

# MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

## Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Deerfield Community Center

November 11, 2014

**Trustees in Attendance:** Lillian Fazio, Brad Gimbert, Tim Jacobs, Jack Keating, Richard Mason and Jean Sorrentino.

**Trustees Absent with Cause:** Paul Buehler, Bob Derrick and Patricia Douville.

**Community Members Present:** Joe Bacarella, Mary Derrick, Dody Gibson and Mary Hughes.

Vice-President Jack Keating called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. There was a quorum to conduct business.

### **Secretary's Report: Tricia Douville (absent)**

- The minutes of the October 2014 Board meeting were reviewed and amended. Trustee Fazio made a motion to accept the amended minutes. Trustee Sorrentino seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

- Trustee Fazio prepared the monthly statements which were distributed.
- Trustee Fazio made a motion to accept the report as submitted. Trustee Sorrentino seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- The accounting for the 5K has been reconciled, but there is some question over the exact number of paying runners. The cost to the MCA to sponsor the 5 K was \$809.25. For events in the future, the board will clarify the accounting required there is no confusion.
- Trustee Fazio requested a new dumpster and thought we had a replacement, but the old one is still there. She will call again.

### **ACCC: Michael Boddie, Chairperson (absent)**

- Trustee Keating reported little activity for November. One member is replacing their windows and no approval was needed.
- Boats, trailers, etc. need to be in storage after November 1 and we have almost 100% compliance.

### **Facilities Committee: Paul Buehler (absent) and Brad Gimbert, Co-Chairpersons**

- Trustee Gimbert has some quotes on the shade structure and Trustee Buehler has some as well. They will coordinate and present them soon.
- Trustee Gimbert had no new information regarding the dumpster screen or the infield raking.
- The playground equipment was installed and the tire-shred nuggets can be spread after the leaves fall and are removed. A suggestion was made to use community service hours to spread the nuggets.
- The landscaper was asked to clear out branches and trees around the tennis and basketball courts. Ms. Derrick was asked to coordinate the use of community service hours for this if possible.

### **Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson**

- Trustee Keating reported that the concrete was finished today. Cracked and split conduit was discovered, along with frayed wiring, and it was all replaced. Cracks were also found in the front wall of the baby pool and that was replaced as well. Lighthouse will install new grommets for the pool cover and will winterize the plumbing.
- Lighthouse will submit their bid for next year and the board has the option to accept it for another year. Ms. Derrick reported that their management was very good this year.
- The board will determine if patching and repairing of trouble spots is required in the Spring.
- The vandalism at the pool has been resolved.

### **Security Committee: Richard Mason, Chairperson**

- Trustee Mason reported that police discovered a neighbor had died in her home on Graystone Lane. It appears that she died of natural causes.
- Five new patrol officers have been assigned to the Beltsville station, including one additional COPS officer.
- Two articles were prepared for the newsletter by committee member, Sean Beaver. They were about exterior lighting for our homes and crime prevention.

### **Traffic Committee: Richard Mason, Chairperson**

- Trustee Mason reported that Mary Lehman and a representative from the County Department of Public Works will

attend our December 9 Board meeting (moved to January Meeting to allow for more advertisement of the event) to discuss the realignment of O'Dell/Cedarbrook/Muirkirk and other road improvement projects in our community.

- Trustee Mason met with the County Revenue Authority Director. He requested a speed camera on Montpelier Drive closer to Deerfield Run Elementary School. The school on the corner of Claxton and Montpelier closed, so there is no authority for the County to put a speed camera in that area of Montpelier Drive.
- Trustee Mason was told that the dead tree on Cedarbrook near Briardale (which was reported to the County over a year ago) was cut down; however, it is still there.

**Social Committee: Patricia Douville, Chairperson (absent)**

No report.

**Tennis Committee: Lillian Fazio, Chairperson**

No report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Trustee Derrick spoke with Ms. Valentine of the Neighborhood Design Project to confirm that Montpelier's participation in the Bradford Pear Tree Replacement Project would give homeowner's sufficient warning if their trees needed to be replaced. Options for keeping trees were also discussed. The survey and marking of trees will not begin until the Spring of 2015. A letter will be prepared and distributed to all members so that everyone understands the program and their options.
- Trustee Keating reported that the Communications Committee chairmanship had not been filled. Trustee Jacobs was suggested, but he is busy, and already responsible for the privately owned, Yahoo Group and moderators. A current member of the committee will be asked if they are willing to serve as chairperson.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Mr. Bacarella received a letter from the board regarding his challenge of the authority of the ACCC to issue a fine for making repairs to the siding on his house, but he did not receive the insurance policy and documents which he requested. Ms. Hughes emailed the requested documents and called Mr. Bacarella to confirm receipt, but she never received a reply. The matter will be continued until next month. Mr. Bacarella agreed that an emailed copy of the documents was acceptable and his email address was confirmed. He was also given printed, contact information on the board members for the past two years as he had requested.

The next Board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 7:00 PM** at Deerfield Recreation Center, preschool room. The motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 7:53pm. The motion passed unanimously.