

## Minutes of the Timbers Civic Association, Inc. Meeting

24 February 2013

Location: Starbucks, Ritchie Hwy, Severna Park

Attendance: see excel spreadsheet

The Timbers President, Donna Sengelaub, opened the meeting at approximately 7:20 p.m. with an explanation as to the purpose of the meeting: education and follow up to the January meeting where there were many questions—who are we and why do we exist?—and to move forward on the committees.

Earlier on 24 February, every home received a packet containing a letter to clear up the administrative errors made many years ago, a plat of the Timbers, a list of the lot owners from tax records, a copy of the original deed to the recreation area, and the covenants of the subdivision, which have not expired. Lot records can be found at <http://www.mdlandrec.net/>

- The contents of the above packet were discussed. The Timbers President, through her research, found that there are 80 civic associations in Arnold and Annapolis. Several have been reclassified as Special Community Benefits Districts (SCBD), in which dues become mandatory and payable with tax bills, hiring an outside CPA is required, there's a petition process with a majority, the budget is submitted to the county for improvements each year, and we would need to be bonded. After some discussion, this could be an answer for the Timbers.
- The Timbers Treasurer, Jacqueline Rhynard, thanked the Timbers President for all of her legal research and added the following:
  - o The Timbers Civic Association is in good standing with the county.
  - o To remain a legal entity, we must file taxes; we actually fell out in 1976 when taxes were not filed.
  - o We have a tax ID and can accept donations.
  - o Insurance on the park has increased from \$600 to \$613 this year.
- The Timbers Vice President, Sarah Volker stated that the bylaws received from Bill Schmidt (former Timbers board member) are outdated and an action was taken by the Timbers President to obtain copies of bylaws from other civic associations.
- Definitions:
  - o Covenants: Anne Arundel County zoning and permits enforce, such as fences and sheds; gives a homeowner the right to sue
  - o Bylaws: shared property belongs to incorporation; incorporation members pay dues

- Meeting attendees each introduced themselves
- The establishment and parameters of the following committees were discussed:
  - o Recreation, Maintenance and Development
  - o Bylaws
  - o Budget and Finance
  - o Fundraising
- Board members are available to attend committee meetings, but will not take control.
- Meeting attendees broke into their respective committees with instructions to set meeting times and recruit additional committee members

End of Meeting