony Drive)** – Bud Friel from DelDOT confirmed that there are no plans to realign Salem Church Road; therefore, there will be no “next phase” built in Timber Farms. Bud stated that the concrete barriers now in place meet the letter of the law. There is no specification on what kind of barrier must be put in place. If we want to have concrete planters instead of the barriers we must fund and maintain them. John Viola suggested that we consider opening up Anthony Drive. He has met with Norwegian Woods Civic Association many times and the opening of the drive has never been an issue for them. At the other end of Anthony Drive, a white van has been blocking access to the playground. Bud Friel stated he cannot do anything about that and suggested we call the police.
2. **Illegal Motorized Vehicles** – Karen Venezky stated we must keep calling the police. The police must witness the offense themselves, videotape is not acceptable. If we notice a pattern to the offenders (certain day, certain time), we can let Karen know and she will ensure that police are stationed in the area at that time. So far, no pattern has been observed.
3. **Police Protection in Timber Farms (Playground)** – Karen Venezky stated call the police, call the police, call the police. Karen promised to turn both issues over to the police for resolution. As for floodlights at the playground, Conectiv has investigated and there is no electricity available. It would cost approximately \$10,000 to have electricity run to the playground. As to the question of can we move the playground, Karen will check with the Land Use Department but the playground is still on Capano's property. Also, if it's on the record plan (which she thinks it is), we will need a 66 2/3% vote to change the location as well as engineering plans, etc. etc.
4. **Section 2 Phase III** – There is a deed restriction in place which Karen has promised to continue fighting for as long as we request it. In the meantime, nothing will happen to this land. Capano still owns it and is responsible for

taking care of it. Karen will check into what we can do about the weeds and the dirt pile in back of Basswood Court. She has pledged that a member of Community Governing will be at our next General Meeting and will help address this issue.

5. **Cabin Fever Party** – Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004, 8:00 p.m. at Stewart's. Cash bar, free appetizers.
6. **Easter Egg Hunt** – Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004, 1:00 p.m. at the playground.
7. **Membership Drive** – Currently have 82 paid members.
8. **Noise from I-95** – Bud Friel stated there is no noise abatement program in Delaware. Karen Venezky stated we could apply for a grant for free trees but we have to provide “matching funds” which could take the form of “sweat equity” – we would agree to plant the trees. Norwegian Woods has done this and would be a good resource. The individual coming to our next General Meeting from Community Governing would be another good resource.
9. **Kids Playing in Streets** – Especially Post Oak, leaving toys in the street – very unsafe. Janet promised it would be addressed in the next newsletter.
10. **New County Council District 11** – Dave Tackett, Timber Farms resident, is currently the only one running. Election will be held in November.
11. **Awards** – Appreciation Awards were presented to John Viola and Karen Venezky.
12. **Sheds** – Bob Oakes, as a representative of the all-volunteer Maintenance Association, stated that letters will be mailed to all residents asking them whether or not they wish to amend Article 5 to allow sheds. A postage paid return envelope will be included.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.