

Montpelier Community Association, Inc.

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Deerfield Community/Recreation Center, Preschool Room February 14, 2006

Trustees in Attendance: John Bertak, David Hartley, Suzanne Haversack, Susan Mathis, Paul McCullagh, Julia Coldren-Walker, Kendra Wagner, and Lucy Young.

Trustees absent without cause: Maribeth Petit

Community Members present: Richard Dengler, Brian & Carolyn Dennis, Keith & Glenn Hogue, Mary Hughes.

Trustee McCullagh called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM. Roll was called and a quorum was present for conducting business.

Secretary's Report, Kendra Wagner:

The minutes of the January meeting were reviewed. A motion was made the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report, Julia Coldren-Walker:

Trustee Coldren-Walker reported that the following account balances: E-Trade-\$101,103; Money Market Accounts- \$29,353, \$26,939 and \$47,641; Checking Account-\$99,775. There are outstanding checks in the amount of \$47,000, most of which is for the pool upgrade.

Committee Reports:

POOL COMMITTEE, Suzanne Haversack, Chair

Trustee Haversack reported that the anti-float valve is open and heat tape is also in place. She distributed information about a new pool filter system which compared costs of the current Stayrite system and a Jacuzzi filter system. The current filters are much larger, more expensive and harder to find than Jacuzzi filters. It would cost \$6,500 to install the new system and to replace the current cartridges would cost almost \$5,000. Mr. McCullagh asked when we would have to replace the cartridges. As new cartridges were purchased last year, Trustee McCullagh recommended that the discussion be tabled for the 2006 pool season. Trustee Haversack offered to do additional research if needed. Mr. Dengler requested an audit of how many filters have been purchased for the pool because there were six sets when he was managing the pool and he is concerned that filters might have been thrown away. Trustee McCullagh asked for a complete inventory of what we now have on hand. ACTION REQUIRED

TRAFFIC, John Bertak, Chair

- Trustee Bertak offered "kudos" to the county snow plow operators after the recent storm.
- An informal, quick survey of the neighborhood counted 56 inactive pole lamps. Trustee Bertak will write an article for the newsletter to encourage homeowners to fix these lights. The ACCC will not be asked to enforce neighborhood lighting.
- An informal neighborhood survey of speed bumps for Mt. Pleasant found several homeowners against them because they owned expensive cars which could not get over the bumps.

ACCC, Brian Dennis, Vice-Chair

Mr. Dennis distributed the ACCC report. Highlights:

- Two large boats and cars on Barclay pose a safety hazard because it is almost impossible to get around them.
- Two new members were approved at the ACCC meeting. A motion was made to accept the recommendation of the Committee on the new members, Diana Sowle and Citrine Wimbish. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Dennis asked the board to assume responsibility of distributing Benevolent Fund monies. Guidelines should be drawn up for disbursing these funds. A motion was made for the Board of Trustees to assume responsibility for distribution of the Benevolent Fund. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Trustee McCullagh asked the board to be prepared to discuss guidelines at the next board meeting. ACTION REQUIRED.

FACILITIES, Paul Petit, Chair

No report.

SOCIAL, Susan Mathis, Chair

Trustee Mathis reported that the Easter Egg Hunt will be April 9 from 4 – 5 PM followed by a Potluck Picnic. Helpers are needed and community service hours can be earned by student volunteers. No rain date.

SECURITY, Richard Dengler, Chair

- Mr. Dengler sent two emails to the yahoo group list on security and he will submit an article to the newsletter.
- The police are looking for individuals who have been breaking into cars.
- Mr. Dengler recommended that the pool gate be locked at night. The board agreed that we should continue the practice of locking it at night.
- Mr. Dengler reported on a recent study in Newark, Delaware which found that streetlights did not deter crime.
- Towne Center continues to be a “hot spot” for crime.

WEB COMMITTEE, David Hartley, Chair

Trustee Hartley reported that the bulletin board is almost complete. It will have different monitors and areas of interest such as security, social, etc. He also has a web-based, spreadsheet of the community roster which he plans to beta-test with Mary Hughes. ACTION REQUIRED.

Old Business:

No additional information on the Sheriff's sale of the Fernwood Turn house. Mr. Dengler said that it appeared that someone tried to drive a truck through the garage doors. Trustee McCullagh will contact the attorney for more information. ACTION REQUIRED.

New Business:

- Glenn Hogie, a Montpelier resident, presented his proposal to repaint curb-side address numbers for his Eagle Scout Project. He proposed this for the neighborhood for added safety and esthetic appeal. It may not be possible to do the whole neighborhood. Mr. Dennis asked if he would be asking for permission from homeowners, but Mr. Dengler pointed out that the homeowner does not “own” the first 3 feet of the property. Mrs. Dennis suggested leaving a flyer at homes prior to painting and although not required, it could be done as a courtesy. Trustee McCullagh made a motion to allow the Eagle Scout project. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Trustee McCullagh offered some additional information on the Public Works Department. A description of the project will be published in the March-April newsletter.
- Trustee McCullagh discussed the use of the MCA computer. Trustee Hartley currently has the computer and uses it for web development and other work. He kept the computer until security issues at the pool were resolved. He also thought that it had been decided that the “old” computer was adequate for the intended use at the pool. Ms. Hughes proposed that she take the computer and put all MCA business on it for her replacement. Trustee Hartley asked that he be the custodian of the data that will be turned over. The board discussed whether to purchase a laptop computer for the assistant. Ms. Hughes asked if Microsoft Office had been purchased with the computer and Trustee Hartley reported that it was too expensive so we did not buy it. He reported that the computer cost \$1,100 and \$1,300 had been budgeted. Ms. Hughes recommended that the computer be used at the pool, because of the poor quality of the photos on the old computer. The consensus of the board was that a laptop could be purchased. Trustee McCullagh will research this further and make a recommendation to the executive board. ACTION REQUIRED.
- The board felt the 2005 home sales for Montpelier was of interest to the community and it would be published in the next newsletter. The newsletter deadline is February 16.
- Trustee Haversack asked if we had accepted any grounds keeping proposal. Trustee McCullagh said that he would contact Mr. Petit. ACTION REQUIRED.

All board members are required to have their assessment paid on time. Assessments are due March 1, 2006.

The next meeting will be held on the second **Tuesday of March, March 14, 2006 at 6:45** at Deerfield Recreation Center, preschool room. The motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:26 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.