

Timber Farms Civic Association General Meeting

June 13, 2017

The Timber Farms Civic Association held a General Meeting on June 13, 2017 at the playground on Anthony Drive. It was well attended by many residents.

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm by President Bruce Lipphardt. Bruce introduced the TFCA Board Members. Several of the TFMA Board Members were also in attendance and were introduced later by Dave Schneider. Secretary Linda Olds read the minutes from the last TFCA General Meeting on 11/16/2016. Bob Oakes presented the Treasurer's Report as of 6/13/2017:

Postage and February/May Newsletters	\$ 747.20
Register website	20.17
Easter egg hunt	251.80
Garage sale	<u>126.50</u>
Total 2017 Expenses, to date	\$ 1,145.67
Checking Account Balance:	\$ 266.15
Savings Account Balance	\$ 5,980.00

Bruce introduced Corporal Chris Gigliotti, New Castle County Police, who gave us the stats for the last 12 months from June 2016 to June 2017:

95 calls for service:

23 were for alarms

10 were domestic calls

6 thefts / motor vehicles – minor, most were cars that were left unlocked

Bunch of miscellaneous items

There were no burglaries or robberies in Timber Farms during that time frame.

Corporal Gigliotti also talked about the Annual Take Back the Night at Glasgow Park on 8/1/17. He talked about the TAPS Meetings which are Predictive Policing and they will continue to have these. He also talked about the Police App that residents can download.

Residents asked about the speeding on Anthony Drive and near the playground and concern that there isn't any sign to warn drivers that they are approaching a playground. Corporal Gigliotti committed to talking with traffic services to ask them to watch Anthony Drive. Bob Oakes stated that we can't do anything about signs for the playground until the roads are turned over from LC Homes to DelDot – then we could ask to have signs installed.

Another resident brought up the noise level on Fri and Sat nights at the Service Plaza & Corporal Gigliotti said he would mention this to the officers that have that Service Plaza area. Bruce reminded everyone to call 911 and the non-emergency number so that the calls get recorded – that is important in order for this to get attention. Corporal Gigliotti said that if we call and report speeding on Anthony Drive, when they get enough calls, it will come up in the TAPS Meetings, and then they will have to come out.

Another resident brought up the noise coming from the cement plant around 3:30 – 4:00 am; he also asked about the pollution from the cement plant. Senator Bryan Townsend said that the cement plant has passed the environmental inspection, but that he would look into it again.

Bruce then introduced Dave Schneider of the TFMA, who introduced the TFMA Board Members. Dave also reminded everyone to call 911 and/or the non-emergency number when things occur. Dave reminded residents that all sheds, fences, etc. have to go through the TFMA architecture committee for approval. He reminded residents to continue to observe the off-street parking at night. Dave reported on two unexpected expenses: (1) the ice storm damage, and (2) the water leak at the entrance which cost approximately \$3,200 to get it fixed.

A resident asked about untagged vehicles: is it a violation? Corporal Gigliotti said that if the vehicle is in a driveway, you can call the county for a code violation; if it is on the street/roadway, the police will take care of it.

Senator Bryan Townsend gave us an update on the many road improvements in our area that are scheduled for the near future: Old Baltimore Pike & 72 intersection; Old Baltimore Pike & Salem Church Rd intersection; and the I-95 southbound exit at 273. He also talked about the Delmarva surges back in 2015 and how Delmarva has introduced a bill to increase customer fees/rates without improving the infrastructure; he has told Delmarva he won't support the bill. He talked about a possible pilot project along Old Baltimore Pike with arresters to stop massive surges. He also gave an update on the state budget deficiencies and some possible solutions. He fielded a number of questions from residents: raising gas taxes; leases of Star Campus for UD; upcoming construction on Walther Road, etc.

Bruce reminded residents to save the date of Sept 9th for the TFCA Annual Picnic. Volunteers are needed.

Bob gave a report on the final 12 homes on Marie Court and a report on the final paving of the streets in the new section.

Bruce thanked Josh Grant for the public address system for the meeting, and Rich Armorer from A Family Affair for the chairs for the meeting. He also thanked Senator Bryan Townsend and State Representative John Viola for attending.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olds, Secretary