

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Deerfield Community Center

November 10, 2015

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

Trustees Absent with Cause: Patricia Douville.

Community Members Present: Sean Beaver, Mary Derrick, Vermel Taylor, Richard Dengler and Mary Hughes.

President Bob Derrick called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. There was a quorum to conduct business. On the eve of Veteran's Day and the 240th birthday of the US Marine Corps, Trustee Keating thanked all who have served.

Secretary's Report: Tricia Douville (absent)

- The minutes of the October 2015 board meeting were reviewed. Trustee Keating made a motion to accept the minutes. Trustee Sorrentino seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Lillian Fazio

- Trustee Fazio distributed the monthly statements.
- The accountant, A. Simmons, recommended the long term debt be written off as uncollectible debt and an allowance for uncollectible debt should be established, funds being targeted for the Baby Pool renovation should go to the single Reserve Fund account; and, Reserve Funds should equal corresponding bank accounts.
- Trustee Fazio made a motion to write-off 2008 (\$612.85) and 2009 (\$353.05) as uncollectible debt. Trustee Keating seconded the motion. The motion passed with Trustees Fazio, Gimbert, Jacobs, Keating, Mason and Sorrentino voting for the motion and Trustee Buehler opposed.
- Dumpster service at the pool has been terminated (dumpster locked and no weekly dumping service). Weekly dumping will resume March 1. Trustee Gimbert explained to R. Dengler, a member opposed to this action, that it was needed to end the cycle of dumping of construction and other materials made by commercial entities. Locking it will be tried this year and reviewed for next year when it might be removed completely or just left in service.

ACC Committee: Trustee Keating, Chairperson

- Trustee Keating reported on recent activity including a Cease and Desist and a trailer violation.
- The committee now has six members.
- The guidelines and forms have not been reviewed since 2013. The committee members will review and discuss at the December meeting and then pass their recommendations on to the Board.

Communications Committee: Sean Beaver, Chairperson

- Mr. Beaver reported the vendor rating system should be ready for the website very soon.

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

- Trustee Gimbert is taking care of adding trashcans to the softball field backstop for the parking lot and basketball court. C. Heidel will be given the map, asked to add them to his route and given instructions for disposal.

Pool Committee: Mary Derrick, Chairperson

- The pool is winterized and closed for the season.
- A new water slide, which can be used in as little as 3 feet of water, was proposed. There is nothing wrong with the existing slide except that it drops into 5 feet of water and small children use it without realizing how deep the water is. The pool committee needs to define the area needed for the slides and, an artist's conception of how it would look would be helpful as well.

Social Committee: Patricia Douville, Chairperson (absent)

- Carolling for Cans is being organized for December 18, 7 – 9 PM. Residents will be asked to sign up if they want carolers visit their home.
- The Holiday Lights judging will be December 20, 6-8 PM. Gift cards will be awarded to winners.

Security Committee: Richard Mason, Chairperson

- Trustee Mason reported only one or two crimes, but an increase in suspicious activity in the area.

- Four COPS officers attended the last committee meeting. Residents asked for more police presence in the community and radar on Montpelier Drive and Mt. Pleasant.
- Overall crime is down 30% in District VI.

Tennis Committee: Lillian Fazio, Chairperson

Trustee Fazio reported that power-washing would damage the surface of the tennis courts. Mr. Harkins has a sprayer and recommended using a bleach solution in the Spring to clean the courts. The MCA still has volunteer hours owed and this would be a good way to use them.

Traffic Committee: Richard Mason, Chairperson

- The Montpelier Drive Reduce Speeding Project has a new project manager and a meeting with the Board will be planned in November or December.
- Residential Permit Parking Program is working and the parking as well as the trash problem has been alleviated.
- Utility realignment was completed on the Muirkirk/Cedarbrook/Odell Project. Construction bids are due out in December and the job is scheduled for completion in Fall 2016.
- M. Lehman advised Richard Mason that Eastgate Lane is priority number two for repaving in FY 2016.
- Complaints were made about school buses speeding through the streets. Trustee Mason will report it.

OLD BUSINESS:

- It was reported that Lynne Collman was willing to serve as Elections Committee Chairperson for another year. Trustee Fazio made a motion to appoint L. Collman as Elections Committee Chairperson. Trustee Sorrentino seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- M. Hughes was asked to contact Ms. Campbell-Flowe regarding chairing the Welcoming Committee.
- Trustee Keating is researching recommendations, which were made at the recent meeting with representatives from the Communications, Pool, Security, ACCC and Facilities Committees regarding the security camera proposal.
- Repairs were made to the gate at the basketball court per the \$650 contract. Trustee Keating will discuss the repairs needed to the pool fence and options for the tennis court gate.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The budget for 2016 is posted online and members can review and comment. It will be reviewed and voted at the December meeting. Trustee Fazio will not be able to attend the December meeting, but will give her recommendations to Trustee Derrick. Of note to be voted on at the next meeting is whether to raise the annual assessment or not.
- Committee chairs should provide the board with a list of their members, protocols and any specific budget requests.

The next board meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 7:00 PM** at Deerfield Recreation Center, preschool room. The motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:18 pm. The motion passed unanimously.