

Timber Farms Civic Association

General Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2009

I. Call to order

Bruce Lipphardt called to order the meeting of the **Timber Farms Civic Association** at **7:00 p.m.** on **March 11, 2009** in **Thurgood Marshall School**.

II. Roll call

The following board members were present: Bruce Lipphardt, Bob Oakes and Camille Dinon. Dave Schneider from the Maintenance Association and Councilman Tackett were also present.

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. Membership is currently at 43%.
- b) Dave Schneider from the Maintenance Association gave an update:
 - The question was raised regarding responsibility for the maintenance of neighborhood sidewalks. John Viola indicated that it is the state's responsibility to repair cracked sidewalks.
 - Snow removal has become much more expensive than in the past. The cost for salting and sanding has increased by 400%. We are still using Creekside because they are reliable and come during and after the storm, whereas other contractors only come after the storm.
 - There are several sinkholes that have become problems in the neighborhood. John Viola addressed this issue and stated that some have been repaired while others still need to be addressed by DelDOT. Dave Schneider asked all residents to look at the storm drains around their houses and report any problems.
 - Dave Schneider mentioned that he is getting estimates from other security companies who will do less than 8 hour shifts, possibly 4 hour shifts. However, the security patrols will still be random.
- c) Community events: The Easter Egg Hunt is tentatively scheduled for April 11th. The picnic will be May 2nd with a May 9th rain date. There will be tents, chairs, pony rides, a slide, moon bounce. Free tickets will be given out to those who request them so that the organizers can get a head count for food and beverages. The community yard sale is scheduled for May 16th and will be organized by the Stillmocks.

V. New business

- a) Break-in on Anthony Drive: Mary Pat Kwoka spoke about the recent break-in at her home at 45 Anthony Drive. Her house is located next to the barrier between Timber Farms and Norwegian Woods. Dave Schneider gave some of the history regarding the barrier. John Viola addressed the history of the barrier as well. Some solutions were mentioned

including an access gate, moving the barrier closer to Norwegian Woods, and updating the software for EMS since it currently shows open access between the two neighborhoods. It was suggested that another vote be held to determine how the neighborhood feels about keeping or removing the barrier.

- b) Brian Stillmock spoke about the pollution and contamination of the wetlands by the Christiana Asphalt Company on Salem Church Road. Some suggestions were given to deal with his concerns including contacting the EPA to get them involved.
- c) Dave Tackett mentioned that there were very few recent 911 calls from the neighborhood.

VI. Adjournment

Bruce Lipphardt adjourned the Civic Association meeting at **8:25 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by: Camille Dinon

Minutes approved by: