

- I. October 12, 2005 Timber Ridge Board Meeting called to order 7:07pm.  
Attendance: Joseph Binge, Tonia Tauke, Jason Wilkinson, Jami Oppeward, Jodi Zmiewski, Dennis Meier, & Mike Lauver.  
Absence: Jim Mahoney, Stephanie Siemsen
- II. Group Home Variance, Joe Wilkins (neighbor w/in TR) presented his legal/profession opinion:
  - Discussed .5 mile ordinance re zone of group homes
  - DSN is claiming discrimination of the ordinance respective to the Fair Housing Act.
  - Discussed the economic viability re why DSN is pushing the variance of the current ordinance in our neighbor.
  - Fair Housing Act: Reasonable Accommodation.
    - \*Is it necessary? DSN must prove this.
    - \*DSN has the burden of proof to establish they need an accommodation & prove this is necessary.
    - \*Currently the residents are NOT being discriminated as they are allowed to reside anywhere. The Ordinance only pertains to Group Homes.

**\*\*Burden of Proof:**

- 1) DSN must establish it is economically viable that they need a 4<sup>th</sup> person.
- 2) DSN would also need a doctor stating that there is a therapeutic benefit for 4 or more disabled persons to reside w/in one house.
  - DSN is supposed to be a non-profit organization.
  - Board discussed DSN's claim of how difficult it is in selecting housing for future expansions. Arguments to this is they need a process to follow be compliant with the ½ mile ordinance.
  - Next Ordinance Meeting Oct 26, 2005, 1:00pm.
  - Councilmen Cook was the lone vote against last variance request from DSN on one occasion. Joe Wilkins has emailed Cook with his concerns.
  - Action Plan:
    - \*email planning commission w/ argument points.
    - \*phone calls re position.
    - \*empower the commission re the burden of proof. "OK to ask about DSN's finances re the necessity of this variation regarding economic viability."
    - \*show the board that they have accountability for single family units in addition to the Group Homes. Traffic issues/level of activity regarding disturbances/supervision issues.
    - \*is approving the ordinance variance the solution to a broken system.
    - \*point out purpose of the ordinance, integration of the disabled into neighborhoods and not isolate them by having numerous group homes in such close proximity.
    - \*TR is doing their civic responsibility by welcoming the group homes in our neighborhood.

III. October 15, 2005 Neighborhood Cleanup

A. Mike—dumpster, picnic table, extension cord, & coffee pot

Tonia—chipper

Joseph—grill for hotdogs

Jamie—T-shirt sign up for the free “neighborhood cleanup”

Donut, juice.

Dennis-buns, hot dogs, & ice tea/lemonade.

Jason—mass email for the cleanup.

B. Focus Area

-barbed wire & T-post removal.

-chipping of fallen limb debris.

The meeting was adjourned, 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Meier

Timber Ridge Neighborhood Association, Secretary.