

# MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

## Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Deerfield Community Center

May 14, 2013

**Trustees in Attendance:** Paul Buehler, Bob Derrick, Patricia Douville, Lillian Fazio, Brad Gimbert, Jack Keating, and Richard Mason.

**Trustees Absent with Cause:** Tim Jacobs and Jean Sorrentino.

**Community Members Present:** Michael Boddie, Matt Derrick, Rilla Potter and Mary Hughes.

President B. Derrick called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. There was a quorum to conduct business.

### **Secretary's Report: Tricia Douville**

The minutes of the April 2013 board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Keating made a motion to accept the amended minutes. Trustee Mason seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report: Lillian Fazio**

- Trustee Fazio distributed the monthly statements. The receipt of Assessments has slowed so we might have received all that we are going to this year. Reminder letters have gone out. This year's delinquent assessments will be added to the list for legal action. Trustee Derrick requested no delay in passing delinquents to the MCA lawyer since there has been some success in obtaining payments when our lawyer gets involved.
- The new delinquent accounts and legal action will be discussed at the June board meeting.
- There is approximately \$15,000 outstanding long-term delinquent assessments that have been working their way through the legal system.
- A draft of the accountant's review of the MCA financial books is available and Trustee Fazio will distribute it electronically to board members for comments. When finalized, it will be posted on the web site.
- Trustee Fazio will attend a court hearing for the MCA about a homeowner's delinquent payment on June 14.
- After the parking lot repaving and other repairs are complete, there will be just under \$100K in Reserve and the treasurer asked that the board keep that in mind when considering new projects.

### **ACCC: Michael Boddie, Chairperson**

- Mr. Boddie reported that there was no meeting in May due to lack of a quorum.
- The correct email address to reach him is Michael.boddie@aol.com and cell phone is 301 442-5253.
- Mr. Boddie reported that solar panels are generally being approved by the ACCC and Maryland law supports the homeowner's right to install them even if they appear to violate existing covenants.

### **Communications: Tony Fleming, Chairperson (absent)**

No report.

### **Facilities: Paul Buehler, Chairperson**

- Improvements to the common grounds and pool will be completed Wednesday with the installation of striping, speed bumps and bumpers.
- The gate was open today, but it will be kept closed until Thursday.
- New lighting has been added to light the tennis courts benches and the walking trail is in use.
- Weed killer is needed for the baseball diamond. The landscapers will be asked to drag/rake the diamond.
- Trustee Buehler asked if a fence could be put around the dumpster to hide it from view. Trustee Keating said that it should have been done before the lot was resurfaced. It will be put on the list of potential projects to compete against shade for the volleyball court picnic area, etc.
- The dumpster charge is \$218 monthly, but an \$800 charge needs to be investigated by the Treasurer.
- Trustee Buehler wanted to purchase a \$2500 wooden pirate ship for the playground, but Trustee Fazio suggested that it would be better to wait until Fall when there could be money added to the Reserve Account. There was some debate about the safety of the home-made boat and how well it would last out in the rain.
- The cover for the barbeque and concrete pad at the volleyball court picnic area was also discussed.
- The three grills are in bad condition. Before purchasing new ones, someone should check on the list serv to see if anyone wants to donate one. There was some concern that a donated one would not be in good enough condition to use.

- Weeds in the playground will also be removed by our landscapers.

**Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson (absent)**

Trustee Derrick reported that the pool passed the Health Department inspection and is ready for pool season.

**Social Committee: Patricia Douville, Chairperson**

- The Yard Sale is advertised in the Leader and Pennysaver. Yard sale signs will also be put up and maps are ready. Amvets will pick up donations after 2 pm, but they must have your address and it must be labeled for Amvets.
- The Memorial Day Potluck is scheduled for Monday, June 28 and the MCA will provide hot dogs and drinks.
- The 5 K organizers asked if the pool could be opened for the runners after the August 31 race. The pool chairperson and the manager will discuss the idea.
- Three Flick and Floats are planned. Trustee Derrick donated a projector and a reflective sheet or screen and speakers are still needed. Trustee Buehler said he had some large speakers that might work.
- Water aerobics will start in June.

**Security Committee: Richard Mason, Chairperson**

- Trustee Mason distributed his monthly report.
- There were three Breaking & Entering's (B & E's) last month (on Shadetree and Oxwell).
- The Pepco incident of cutting down trees in Montpelier was criticized by many in the community so Trustee Mason worked with Mary Lehman's office to find out from the County Public Works Department what happened and why. It turns out a Pepco individual 'made a mistake' in having the trees removed and Pepco will dig up the stumps and replace the trees in the fall. Trustee Mason will put the information on the website, Facebook and email list serv.
- Montpelier Drive has been classified as a 'residential street' and is being evaluated for possible traffic calming devises for Fiscal Year 2014 including redoing sidewalks and possibly a curbed median strip for flowers.
- A complaint was made about the lack of equipment brought to a recent fire in which neighbors were providing shovels to the firefighters. Trustee Mason will discuss this with Mary Lehman's office.
- Nine members are attending the 911 Call Center tour and there is still room for a few more.
- Trustee Mason was asked if the county has plans to charge insurance companies for ambulance use. He will ask Mary Lehman's office.
- A reminder from the police department: 311 is for non-emergency use. Call 911 for emergencies.

**Tennis Committee: Lillian Fazio, Chairperson**

Trustee Fazio reported that the weather has delayed the crack repairs but she will stay on the company to repair as promised.

**Welcoming Committee: Rilla Potter, Chairperson**

Ms. Potter reported that the committee welcomed the Myers' on Gramercy Lane, the Ji's on Cedarbrook Lane, the Taylor's on Valerie Lane and the Walsh's on Silverbirch Lane. Several more visits are planned for new neighbors.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Funds for the (PG County Policeman PFC) Morris Family Fund can be disbursed. Trustee Mason will give the treasurer the information to write the check and Trustee Mason will personally deliver the check to the appropriate agency.
- The parking issue for the Montpelier Drive residents who had signs in their front yard prohibiting any parking has been resolved. The residents have been given passes which can be used by their visitors.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Trustee Fazio was approached by a resident to ask the board if the tennis court area could be used for playing pickleball. She will get more information for the board about the requirements so a discussion can take place at the next Board meeting.
- A new contract has been submitted for trash pick-up and removal around the common grounds. Invoices will be submitted as a way to indicate work has been completed and payment is due.

The next board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at 7:00 PM** at Deerfield Recreation Center, preschool room. The motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:10 pm. The motion passed unanimously.