

Timber Farms Civic Association General Meeting

June 13, 2022

The Timber Farms Civic Association General Meeting on June 13, 2022 was held at the Timber Farms playground to celebrate our 30th Anniversary. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by President Bruce Lipphardt. Bruce introduced himself and the rest of the TFCA Board: Dave Frampton, Bob Oakes, and Linda Olds. Bruce congratulated everyone on our 30th Anniversary saying that it takes a lot of effort by a lot of people to have this kind of success. Bruce has been in the community since 2004.

Linda Olds, Secretary, gave an overview summary of the minutes from the last TFCA General Meeting on 11/17/21.

Bob Oakes, Treasurer gave the Treasurer's Report:

Expenses, Year to Date:		\$1,844.95
Christmas Best Decorated Houses	\$150.00	
Postage (Newsletters & mailing for Dues)	\$704.00	
Alphagraphics (envelopes)	\$ 97.56	
Alphagraphics (Feb & May Newsletters)	\$358.48	
Renewal of Website (timberfarmscivic.org)	\$ 42.34	
Easter Egg Hunt	\$368.00	
May Garage Sale	\$124.57	
Checking Account Balance		\$ 595.27
Savings Account Balance		\$10,005.17

Bruce then introduced Newcastle County Councilman Dave Tackett. Dave congratulated those in attendance on our 30th Anniversary and for a phenomenal job of running the community all by ourselves! He said it is one of the best run communities in the area. Dave had a 30th Anniversary Proclamation that he read to all. He then gave the Proclamation to Bruce.

Newcastle County Council President, Karen Hartley-Nagle, was next on the agenda but was not in attendance due to having Covid-19.

Bruce introduced Delaware Lieutenant Governor, Bethany Hall-Long, who then spoke. She detailed how she had helped to vaccinate over 4,000 people herself. She praised Timber Farms and gave "kudos" to us on our 30th Anniversary. She also stated that she's worked with Dave Tackett for 16 years and that "he's the best."

Next Bruce spoke in general about past TFCA Boards and asked any past Board Members to raise their hands. Bruce acknowledged Dave Schneider who was in attendance.

Officer Cpl. Pierce, Newcastle County Police, was next on the agenda to give a neighborhood update but he had not arrived.

Next Bruce asked Rosie Tooley, Picnic Chair, to say a few words about this year's picnic which will be held on September 10th at 3:00 pm. Rosie reported that last year we have about 400 people in attendance and that she expects us to have even more attend this year. She wants to continue to vary the menu; last year we added some Indian dishes which were well received. She asked people to think about what are their favorite cultural dishes and let her know so we can include them as well. She also said we will be looking at other activities to add, especially for children.

Bruce next introduced State Senator Bryan Townsend who congratulated the community for having such a successful Civic Association. He also reported that there will be a complete re-pavement of Old Baltimore Pike from the MD border to Christiana. He mentioned that he has also been working on some drainage issues. He was asked a question about House Bill 400, which deals with privacy issues on healthcare and individuals on a policy; he reported that it hasn't passed the House yet.

Don Patton, a resident, told attendees that he tries to summarize school board items, and then sends them to us. But residents can go directly to the website & see for themselves. He said the School Board is trying to do things that researchers say work well.

Next Bruce took questions from the audience:

1. There was a question about the reassessments and where do we stand? Dave Tackett answered by saying that the Tyler Team has already been in Timber Farms. NCC has made the decision that reassessments won't raise your taxes this year unless you added an addition or something of that sort. 1983 was when the last reassessment was done. With regard to school taxes, the School Districts will be the ones who decide what increase will take effect on school taxes based on the new assessment.

As there were no further questions, or new business, and since Amore's had finally arrived with pizzas, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm. Everyone enjoyed Amore's pizzas and cold, bottled water in celebration of our 30th Anniversary!

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olds, Secretary