

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Deerfield Community Center

September 9, 2014

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

Trustees Absent with Cause: None.

Community Members Present: Laszlo Boesze, Richard Dengler, Mary Derrick, Dody Gibson and Mary Hughes.

Guests: Sgt. Manley and Off. Wilson, Prince George's County Police Dept, District VI COPS

President Bob Derrick called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. There was a quorum to conduct business.

Secretary's Report: Tricia Douville

- The minutes of the August 2014 Board meeting were reviewed and Trustee Keating made a motion to accept the minutes. Trustee Sorrentino seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- The Annual Meeting will be Sunday, September 28th at 2 PM at the pool, rain or shine.

Treasurer's Report: Lillian Fazio

- Trustee Fazio prepared the monthly statements which were distributed.
- Trustee Fazio reported 30 delinquents that owe approximately \$20,000 is still outstanding. A long term delinquent homeowner had her debts discharged in a Chapter 7 bankruptcy. The MCA must write off approximately \$2,200 owed.
- The accountant completed the 2012 Compilation. A copy was distributed for review. No outstanding issues with the financial management of the Association. He has already been given the 2013 documents for his Review.
- The MCA owes \$104 in property tax and \$1,029 for the Clean Water Tax. The Water Tax is high because it is based on the amount of impermeable surfaces (buildings, parking lot, tennis courts, pool deck, etc.) on the common grounds.
- Trustee Fazio and the Pool Chairperson will conduct a furniture inventory at the end of the pool season.

ACCC: Michael Boddie, Chairperson (absent)

- Trustee Keating reported that an outdoor backyard 'kitchen' was approved as well as an in-law suite addition. Additional research was done to be sure that it was not a violation of zoning or county regulations and the homeowner supplied a building permit as well.
- The ACCC issued a fine on a homeowner for long-standing unfinished repairs. They have been completed and the ACCC sent a statement of the fine and information regarding the appeal process.
- The ACCC was thanked for its service to the community and it is hoped that they will continue in this role when the new Board is elected.

Facilities Committee: Paul Buehler and Brad Gimbert, Co-Chairpersons

- Trustee Buehler reported that bids are still needed for the shade structure and one additional bid is needed for the dumpster enclosure. They will be deferred until the next meeting.
- Trustee Gimbert reported that the dumpster has rusted out in several places. Discussion ensued regarding a new trash service and purchasing a new dumpster. A decision will be deferred to the next meeting. Mr. Dengler suggested that an enclosure was a waste of money, because the trash trucks run into them and destroy them. Trustee Derrick explained that it was still in the bid process and no final decision to build an enclosure has been made.
- Weed killer was applied to the baseball diamond, but new weeds have taken over. Trustee Derrick is trying to get information from contractors on getting a scraper for the diamond.

Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson

- Ms. Derrick reported that a police report was made regarding the vandalism at the pool last month. One individual has confessed and others were confirmed as involved. After much discussion, including input from the police officers in attendance, Trustee Keating made a motion to send a letter to the families notifying them of the vandalism and subsequent police report and request restitution for the damages, plus 50 hours of community service from each person involved. If anyone from the families involved would like to meet with the Board, that will be arranged. Trustee Jacobs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. A list of damaged items will be completed and only those items that were purchased by the Swim Team or MCA and still had several years of use left to them will be on the restitution list.

- A bathroom door in the women's room has come out of the wall. Trustee Keating suggested a repair and Trustee Gimbert will look into it.
- The pool will close for the season after this coming weekend. The Dog Day will be Saturday, September 20, 12-5 pm.

Social Committee: Patricia Douville, Chairperson

- Trustee Douville thanked Mr. Arzayus for another great, well-run 5K. 140 participated this year. Receipts are not yet in so the cost of the event not known, but the board may suggest a budget if it going to be an annual event.
- The Fall Festival will be Saturday, October 25, 2-4 pm. Trustee Douville requested Ms. Derrick's help with a cake walk, pumpkins and hayride.
- Trustee Douville suggested that next year the Dog Swim be only three hours, rather than five as it is now. Due to the nice weather there were members and their dogs arriving all day up until closing time. Attendance really depends on the weather.

Security Committee: Richard Mason, Chairperson

- Trustee Mason submitted his report. Information was emailed to the community referencing telephone and e-mail scams as well as wanted posters from the police.
- Officer Wilson was informed of the Royal Ridge break-in by Trustee Mason.
- Trustee Mason introduced the new COPS supervisor, Sgt. Manley and thanked the police for their involvement in the 5K. He also thanked Trustee Derrick for helping at the Police Night Out.
- Trustee Derrick, Nancy Stakem and Sean Beaver will be attending the Citizen's Police Academy.
- Officer Wilson left copies of Inventory Sheets and an Information Sheet for Neighborhood Watch participants. Anyone interested in a Neighborhood Watch program should attend the September 30th meeting at the Senior Center, 7 pm.

Traffic Committee: Richard Mason, Chairperson

- Trustee Mason reported that Mary Lehman will come to the Annual Meeting to discuss traffic issues, streets in Montpelier, Montpelier Drive improvements, and the Cedarbrook-O'Dell Road realignment.
- Officer Wilson suggested that homeowners call the department when going out of town so that your address can be added to the daily patrol lists.

Welcoming Committee: Gloria Hynes, Chairperson

- Trustee Derrick reported that Ms. Flowe offered to help do "drop-in visits." He will let Mrs. Hynes know and suggested that a list of new homeowners be prepared and sent to her.

OLD BUSINESS

- The new playground equipment should be here in a week or two. A tetherball is included and a decision on where to place it needs to be made.
- The concrete repair will begin September 29. It includes bad cracks in front of the bathrooms, to the pool steps, the Guard Shack/Pump Room and the steps on that side. The cost is estimated at \$25,000 and is difficult because electrical wiring is located in the concrete. The repairs to the hollow spots in the pool white coating will most likely be done in the Spring.
- Ms. Hynes is in charge of finding some good deals for the \$300 which was approved for new trees.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ms. Derrick asked if the police should prevent loitering in parking lot after hours. Some items have been damaged and trash is left almost every night. It was decided that it will be monitored and when there are problems, the police will be called.
- Trustee Buehler suggested that the money set aside for whitecoating the pool be used to upgrade the baby pool. A member questioned whether it would be a worthwhile, because so few children use the baby pool. Trustee Derrick said that it could be investigated but the whitecoating would have to be done eventually.
- A suggestion was made to put barbed wire at the top of the front gate. Some did not think it would be a deterrent.
- There is too much natural light at the pool for a slide show presentation at the Annual Meeting. A handout will be prepared. Trustee Fazio will discuss financials. Trustee Douville will have a social report. A swim team representation should speak as well. Trustee Douville will provide refreshments.

- Trustee Keating made a motion to use Benevolent Funds to help a member who is seriously ill and unemployed. A one time expenditure, less than \$400, will be offered. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The next Board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 7:00 PM** at Deerfield Recreation Center, preschool room. The motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:28 pm. The motion passed unanimously.