

Timber Farms Civic Association General Meeting

October 17, 2018

The Timber Farms Civic Association General Meeting on October 17, 2018 was held as part of the T.F.C.A. / T.F.M.C. Combined General Meeting at Thurgood Marshall Elementary School.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by President Bruce Lipphardt. Bruce introduced the TFCA Board Members. Also in attendance, but introduced earlier at the T.F.M.A. portion of the meeting, were: State Representative John Viola, Newcastle County Councilman Dave Tackett, and Senator Bryan Townsend. Secretary Linda Olds read the minutes from the last TFCA General Meeting on 11/15/2017. Bob Oakes presented the Treasurer's Report as of 10/17/2018, which was also in the handout, noting that we have 200 of the 281 families as Civic Association members, which is about 70% of the community. In summary,

Postage and Feb/May/Aug Newsletters	\$	996.34
Register website		40.34
3 year fee for timberfarmscivic.org		358.20
Winners for Best Christmas Homes		110.00
Easter egg hunt		264.81
Garage sale		126.50
P.O. Box Rental		60.00
Picnic		3,269.14
Donation from LCHomes – paid for slide & moon bounce		<u>- 337.00</u>
Total 2017 Expenses, year to date	\$	4,888.33
Checking Account Balance:	\$	497.64
Savings Account Balance	\$	3,548.31

Mukesh Mehta, co-chair of the Picnic Committee, reported on the Annual Picnic which was held on Sept 22nd, saying that it had to be rescheduled due to weather. Sept 22nd turned out to be a perfect day weather-wise and we had about 300 attendees for the picnic. Mukesh thanked all those who had volunteered.

Next Bruce reminded everyone that our next community event is the Halloween Parade / Costume Contest which is coming up this weekend on Sat, Oct 20th. He also reminded everyone that it will be starting at 3:30 pm and asked everyone to be in the starting area by 3:20 pm. This is the 20th year for the Christiana High School to participate in our Halloween Parade. Mr. Softee will be there as well.

The next order of business was nominations for the 2 open positions on the T.F.C.A. Board for two-year terms 2019 – 2020: President and Secretary. Dave Frampton handled the nominations for the open positions. First he took nominations for the position of President: Bob Oakes nominated Bruce Lipphardt; it was moved and seconded for that nomination to be closed. Next Dave took nominations for Secretary: Kate Oakes nominated Linda Olds; it was moved and seconded for that nomination to be closed. Elections will be held on November 14th at 7:00 pm at the next T.F.C.A. General Meeting at Thurgood Marshall Elementary School.

Under New Business, Bruce asked John Viola and Dave Tackett if they would like to say a few words.

John Viola first talked about jobs and stated that the unemployment rate is about 3.8% in New Castle County. He talked about the fact that there has been a lot of discussion about either expanding, or closing, our Port. The decision has been made to lease, for 50 years, the old Edgemoor Dupont location to Gulf Container, one of the largest container companies in the world, with certain expectations. There is an expectation that this should create at least 5,000 new jobs within a 3-4 year timeframe. There will also be a new training facility to train for these new jobs. Next he talked about Prescription drugs and a gag law for pharmacies: in about 25% of the time, it's cheaper to buy prescription drugs without your prescription plan, but the pharmacies weren't allowed to tell you that. A new law has been passed and pharmacies now have to tell you the amount it will cost with, and without, your drug plan. Lastly, John talked about how much it costs to pave roads, saying that DelDot has about \$250,000/year to pave roads inside communities. DelDot has a new Pilot Program where there are 315 streets statewide with a rating of 25 (poor condition) and they have identified the top (worst) 44 of them to pave first.

Next Dave Tackett spoke, letting us know that he is not running for re-election this year. He also put out his newsletter and a brochure for those in attendance to take home; these have his phone number and email address. Dave told us that our new Community Representative is William (Will) DeJesus, who has 14 years of experience. Dave reported that per the police reports, everything in our community is pretty normal/common. There has been one suicide attempt. And the heroin epidemic is very bad. Dave said that our community is very active and engaged, citing the ATV/Dirt Bike problem – it was Timber Farms residents who identified the individuals and got it resolved. Dave's next big issue to work on is vacant homes. Another issue is that there is no law to have to record a deed. Finally, Dave commented on what a great job the Picnic Committee does every year.

Also, under new business, Elaine noted that we ran out of some food items this year, but said that we do the best we can in estimating how much to buy, basing it mostly on what we purchased the previous year and whether we had enough or not.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olds, Secretary