

Timber Farms Civic Association General Meeting

October 18, 2023

The Timber Farms Civic Association General Meeting on October 18, 2023 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 7:09 pm by TFMC President Rolf Joerger. Although during the TFMC portion of the meeting, Newcastle County Councilman Dave Tackett presented 3 Proclamations to TFCA Board Members: Bob Oakes, Bruce Lipphardt, and Dave Frampton for their long-time service to the community.

The T.F.C.A. portion of the meeting began at 7:45 pm with Bruce giving an explanation of the difference between TFMC and TFCA:

- TFMC is mandatory for all residents of Timber Farms
- TFCA is a volunteer association & membership is optional. To join, homes pay \$25.00/year dues. TFCA maintains the Timber Farms website, publishes 4 newsletters per year, and hosts a wide variety of community events.

Next Bruce announced that nominations will be taken tonight for the President, Vice-President, and Treasurer Positions as all three of those current Board Members are retiring. The elections will be held at our next General Meeting on November 15, 2023.

Bruce introduced the other Board Members in attendance: Dave Frampton, Bob Oakes, and Linda Olds, as well as our Representatives in attendance: Newcastle County Councilman Dave Tackett and Don Patton, President of the Christiana School District.

The minutes from the last T.F.C.A. General Meeting on November 16, 2022 were read by Secretary Linda Olds.

The Treasurer's Report, as of 10/18/2023, was included in the agenda package. Treasurer Bob Oakes went over many of the specific line items. It was noted that due to low RSVPs and volunteers, we did not hold the Fall Festival which is normally our largest yearly expense. He summarized by saying:

Total 2023 Expenses, year to date	\$ 2,601.44
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Checking Account Balance:	\$ 263.20
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Savings Account Balance	\$ 8,025.35
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Bruce announced that the Halloween Parade & Costume Contest is scheduled for Saturday, October 28th, at 3:00 pm and urged residents to come out for this fun event.

Next Bruce explained that the agenda had a slight mistake: the President slot will be for a 1-year term for 2024 (to get it back in sync as the President and Secretary positions are elected in a given year, and

the Vice-President and Treasurer are elected in the subsequent year). The Vice-President and Treasurer positions will be for 2-year terms, for 2024 - 2025.

Bruce then opened the floor for nominations for President. Bruce nominated Pruthvish Patel. There were no other nominations from the floor.

Bruce then opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President. Bruce nominated Elaine Little. There were no other nominations from the floor.

Bruce then opened the floor for nominations for Treasurer. Rosie Tooley nominated Linda Olds. Bruce nominated Deborah Owens. There were no other nominations from the floor.

Bruce next introduced State Senator Bryan Townsend who had joined the meeting. Bryan said he was sad to see some of the long-time leaders leaving. He said that they have finally been repaving Old Baltimore Pike. He also added that a state law has been passed to mandate property assessments every 5 years. Senator Townsend took questions from those in attendance:

- A resident pointed out an issue with the light as one leaves Timber Farms – often not giving a green arrow or green light to those exiting. He will look into it.
- A resident on W. Hummock Lane said people are shooting at a berm and a stand behind their home – and they are not shooting at deer; it has been going on for 20 years. They have called the police and 911 and no results.
- The speed sign on Timber Wood Blvd is not working; he said it is out of warranty and not sure what can be done about it.
- Multiple residents voiced concerns about speeding in the neighborhood.
- One resident complimented us on having Representatives and School Board members in attendance.

Bruce then turned the floor over to Don Patton, President of the Christiana School District. He spoke about:

- “Gaps” – and that a lot of parents are sending their children to other schools
- Meeting on Nov 7th, from 6:00 – 7:30 pm, at Glasgow High School – the School Board wants to hear from the community
- Christiana School District does not have oversight over Charter Schools.

Bruce closed the business part of the meeting with a reminder that elections will take place at our next general meeting on Nov 15th. We will send out brief bios about the candidates running.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. Cake was served to celebrate our retirees: Bob Oakes, Bruce Lipphardt, and Dave Frampton.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olds, Secretary