

Timber Farms Civic Association General Meeting

October 17, 2024

The Timber Farms Civic Association General Meeting on October 17, 2024 was held as part of the TFCA/TFMC Joint General Meeting at Thurgood Marshall Elementary School. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by TFCA Vice-President Elaine Little. Elaine introduced the other Board Member in attendance: Linda Olds. Elaine explained that the President, Pru Patel, had moved out of state during the summer and that she was also filing the empty position of President.

Elaine next introduced Newcastle County Councilman Dave Tackett. He handed out copies of his latest newsletter. Dave told us that the assessment letters have started to be mailed out. He also told us that, in addition to the new assessments, school taxes could go up by 10% of the school budget. And there is a new law that now requires that assessments be done every 5 years. Dave took some questions about the assessments. Then Dave talked about several local projects: (1) on 273 by the new Wawa, there will also be a Chick-fil-A and a car wash; (2) he gave us information on an upcoming meeting for the project on Walther Rd; and (3) for the Warehouse Project on Old Baltimore Pike and 273, he said there is no new information at this time.

The minutes from the last T.F.C.A. General Meeting on November 15, 2023 were read by Secretary Linda Olds.

The Treasurer's Report, as of 10/15/2024, had been handed out. Treasurer Linda Olds went over the income to date and the expenses to date, which have been lower than normal as we did not have a Fall Festival this year mostly due to not having enough volunteers to help. In summary:

Total 2024 Income, year to date	\$ 6,276.00
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Total 2024 Expenses, year to date	\$ 2,713.58
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Checking Account Balance:	\$ 507.93
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Savings Account Balance	\$ 10,800.82
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Next Elaine introduced Senator Bryan Townsend who had joined the meeting. He told us that he will again check into what is going on with the storm drain on Timber Wood Blvd. He talked about proposed road work at Old Cooch's Bridge Road and that the residents in that area are not in favor of what was planned. He also talked about plans to build warehouses off Old Baltimore Pike near Albe Drive, saying that there are no plans to have light signals there on Old Baltimore Pike. He also took questions from residents.

Elaine next reported that the Halloween Parade will take place on Sat, Oct 26 at 3:00 pm and urged residents to come out for this fun event.

The next item on the agenda was nominations for President and Secretary, both are for two-year terms for 2025 – 2026.

Elaine opened the floor for nominations for President. As there were none from the residents, Elaine nominated herself for President, saying that she will resign as Vice-President for 2025. She explained that, per our Constitution and By-Laws, the Board will appoint a Vice-President to fill the 2025 term and then elections for a Vice-President will be held in 2025 for a two-year term for 2026 – 2027.

Elaine then opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. Kathy Frederick nominated herself.

Elaine reminded everyone that the elections for President and Secretary will be held at our next meeting on November 12, 2024.

The next item on the agenda was New Business and Elaine explained that we will be proposing revisions to the TFCA Constitution and By-Laws. Linda explained that these were last revised in 2007 and we will be proposing some fairly minor changes for clarification and to reflect how the Board has actually been operating for many years now. A copy of the proposed revisions will be emailed out to current TFCA members by October 29. Only current TFCA members can vote on the revisions, as well as the elections. The proposed revisions to the TFCA Constitution and By-Laws will be voted on at our next meeting on November 12.

With no further new business, the meeting was turned over to Rolf Joerger at 8:10 pm to run the Timber Farms Maintenance Corporation portion of the meeting.

The joint meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Olds, Secretary