

Timber Farms Civic Association General Meeting

October 19, 2022

The Timber Farms Civic Association General Meeting on October 19, 2022 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 7:03 pm by President Bruce Lipphardt. Bruce explained that while the agenda package that was handed out to all in attendance showed the T.F.C.A. portion first, he is going to have the T.F.M.C. go first as NCC Police Officer Corporal William DeJesus needs to leave as early as possible. Bruce then introduced Senator Bryan Townsend, Newcastle County Councilman Dave Tackett, Emy Diaz representing State Representative Madinah Wilson-Anton, and Don Patton who is a member of the Christiana School District. Bruce then turned the meeting over to Rolf Joerger for the T.F.M.C. portion.

The T.F.C.A. portion of the meeting resumed at 7:43 pm with Bruce introducing himself and the other Board Members in attendance: Dave Frampton, Bob Oakes, and Linda Olds. The minutes from the last T.F.C.A. meeting on June 13, 2022 were not read as they were included in the agenda package.

The Treasurer's Report, as of 10/19/2022, was also in the agenda package. Treasurer Bob Oakes said that this is the most we have ever spent in 30 years. He went over many of the specific line items. He went over many of the Fall Festival costs, saying that everything went up in cost this year. The total spent on the Fall Festival was \$4,350.00. In summary, Bob highlighted:

Total 2022 Expenses, year to date	\$ 7,428.36
Checking Account Balance:	\$ 387.86
Savings Account Balance	\$ 4,745.11

Bruce added that the event has grown in size over the years, and a lot of the T.F.C.A. members donate extra money in addition to the membership dues. He said that we are talking about various ideas for the future, such as charging a nominal fee for attending the Fall Festival, scaling some of the activities and food back, etc.

Rosie Tooley, Fall Festival Chair, reported on this year's Fall Festival held on Sept. 10. We had 335 in attendance. We had excellent people on the committee and there was a lot of synergy with ideas, like using clips on the tablecloths, which helped us set up faster, and having a bubble machine. This year we continued the Indian dishes which are so flavorful. She expressed her gratitude to all those who volunteered for the event and asked everyone to come next year. Dave Tackett also thanked Rosie and all those who volunteered and said he would hate to see us scale back on the festival in the future.

The Fall Garage Sale was held Oct 15th. A lot of people participated and most reported good results. We will probably have another Garage Sale in the spring, and next fall as well.

The Halloween Parade and Costume Contest will be held on Sat, Oct 29th and will start at 3:00 pm.

The next order of business was the nominations for President and Secretary for two-year terms for 2023 – 2024. Bruce opened nominations for President: Bob Oakes nominated Bruce Lipphardt; Linda Olds seconded the nomination. Bruce then took nominations for Secretary: Rosie Tooley nominated Linda Olds; Jennifer Hostetler seconded the nomination. Elections for these two positions will be held at the next T.F.C.A. meeting on Wed, November 16th.

Bryan Townsend spoke next, asking people to please drive more safely in the neighborhood. He said the U-Turn sign has been moved back to the start of the 2nd island at the entrance. He also said that DeIDOT can't reconsider the speed hump until April 2023. He gave us an update on Old Baltimore Pike, saying that it will be fully repaved, but that he does not know when it will be done. He also mentioned that drainage projects continue in the neighborhood. He reminded us that if we see traffic lights that are not working, call him, or Dave Tackett, or DeIDOT so that they can look into it. A neighbor asked about the WAWA construction on 273 – Bryan said it is on target to open in Spring 2023.

Dave Tackett spoke next saying that if there are any flooding or drainage issues, contact him. He also mentioned that we may lose Officer DeJesus as he may be sent to a new district. Dave said there is a huge shortage of officers. He also reminded us that the upcoming holiday season is a big time for thefts and package pirates. Dave also reminded us that the Bear Library is having a Fall Festival on Sat from 12:00 noon – 4:00 pm.

Emy Diaz reported that Madinah Wilson-Anton is not well and is home recovering.

Don Patton reported that every couple of Board Meetings he sends out notes from the meetings. If you let him know your thoughts / opinions, he can help resolve issues. They are currently voting on the Wilmington Learn MOU which will improve learning. Next Tuesday, 10/25, they will be working on a new tool to evaluate superintendents.

Bruce asked if anyone had any New Business to bring up? Rosie said that at the Fall Festival she met a new neighbor who asked if we have a document to help orient new residents. Rosie is willing to work on that and is looking for additional volunteers. Bruce thought that having a short document and having some face-to-face contact with new residents (i.e., a welcoming committee) would be a good thing.

Another resident informed those in attendance that one of the charter schools has a bus stop in Timber Farms now.

With no further new business, Bruce advised that our next meeting will be next month on Nov 16th. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olds, Secretary