

Timber Farms Civic Association General Meeting

November 15, 2017

The Timber Farms Civic Association General Meeting on November 15, 2017 was held at Thurgood Marshall Elementary School.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by President Bruce Lipphardt. Bruce introduced the TFCA Board Members. Bruce also introduced State Representative John Viola and Newcastle County Councilman Dave Tackett who were in attendance.

Bruce spoke on the Milestone that the TFCA has reached: this is the 25th year of our TFCA. The first TFCA meeting was held in October 1992; there was no Maintenance Association yet at that time. There were 97 homes in Timber Farms in 1992. Congratulations were extended for still having such a vibrant TFCA after 25 years! The celebration included pizza from Amore's which was enjoyed by all in attendance during the meeting.

Secretary Linda Olds read the minutes from the last TFCA General Meeting on 10/18/2017. Bob Oakes presented the Treasurer's Report in the handout, as of 11/15/2017, noting that a \$100.00 donation was made to the Christiana High School Band for their participation in the Halloween Parade. In summary,

Postage and Feb/May/Aug Newsletters	\$ 1,000.70
Register website	20.17
Easter egg hunt	251.85
Garage sale	126.80
P.O. Box Rental	56.00
Picnic	3,292.65
Halloween Parade	<u>460.00</u>
Total 2017 Expenses, year to date	\$ 5,208.17
Checking Account Balance:	\$ 256.17
Savings Account Balance	\$ 2,780.78

The TFCA Board thanked Aleah Estevez, a High School Senior at Brandywine and a resident of Timber Farms, for her excellent service for the last year-and-a-half as the Newsletter Editor.

Mukesh Mehta reported on the Halloween Parade / Costume Contest which was held on October 28th. This was the 19th year that the Christiana High School Band has participated in leading the parade. Mr. Softee was again available for ice cream cones. Mukesh thanked the judges for their service in judging the costumes.

Next Bruce reminded everyone that our next event is the Home Decorating Contest. The judging will be on Sat, Dec 23rd starting at 6 pm.

Bruce then introduced Corporal Perry Sorrels, New Castle County Police Community Representative. Corporal Sorrels told us about his background and the area he covers. He also explained that he is the

liaison who tries to “fix” the problem, not the person who responds to the 9-1-1 calls. He talked about the “unusual” nighttime burglary, stating that most burglaries are during the day between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. He also reminded residents that they need to call 9-1-1, and stated that the police have not had any calls for cars being broken into. He also stated that he would be happy to come out and talk to the community about tips on being / keeping safe, like what he called the “9:00 pm Routine” where you should be sure the front door is locked, the cars are locked, and the garage doors are closed. He gave us the statistics from October 1st to today: there have been 9 calls for service, including 1 for burglary, 3 for alarms, and 1 for domestic issue. He reminded us that the number to call for non-emergencies is 573-2800. A resident brought up the issue of speeding cars in the neighborhood and Corporal Sorrels discussed this.

The next order of business was elections for the 2 open positions on the T.F.C.A. Board for the two-year term 2018 – 2019: Vice-President and Treasurer. The candidate for Vice-President was Dave Frampton; by a show of hands Dave was elected as Vice-President. The candidate for Treasurer was Bob Oakes; by a show of hands Bob was elected as Treasurer.

Under New Business, Dave Schneider reported that he is still working with LC Homes on the issues in the common areas.

Newcastle County Councilman Dave Tackett reminded residents that while dumpsters can be in the street if one is having work done on one’s home, the dumpster does have to have reflectors on it. Then he presented to Bruce a Proclamation from the County to TFCA on their 25th Anniversary, and said that Timber Farms is one of the most engaged communities in the area.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olds, Secretary