

Timber Farms Civic Association

General Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2011

I. Call to order

Dave Frampton called to order the meeting of the Timber Farms Civic Association at 7:00 p.m. on October 19, 2011 in the cafeteria of Thurgood Marshall School.

II. Roll Call

The following board members were present: Dave Frampton, Bob Oakes, Camille Dinon. Bruce Lipphardt was absent. Dave Schneider, Chris Cascio and Mike Lukas were present from the Timber Farms Maintenance Association. Also in attendance was State Representative John Viola.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

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

IV. Treasurer's Report

Bob read from the Treasurer's report. A resident asked that the bulletin board lights expense be clarified to read that half was paid by TFCA and half was paid by TFMA. The Treasurer's report was approved with amendments.

V. Open issues

Report on the neighborhood picnic which was held 9/10/11 given by Elaine Little.
Report on the Halloween parade and costume contest to be held on 10/29/11 at 10:30 a.m. given by Camille Dinon. The parade will feature the Christiana High School Marching Band, classic cars, a costume contest with prizes and Mister Softee ice cream cones at the gazebo. The parade route will start at the far end of Timberwood Blvd., continue down Woodland Road and end at the gazebo on Holly Cove.

The proposed plans for Christmas were presented by Dave Frampton. Dave mentioned that last year's plans were cancelled due to lack of interest. Dave asked for comments and then mentioned that it is a busy time of year for most families. It was decided that there would be no Christmas activity planned for this year other than the home decorating contest.

Dave Frampton gave an update on the new home construction. There have been four homes sold so far and they are being sold for between \$375,000 and \$380,000. The model home will be sold for more than \$400,000 and the foundation has been poured for it. The builders (Capano) seem to be responding to complaints from residents because they have been running a street sweeper for the dust on the streets. So far, they have been very responsive to complaints from the neighborhood. After the houses are built, Timber

Farms will have more open spaces to maintain. However, it may take years for all of the houses to be built based on today's economy.

Nominations for the TFCA board positions of Vice-President and Treasurer for 2012 – 2014 were taken. Dave Frampton was nominated for Vice-President while Bob Oakes was nominated for the position of Treasurer.

State Representative John Viola gave an update from his office. He discussed the steps that are being taking by the legislature to ban the drug “bath salts” at the state level. He also discussed recycling and steps that can be taken to reduce the associated costs for residents. In addition, Representative Viola also spoke about speed humps. In his experience, speed humps can divide a community. However, if the community is concerned about speeding in the neighborhood, there are alternatives to speed humps that may be more acceptable to a larger part of the community. An example he mentioned was the speed box which just records data and shows drivers the speed they are travelling. Representative Viola passed out photos of the speed boxes so that residents could see what they look like.

VI. New business

Next year (2012), the TFCA will be celebrating 20 years in existence.

A resident discussed the recent death of one of our neighbors. The death was unfortunately not discovered for some time. The resident feels that as a neighborhood we should be looking out for each other.

Another resident mentioned the continuing problem of parents parking in the street in the mornings and afternoons at bus stops. The problem has been brought to the attention of the New Castle County Police. However, parents should use common courtesy to dictate their behavior in these situations.

One other item that was discussed was the longer length of the red light at the entrance to our neighborhood. Representative Viola was asked about this and to whom should we address our concerns. DeDOT should be contacted regarding any complaints about the red light.

VII. Adjournment

Dave Frampton adjourned the Civic Association meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Camille Dinon

Minutes approved by:

Next meeting: Nov. 9, 2011, 7:00pm Thurgood Marshall Elementary School