

# ***Timber Farms Civic Association***

## ***General Meeting Minutes***

November 9, 2011

### **I. Call to order**

**Bruce Lipphardt** called to order the meeting of the **Timber Farms Civic Association** at **7:00 p.m. on November 9, 2011** in **Thurgood Marshall School**.

### **II. Roll call**

The following board members were present: Bruce Lipphardt, Dave Frampton, Bob Oakes and Camille Dinon. Councilman Dave Tackett and Representative John Viola 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. Treasurer's Report**

Bob read from the Treasurer's Report. The report has not changed since the last meeting. The Halloween parade was snowed-out, therefore there were no expenses for that. A report was given by Bob on the annual expenses.

### **V. Open Issues**

1. Maintenance Association - Bob Oakes from the Maintenance Association gave a report due to Dave Schneider's absence. The by-laws of the TFMA are now online with the deed restrictions and incorporation papers. Bob met with our attorney to discuss the by-laws. In order to elect new officers to the TFMA we need 141 votes (a quorum) to have a legitimate election and proxy votes are eligible. Elections will continue to be held until this condition is met. In order for a proxy vote to be valid it must be given to someone who will be at the meeting and can vote in your stead. The proxy has to be signed by the resident and a witness. It does not state who to vote for in the election. The choice is relinquished once the proxy is given.
2. Elections for TFCA board 2012 – 2014:
  - a. Vice-President – Dave Frampton was voted for the position by a majority.
  - b. Treasurer – Bob Oakes was voted for the position by a majority.
3. Home decorating contest: Judging will take place on Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, starting at 6:00 p.m.
4. Survey update (speed bumps on Timber Wood Blvd.): Bruce wants to put out a survey to find out what kind of support or opposition there might be to putting speed bumps on Timber Wood. In order to get them approved, 2/3 of the residents that live on the street would need to vote for them. Bruce presented a rough draft of the survey for comments from residents. The feedback so far has generated requests for more information regarding speed humps. Bruce put together an information sheet drawn from Deldot

publications on traffic calming. The survey should be coming out in the next couple of weeks with a deadline of December 31<sup>st</sup> to return them. Bruce emphasized that this is just a survey not a vote for or against the speed bumps. Discussion ensued on the various issues with speed bumps/humps including snow plowing, the efficacy of the speed bumps etc. Representative John Viola mentioned the possibility of installing solar-powered speed boxes which records the speed data. He stated that they have been successful in other neighborhoods.

## **VI. New Business**

1. A resident mentioned that the Christiana Materials on Salem Church Road discharges particles into the air and operates well into the night. The issue has to do with pollution as well as the noise. The resident wanted to know who to contact to complain. Other residents also expressed unhappiness with the noise generated by the operations at night. Representative John Viola and Bruce both mentioned filing a complaint with DNREC for the pollution issue.
2. An update from Representative John Viola mentioned the Route 1 construction that will be ongoing for the next two years. Also, some changes will be happening at the DMV which will ease wait times up to and including a possible new DMV site.
3. An update from Councilman Dave Tackett reminded residents to call the police for any issues of vandalism such as the recent trash can burning. Also Glasgow Park is still being worked on and improved so he encouraged residents to visit the park. A resident mentioned the mosquito problem. Councilman Tackett suggested calling DNREC to spray the woods to help combat the problem.

## **VII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.