

Timber Farms Civic Association

General Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2007

I. Call to order

Bruce called to order the regular meeting of the **Timber Farms Civic Association** at **7:05 p.m.** on **November 14, 2007** in **Thurgood Marshall School**.

II. Roll call

The following board members were present: Bruce Lipphardt, Bob Oakes, Christine Verdi and Camille Dinon.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Camille Dinon read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

IV. Open issues

- a) Treasurer's report: Bob read from the Treasurer's Report.
- b) Board member elections:
 - Vice-president: Dave Frampton was elected by majority vote as Vice-president for a term of two years.
 - Treasurer: Bob Oakes was elected by majority vote as Treasurer for a term of two years.
 - Bruce thanked Christine Verdi for her service as Vice-president over the last two years and her hard work on the community picnics and other events each year.
- c) Vote on proposed changes to TFCA by-laws:
 - Article V: delete annual dues amount and due date. Annual dues will be set by the Board of Directors.
 - Article XV.1: the amount of any TFCA expenditures that can be approved solely by the Board of Directors to \$500.
 - Results of vote: all in attendance were in favor of the proposed changes. 1 proxy vote sent in by Elaine Little was also in favor of the changes. Therefore, the proposed changes to the by-laws have been approved by the members' vote.
- d) Discussion on update on 56 homes: as it stands the builder is waiting for permission to build the access road. Most likely it will be Spring/Summer before any work begins.

V. New business

- a) Social chairperson: it has been suggested that the community needs one person who can take over coordinating all social events in the neighborhood. An e-mail will be sent asking for volunteers to fill this position.
- b) Complaints about trash and dog waste: a note will be included with the next newsletter discussing this issue. Unfortunately not much can be done about without community cooperation. New Castle County really does not police the issue of dog waste other than requiring homeowners to clean their yards. If homeowners have any complaints

regarding dogs barking, stray cats, etc. it was mentioned that they should call Animal Control to report the problems.

- c) Yard waste ban: the ban will be reinstated in January 2008. It was recommended that if anyone has any suggestions to a community solution that they should forward them to Bruce. John Viola will be sending out more information regarding the yard waste ban in his newsletter in early December 2007.
- d) Wood chipper: the wood chipper will be available for residents this weekend.
- e) Complaint regarding the Newark Post: neighbors not wishing to receive the Newark Post should contact them directly.
- f) Solicitation: John Viola spoke regarding this issue. essentially no soliciting signs cannot be enforced and we cannot stop someone from entering the neighborhood. However, homeowners have the right to tell someone not to trespass on their property.

VI. Adjournment

Bruce adjourned the meeting at **7:40**.

Minutes submitted by: Camille Dinon

Minutes approved by: