

TIMBER FARMS CIVIC ASSOCIATION – GENERAL MEETING

Date/Time: Wednesday, September 22, 2004 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Christine Verdi, Secretary
Jennifer Daggett, Vice-President
Janet Taylor, President

Board Members Absent: Bob Oakes, Treasurer

Guest Speakers Present: John Viola, State Representative
Tony DeLuca, State Senator

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Janet Taylor. Christine Verdi read the minutes of the previous meeting. The treasurer's report was waived by the President.

Old Business

1. Barricade – Janet Taylor repeated that the majority of the residents who voted, voted for a barricade. A photo of the planters being provided by John Viola was available for review. Several residents commented that it would beautify the area significantly more than the current “Jersey barricades”. Residents at the end of Anthony Drive stated that some vehicles have been observed driving around the barricades onto sidewalks and residents' property. Since sidewalk repair on the Timber Farms side is the homeowner's responsibility we would like to see this stopped immediately. Janet suggested planting trees on each side of the planters. John Viola indicated we would need approval of the property owners. John suggested fast growing Leyland Cypress. To beautify the planters, John suggested small pines or flowers. Janet promised to work with John to obtain the planters ASAP. Tony DeLuca stated that he is currently arranging a meeting between DeDOT, Norwegian Woods, Timber Farms, himself and John Viola to come to an agreement and sign-off on a final solution. The date has yet to be determined but it is expected to occur in mid-October. Results of the meeting should be available at the next General Meeting. Tony also stated that he has received assurances from the Secretary of DeDOT that Wakefield Drive will not be opened. Tony proposes to put language to that effect in next year's bond to prevent the connection of Wakefield – Chapman – Old Baltimore Pike.

New Business

1. Nominations for Secretary and President – The following nominations were received: Secretary - Janice Vincelette; President – Tom Shoemaker.
2. Civic Picnic – A flyer has been distributed to each resident. The date has been posted on the entrance sign. A tent, tables, chairs, snow cone machine and the famous Rock Wall Slide have been rented. Volunteers are needed and are requested to contact Janet Taylor.

Questions

1. Sound Barriers on I-95 – John Viola addressed this question and explained that the mature forested trees we already have are the best barrier available. He and Tony DeLuca explained that sound studies had been done and the noise along I-495 is a higher priority than along I-95. Both John and Tony did not believe sound barriers would be erected on either highway but if they were it would be done on I-495 first. The cost would be in the hundreds of millions of dollars.
2. Another No Outlet Sign – It was proposed that another “No Outlet” sign be installed to prevent cars from traveling down Anthony Drive. The residents on Anthony Drive did not believe this would help. It was brought up that MapQuest shows the two communities connected. It was suggested that “No Connecting” signs be installed at the entrance to both communities. No decision was reached.
3. Maintenance Association Update – Dave Schneider, President TFMC, told residents to look for the annual newsletter in their mailboxes in the next few days. The vote has been resolved in favor of allowing sheds. A list of restrictions will be developed at the annual meeting set for October 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the DP&L Conference Hall. More work is planned at the entrance. Brick pavers will band the entrance traffic islands and overgrown plants will be removed.
4. Streetlights – Having tried twice and failed to obtain the necessary votes in favor of replacing the streetlights (75% needed), this issue has been tabled. The phone number to call to report broken streetlights will be published in the next issue of the civic association’s newsletter.
5. RV Parking in Driveways – Dave reported that any vehicle over 7 feet tall is not permitted to be parked overnight in a residential driveway. The number to call to report a vehicle/boat/trailer/etc. is 395-5500. This information will be included in the next issue of the civic association’s newsletter.

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