

Timbers Civic Association, Inc. Community Meeting

08 October 2018

Timbers Civic Association Fall meeting held at Timbers Recreation Area, with 10 households represented and an additional 3 households submitting votes by proxy.

* A quorum of at least 8 households was required to vote and approve all business at this meeting as per Timbers Civic Association Bylaws.

* A quorum is defined as 1/3 of members in good standing (households who have paid annual dues) according to Timbers Civic Association Bylaws. For fiscal year 2019, there were 23 members in good standing meaning that a quorum of at least 8 (or 1/3) households needed to be present to vote.

Meeting called to order by the Timbers President, Jesse Pollock, at approximately 7:05 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to vote on the proposed budget, construction of a Gaga Pit and election of new officers for the positions of President, Treasurer and Secretary. Items to be voted on at this meeting:

1. 2019 Proposed Budget
2. Vote to discontinue BGE service for Recreation Area Light
3. Association Approval for construction of Gaga pit for the Recreation Area (Robbie Barson's Eagle Scout Project)
4. Election of 2019 President, Treasurer and Secretary.

President introduced the executive board and committee chairmen:

- President: Jesse Pollock
- Treasurer: Hank Sengelaub
- Secretary: Jessica Dodson
- Bylaws Committee: currently vacant
- Budget Committee: currently vacant
- Recreation and Maintenance Committee: Rick Miller nominated by committee and approved by the Executive Board.
- Fundraising and Social Committee: currently vacant

President: Jesse Pollock summarized that the primary purpose and importance to maintain an Executive Board of the Timbers Civic Association. As per the deed to the Recreation Area, if the Timbers Civic Association were to dissolve, by law, ownership of the Recreation Area would be transferred

to the heirs of Bertram Moore and Anna May Bunker. At that point Timbers residents lose all legal rights, ownership and control over what happens to the 1.8 acres.

It is therefore important that the Recreation Area be maintained to a reasonably safe level, that liability insurance be current and that an Executive Board consisting of a President, Secretary and Treasurer be filled and active. It is also important for committees to be established and to have fresh ideas and community involvement to keep the Timbers Civic Association vibrant, functioning and healthy. The four primary standing committees - the Maintenance Committee, Budget and Finance Committee, Bylaws Committee and the Fundraising and Social Committee.

The Bylaws are the rules that govern the Timbers Civic Association. At this meeting, there were no new amendments to be presented or voted to amend the Bylaws.

Treasurer: Hank Sengelaub presented the proposed budget and stepped through each line item for vote.

- Current balance for Fiscal Year 2019 \$8929 (FY 01 July 2018-30 June 2019)
- Expenditures: \$1200 mowing and leaf removal
- Social expenses (Halloween Party) must come from fundraising or donations.
- 23 households paid membership dues prior to meeting.

Secretary: Eleven new households in the Timbers eligible for membership in the Timbers Civic Association for Fiscal Year 2019.

Recreation and Maintenance Committee: Rick Miller, Committee Chairman, presented the following:

- In the past we have relied upon volunteer labor to remove leaves and mow Recreation Area. Leaf Removal extends into December which negatively impacts the volunteer's time. Currently looking into hiring an outside company. Estimated cost is \$300 to remove leaves and we are budgeted for this.

- End of February seems to be the best month to schedule a Community Spring Cleanup. Recommend renting a chipper and repurposing the wood chips to the playground area.
- Need to look at replacing the landscape timbers around the playground.
- Overgrown area next to Bonnie Eddowes house needs to be addressed. Steps and erosion control area by playground were drawn up and presented at 21 May 2014 not to exceed \$1000. Drawings are located on the Timbers Civic Association website. www.timberscivicasn.wix.com

New Business and Discussion:

1. 2019 Proposed Budget – attached to minutes

Vote to approve budget as presented: 13 yes 0 no

2. Resolution to discontinue BGE Service for Recreation Light:

Discussion: Since July 2017, the streetlight behind the basketball has not been working. Jesse Pollock placed a trouble call into BGE in July 2017, however, since that time, the light has not been repaired. The Timbers Civic Association continues to be charged for service (approximately \$29 per month).

Not having the light will also discourage midnight basketball games or nighttime mischief.

Jesse proposed that we vote to discontinue BGE service for the light. The motion was seconded.

Vote to discontinue BEG service for the light: 13 yes 0 no

3. Vote to approve Building of Gaga Pit – Robbie Barson's Eagle Scout Project. Robbie Barson presented his plans and timeline for building a Gaga Pit to promote outside play and use of the Recreation Area. He will raise money and organize the working party. Expected date of building of the project will be October or November 2019. In advance of the fall meeting, he sent out a survey of interest

and his plans to all households in the Timbers. Timbers will not incur any expense, funding of Gaga Pit will be responsibility of Robbie Barson.

Vote to Build of Gaga Pit as per Robbie Barson's plan: 13 yes 0 no

4. 2019 Proposed Budget – attached to minutes

Vote to approve budget as presented: 13 yes 0 no

- 5. Special Community Benefits District** – Donna Sengelaub motioned that the Timbers Civic Association should form a committee to explore the possibility of Timbers Civic Association becoming a Special Community Benefits District.

There are about 80 Special Community Benefits District in Anne Arundel County which are residential organizations that have some sort of common space deeded to the community. These common spaces include recreation areas, pools, docks, etc. for which the residents of the community are responsible for maintaining. It is NOT to establish a Home Owners Association.

In a Special Community Benefits District, a formal budget is submitted to Anne Arundel County Council each year for approval. Anne Arundel County collects the dues as part of a homeowner's tax bill. The Timber Civic Association then pays 5% of the dues collected to Anne Arundel County to recoup the dues from the County. The money must be spent according the budget submitted to the county council each year. The Timbers Civic Association books also must be audited each year, with a formal audit done by a CPA every three years.

Vote to establish a Committee to explore the Timbers Civic Association becoming a Special Community Benefits District: 13 yes 0 no

- 6. Election of New Executive Board Members for FY 2019: President, Treasurer and Secretary:** All current Executive Board members President: Jesse Pollock, Treasurer: Hank Sengelaub and Secretary: Jessica Dodson have met their 3 year tenure in accordance with the Bylaws. The floor was open for nominations for new President, Treasurer and Secretary.

Nominations for FY 2019 President: Hank Sengelaub

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FY 2019 Treasurer: Sue Tant
FY 2019 Secretary: Donna Sengelaub

Vote for 2019 President: Hank Sengelaub	13 yes	0 no
Vote for 2019 Treasurer: Sue Tant	13 yes	0 no
Vote for 2019 Secretary: Donna Sengelaub	13 yes	0 no

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Sengelaub
FY 2019 Secretary
Timbers Civic Association