Timbers Civic Association, Inc

Special Community Meeting(s) 02 May 2013 & 09 May 2013

Meeting Agenda

- Introduction of Executive Board Members
 - VP: Sarah Volker
 - Secretary: Sue Tant
 - Outgoing Treasurer: Jacqueline Rhynard
 - Incoming Treasurer: Jessica Dodson
- Introduction of Committee Chairmen
 - Recreation, Maintenance and Development : Hank Sengelaub
 - Bylaws: John McGinnis
 - Budget and Finance: Ivan Caplan
- Introduction of the County Community Constituent Representative
 - Amy Leahy



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This Deed, Made this 20th day of

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, of the first part, and

in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventy-two by and between

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND, Trustee

THE TIMBERS CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.,

of the second part.

Witnesseth, that in consideration of the sum of Five Dollars (\$5.00) and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,

the said GRANTOR

does hereby grant and convey unto the said GRANTEE, its successors

heirs and assigns,

in fee simple, all that

lot(s) of ground, situate, lying and being in

the Third Assessment District of

Anne Arundel County

, State of Maryland, and described as follows, that is to say :----

Beginning for the

BEING all of that parcel designated as "Recreation Area", as shown on the plat of Section B, Rubert Manor, as intended to be recorded among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, Maryland. Containing in all 1.814 acres of land, more or less.

BEING ALSO that parcel of land which was conveyed by Bertram D. Moore, Julia R. Moore and Anna May Bunker to Anne Arundel County, Maryland, Trustee, by Deed dated January 13, 1970, and recorded among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, in Liber 2330, folio 455.



Deed to the Recreation Area

Names the grantors of the Deed: Bertram Moore, Julia Moore and Anna May Bunker

7.00

Page 2 of Recreation Area Deed

To Have and To Hold the said lot of ground and premises, above described and mentioned, and hereby intended to be conveyed; together with the rights, privileges, appurtenances and advantages thereto belonging or appertaining unto and to the proper use and benefit of the said GRANTEE, its

successors sheirs and assigns, in fee simple.

subject, however, to the following conditions:

So long as said GRANTEE shall remain a legal entity, and so long as **INXINE NAMPLA** the property described herein shall be used for recreational purposes for the benefit of the lot owners of The Timbers Subdivision. In the event that The Timbers Civic Association, Inc., shall cease to be a legal entity, or the property herein described shall be used for purposes other than a recreation area for the benefit of the lot owners in The Timbers Subdivision, then the property shall revert to and become the property of the GRANTOR herein, in fee simple.

Very Specific Caveat for Keeping the Recreation Area

Purpose of the Special Meeting

Provide Accurate Information:

What the Timbers Civic Association IS

What Timbers Civic Association is **NOT**

Governing Documents and MD State Statutes

Timbers Civic Association IS:

- A Voluntary Organization

 With Annual Voluntary Dues
- A Non-stock Corporation
- A Civic Association
 - Established to take ownership of the Recreation
 Area –see Rec Area Deed
 - And maintain the Rec Area for the mutual benefit of the lot owners of the Timbers Subdivision

Timbers Civic Association is NOT:

- A Homeowners Association
- Does <u>NOT</u> have HOA Covenants
 - The covenants that do exist are <u>SUBDIVISION</u> covenants that every subdivision in Anne Arundel county is required to have before homes are built.
 - Anne Arundel County enforces covenants through
 - Department of Inspections & Permits
 - Department of Planning & Zoning
 - Department of Health Dept
 - Department of Animal Control, etc
 - Officers of the Timbers Civic Association, Inc have <u>zero</u> <u>authority</u> to enforce covenants
 - In other words- if_a resident is in violation of the covenants, call the County Office

Governing Statutes and Documents

- Maryland Annotated Code: Corporations and Associations
 - <u>Title 5, Subtitle 2 MD Non-Stock Corporations</u>
- Articles of Incorporation (1972)
- Articles of Revival (1979)
 - From 1976-1979 NOTE for three years the Timbers Civic Association was NOT a corporation in good standing, i.e. "legal entity"
 - Legally, from 1976 through 1979, the Recreation Area could have reverted back to the original grantors as per the Recreation Deed
- Bylaws (1974)
 - Last amendment was in 1980
 - Bylaws were thought to have expired due to an administrative error perpetuated at least 30 years ago without being checked or questioned.
- Minutes of Board Meetings (2013)
 - Minutes of board meetings reinstituted thanks to Sue Tant
 - Posted on Timbers website <u>www.timberscivicassn.wix.com/timbers-civic-assn</u>

Status of Timbers Civic Association, Inc.

- Getting Timbers Civic Association's Administrative House in Order
- Letter and documents hand delivered in February to all homes
- Four Standing Committees Formed
- Bylaws Reviewed, Updated and Revised
- Scheduled Audit of Financial Records
- Minutes from monthly executive meetings recorded and posted on website
- Information Disseminated to Members Via:
 - Webpage : <u>www.timberscivicassn.wix.com/timbers-civic-assn</u>
 - Signboards
 - Newsletters
 - Public Calendar
 - E-mail

Challenges

- How to Keep the Timbers Civic Association a "Legal Entity"
- On average 25 of the 47 homes regularly contribute annual dues
- \$2500 average annual contribution insufficient to fund basic operating costs
 - Basic operating costs = \$2595
 - \$2595 does not include \$1500 emergency reserve
- Alternate way to collect dues
 - Special Community Benefits District
- Needed: Active involvement in Committees
- Communication Challenges and Misinformation

Projected Operating Cost Breakdown for 2013

- At the March meeting of the Executive Board, the Timbers Civic Association, Inc currently had \$6072.43 in our account.
- Projected and actual minimum operating costs for 2013: \$4095.57
- Breakdown of non-discretionary (required) spending:

—	lighting at park: avg \$27.34 per mo x 12 mos =	\$328.08 per year
—	mowing (average 14 times per summer) \$70 x 14 mowings =	\$980 per year
—	liability insurance =	\$613
—	Liability insurance for Directors and Officers	\$600
—	admin/post office box =	\$106.36
—	rental of chipper + brush cutter for clean up in March (actual cost) =	\$425.30
—	food for work crews during Rec Area cleanup in March (actual cost) =	\$109.05
—	printing costs for community status packet delivered in Feb (actual) =	\$33.78
_	**emergency reserve (downed trees, unforeseen emergencies) =	\$1500
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- ** if not used during the year amount to be brought forward to accrue for future emergencies or projects
- \$6072.43 (amt available) \$4095.57 (total projected operating costs) = \$1376.86

Where Does \$6072.43 Go?

2013 Projected Operating Cost = \$4095.57



Proposed Way Forward

Written Ballots – Vote on Bylaws, 2013
 Expenditures -- 04 June 2013

Annual Review, Update and Revision of Bylaws

– Annual Audit of Financial Records

- Two annual meetings each year: March and September
 - September Meeting will be Election of Executive Board
 - President, Treasurer, Secretary

Proposed Way Forward

- Collection of Annual Dues by 01 July
- Annual Formal Written Elections of Board members in Sept 30.
- Alternate Means of Collecting Dues to Maintain the Recreation Area
- Special Community Benefits District Proposal
 - Please educate yourselves and review this alternative
 - <u>Anne Arundel County Code Article 4 Title 7 subtitle 2</u>
 - <u>Download the County Guidelines for Forming a SCBD</u>

Committee Chairmen's Remarks

• Bylaws Committee: John McGinnis

Recreation, Maintenance & Development
 Committee: Hank Sengelaub

• Budget and Finance Committee: Ivan Caplan

TIMBERS CIVIC ASSOCIATION (TCA) NEW YEARLY SCHEDULE



Slide Courtesy of Ivan Caplan

Questions?