

**TIMBERLAKE CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING
MINUTES FROM
September 1, 2009 (approved)**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Mike McMahon discussed the Illinois Gaming Act that was passed, which allows video poker machines in the state as part of a major capital bill. DuPage County was the first county to opt out of this in unincorporated areas.

John Curran discussed the plans to improve 75th Street. 75th Street will be widened by a third lane from Woodward to Plainfield Road. 75th and Lemont Road will be improved first with an extra left turn lane at the intersection. The county is pushing for it seeking to improve the traffic flow. There will be no big money coming to unincorporated areas from this project, although there are plans to do some minor improvements on Lemont Road between 87th and 111th. DuPage county and Darien control the timing of the signals.

Andy Anderson:

- Brush pickup East of Clarendon Hills Road will begin September 14. The West side of Clarendon Hills Road will begin September 28.
- Andy distributed flyers announcing a new electronics recycling program that will be active on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 8am to 12pm at 318 E Quincy in Westmont.
- Andy's crew will work on the culvert at 80th and Williams next week. It should be completed in less than a day.

Residents remarked that the weeds need to be cut on the sides of Clarendon Hills Road. Remarks were also expressed that 91st Street needs to be widened, especially from Cass to Clarendon Hills Road. The Clarendon Hills Road Bridge over I55 should also be widened.

Kathy Abbate informed members about the Township Peer Jury Program, which has a great track record. It keeps kids out of court and teaches about the judicial system. Because the sentences are determined by the kids' peers they are more likely to be accepted by the defendants and there is low recidivism. Most sentences handed down are community service or management skills classes.

Taylor Vachata addressed the members and thanked the association for her scholarship award. Per the Scholarship Committee, most of Taylor's points towards the scholarship came from community service. Last year the awards process was changed so that ½ of the consideration came from academic achievement and ½ from community service. The committee will meet tomorrow. They request that members write letters for students who help them out. It was suggested that a position on our website be set up for members who are requesting help from students.

Brian Quirke:

- The Open House at Argonne last Saturday was great. 22,000 people attended.
- Brian brought flyers with lists of websites relevant to Argonne Lab and forms for those who did not attend who might wish to sign up for the e-newsletter.
- Members thanked Brian for the loan of the picnic site for our picnic.
- The Economic Stimulus Bill has provided \$100 million to cleanup radioactive contaminated facilities and to upgrade the labs and electrical utilities.

Judging for the Holiday Decorating Contest is scheduled for December 14. No professional decorations will be considered. Members cannot win 3 times. Winners must be paid members.

The Picnic brought in \$692. 1 check was kept (no show). We signed up 1 new member. 110 adults and 32 children came for a total attendance of 142. The total cost was approximately \$1,500 for a net cost of about \$800.

Members thanked Doug Jones for his work on the website. It looks great!

Kyle Gilgis is retiring. She sent a letter to us. Linda will read it to us at the next meeting.

Gypsy Moths:

Doug read a summary report. 71 people donated within the spray area. 43 donated outside the area. 21 from outside the area requested that we return their checks. Total donations from the sprayed area were \$7,535. \$4,773 came from outside the area with \$1,582 returned. We also received \$1,500 from Downers Grove Township and \$2,500 from Tristate Park District. There will be no government funds next year. Judy Biggert's opponents blocked them. The moth population had dropped dramatically. We are not planning to spray next year. Last year we caught 793 moths in 1 trap at 91st and Clarendon Hills Road. The total collected was \$10,726. Our check to Clarke was \$8,584. We had \$2,142 excess. We purchased lures for \$116.44 and mailings and printings cost \$25. We have about \$2,000 in reserves for controlling Gypsy Moths or Emerald Ash Borers.

The Forest Preserve of the Month is Pratt's Wayne Woods in Northwestern DuPage County. It is 38 miles from here. It is the largest preserve in DuPage. It boasts a youth camp, 4 lakes, fishing, a model plane airfield, an off-leash dog area and horseback riding. It has extensive horse trial/ jump courses.

Charlotte Krueger talked about the Timberlake Women's Board's plans. A night at Maywood on the 3rd Friday of October will cost \$25. There will be Theater outings and bunco parties in the future. Michelle Pancotto is the new president.

Bill Anderson explained the new membership dues sheets. They will be prefilled for current members. They will be sent out in November. Another change is that vehicle stickers will not be sent out to everyone. Indicate the number of stickers you need on the membership form and they will come with your directory in March.

Board nominations will take place in November. We are asking for volunteers to be on a committee to nominate board members.

The e-mail system is working great. Emergency alerts are being sent out within minutes. There were 2 burglaries this weekend. A home on 80th and a home on Midway Drive and Clarendon Hills Road were hit. The burglars only took certain things, mostly jewelry. The Willowbrook Chief of Police said that the burglaries took place between 7pm and 9:15pm. If you notice suspicious activity, please call 911.

Signs:

Order address signs for emergency vehicles from Doug or through the website. Post the signs on 4 foot posts or they may not be seen in winter. Also be sure to post them a little off the street so snowplows can do their job. Signs may also be picked up at meetings.

Linda announced that at 4checks.com you can design your own checks using your own photos for \$11 with a coupon. Linda will hold on to the coupon until it expires at the end of the year.

Linda Krolczyk has resigned from doing the new neighbor packets. We are looking for a volunteer to replace her. Contact Linda if interested.

We are also seeking a PR person to write articles for newsletters.

The February and March meeting minutes were accepted as read.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read for May and September.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56pm.